

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL HELD
On Monday 21st July 2025 at 19.00

Councillor B Troop (Chairman)

Councillors L Bennet, A Chapman, J Evison, N Jacques, C Patterson, N Pinchbeck, C Thornton, N Turner, P Vickers, K Vickers and A Watson

Also in attendance T Davis (Town Clerk)

Public Participation

None.

97. Mayors Notices

Mayor has attended the Barton Carnival, Barton Bike Night, Breaking Ground Test Track at Baysgarth School, the first Performance in the Park. Civic Dinner is planned for Saturday 20th September at The Tileries. Details to follow.

98. Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Vickers (Personal)

99. Declarations of Interest

- (a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.
- (b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

Cllr Chapman declared a personal interest in the accounts relating to grants received for Barton Bike Night and rent to the Corn Exchange.

Cllr J Evison declared a personal interest in the accounts relating to grants received for Barton Bike Night..

Cllr B Troop declared a personal interest in the accounts relating to grants received for Barton Carnival.

100. Minutes to receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2nd June 2025

AGREED Proposed Cllr , Seconded Cllr

That the previously circulated minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 2nd June 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record.

Unanimous

101. It was noted that the Community Committee Minutes dated 2nd June were not on the agenda to be approved and will need be approved at the Full Council meeting in September 2025.

(a) **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th June 2025**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr L Bennet**
 That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 9th June 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Planning Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.
Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(b) **Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9th June 2025**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr B Troop**
 That the previously circulated minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council held on 9th June 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Finance and General Purposes Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(c) **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30th June 2025**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**
 That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 30th June 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Planning Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.
Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(d) **Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 30th June 2025**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**
 That the previously circulated minutes of the Environment Committee of the Council held on 30th June 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Environment Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Environment Committee.
Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

102. **To receive Correspondence, Progress Report and Notices for Information**

Correspondence noted.

Cllr B Troop expressed his thanks on behalf of the Barton Carnival Committee for the grant from the Town Council which has given the committee the impetus to continue with the event.

103. **To note approved Accounts for payment and approve any other payments (Appendix II attached)**

Noted

104. **Finance Items**

(a) **Grant Applications received** (Community Committee only)

Grant Application received from the Barton Town Cricket Club –

Town Clerk to obtain further information and quotations for equipment that the grant will be funding.

Grant Application received from the Barton & District Rotary Club

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr C Patterson**
 Barton Rotary Club £100.
Unanimous

(b) **Q1 Budget Reports**

Noted

(c) **Q1 Income & Expenditure**

Noted

(d) **RFO Written and Financial Updates Notice**

Town Clerk explained the continued use of the Omega reports and not duplicating work by creating further accounts spreadsheets. The Accounts are completely up to date with just some tidying work on the I&E reports in relation to committed expenditure and budgets. A five year forecast will be prepared for the budget setting time.

(e) **Draft Reserves Policy to be approved**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**
 Members approved the General Reserves Policy which is to be uploaded to the website.
Unanimous

105. **That the council adopt the updated Standing Orders with new procurement figures 18 and 18c**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr J Evison**
 To adopt the Standing Orders with amendments to procurement items 18 and 18c.
Unanimous

106. **Action Planner 2025-2026 – Review of actions**

Not all members are able to access the Planner on the One Drive. Town Clerk will look to export to pdf or excel in addition to access to the planner on the One Dive.

107. **To consider reports from Barton Representatives serving on North Lincolnshire Council and outside bodies - also to note amendment to Barton Civic Society should not be Cllr L Bennet and to confirm Town Council Representative**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr B Troop**
 Cllr P Vickers to be elected as Barton Town Council Rep on Barton Civic Society
Unanimous

Cllr P Vickers

Humber Bridge View Park has been successful in gaining Green Flag status. Thanks go to Friends of Barton Parks and the Town Council for its support.

Cllr C Patterson

Work on the new Relief Road should commence at the end of September with the contractors due on site between the end of September and early October.

Brigg Civic Service was a wonderful event to attend with an excellent service, food and camaraderie. The process for bin collections will be altering in March 2026. Green waste will be collected weekly and will include food waste. Burgundy bin will be bigger for mixed recycling.

North Lincolnshire Council are rolling out Blood Pressure testing and the creation of Blood Pressure Testing Ambassadors within communities. This is to help reduce the number of strokes suffered.

Cllr L Bennet commented on the role of the collection of food waste for businesses and the date that it will commence. This is not known at present.

Cllr N Pinchbeck enquired when the Traffic Lights are due to be installed on Whitecross Street.

Cllr P Vickers explained that the delay is due to Norther Power issues.

Cllr B Troop enquired about the Planning Application for the new Test Track at Baysgarth School.

Cllr P Vickers will obtain updates on this and share with Councillors.

Cllr C Thornton attended the Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership AGM. There have been a number of lovely new murals painted on many of the station platform to celebrate the 200 years of modern railway this year.

Comment was made about the number of apples that are falling at Barton Rail station that are inaccessible to the general public. It was suggested that this should be a community garden. Cllr N Jacques made the suggestion that the apples when ripe be picked by Barton Lions members to be offered to the community.

108. **Update on Barton Upon Humber Ambulance Base** – Cllr C Patterson and Cllr N Pinchbeck

A message has been sent to East Midlands Ambulance Service from North Lincolnshire Council and from the Town Council offering sites to be considered for a new Ambulance Base.

Cllr P Vickers queried whether Barton should only be offered a Standby Point as it is the second largest populated town in the region. Standby Points are being created in many areas across the East Midlands Region that the service covers.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck , Seconded B Troop

To pursue the Ambulance Base option with 24 hr access.

Unanimous

109. **To consider if the committee structure is still the best use of council's resources and if more items could be added to the full council agenda including grants and updates on forthcoming events** - Cllr P Vickers

Cllr P Vickers explained that the current committee structure was put in place when historically there was double the amount of councillors on the council. He went on to explain that to have more committees with 7 members on is putting pressure on the current council and on the resources of the staff and at many times this is a real struggle to fulfil. With access to the Action Planner now and IT that is in place accessibility for councillors is there to be able to view and monitor the work that is completed by the staff.

Cllr N Jacques queried whether the proposal was to eliminate all the committees?

Cllr P Vickers suggested that it would be necessary only to keep the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Cllr P Vickers suggested that if committee agenda items were incorporated into the monthly Full Council which will take longer this will free up staff time from clerking additional committee meetings.

Cllr N Jacques stated that there would not be enough time at Full Council to discuss committee business and he would prefer the committees to remain as they are.

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr P Vickers

To conduct a formal review of the committees and to review the current model and options for a new model. To research the use of AI to assist the staff with note taking at meetings.

Unanimous

110. **After the successful trial of the youth club to consider funding the youth club on a full time basis. All the equipment has been purchased from the grant which means we would be committing to staff and hire costs** – Cllr P Vickers

Cllr P Vickers explained that most of the equipment for the Youth Club has now been purchased through the grant.

Cllr N Jacques suggested to bring the staff and room hire to within the 2026-2027 budget and look to add an additional session at the Assembly Rooms. Town Clerk explained that there is enough in the original grant to fund the staff and room hire for the remainder of the 2025-2026 financial year. Cllr J Evison declared a Personal Interest in the Youth Club as it is being funded through the PCC funding. He also stated that the Barton Youth Club has been a really good successful Youth Club project that has come through the recent rounds of PCC funding. He went on to suggest that local businesses are contacted to see if they would be happy to offer some grant funding towards the Youth Club.

AGREED Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

Agree in Principle and to refer to F&GP Committee for further investigation into sustainability of the project and future funding.

Unanimous

111. **To write to the appropriate authorities asking for more effective traffic management for roadworks on the north bank Humber Bridge roundabout to prevent massive delays experienced on 7th July 2025** – Cllr N Jacques

Cllr N Jacques explained that there should have been some joined up thinking with all the partnering agencies that could have helped to alleviate the issues caused by the roadworks on the north bank Humber Bridge roundabout that could have prevented the huge delays experienced that day.

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop

Town Clerk to write to the Humber Bridge Board, East Riding Council and North Lincolnshire Council requesting an explanation as to why the issues with the roadworks on that day caused such huge delays.

Unanimous

112. **To write to Anglian Water asking when they intend to start issuing water butts to reduce the volume of water entering the sewage system, asking that Barton Upon**

Humber be considered a priority area for the scheme – Cllr N Jacques

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop

Town Clerk to write to Anglian Water to request information on the Capital programme of issuing Water Butts to reduce the volume of water entering the sewage system and to request that Barton upon Humber is considered as a priority for the scheme.

Unanimous

113. To register a formal complaint with NLC about the public toilets being closed – Cllr B Troop

Cllr P Vickers explained that there have been some staffing resource issues recently which has led the toilets to be closed at points since the Easter break. He explained that there will be consideration made by North Lincolnshire Council to devolve all of the public toilets situated in Barton to community groups and the Town Council with appropriate packages.

Cllr N Pinchbeck asked if North Lincolnshire Council had considered all solutions such as buying in contractors to cover the cleaning.

Cllr P Vickers explained that this was not an easy solution to resolve due to the opening and locking times.

It was suggested to await for the devolution figures.

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

To accept the offer of the Market Place public toilets in Principal with an appropriate devolution package.

Unanimous

114. Delegation to Town Clerk and Chair of F&GP to be able to write to owners of Businesses in the town either congratulating them on the presentation of their business building or asking them to tidy up their buildings and to have regard for the town centre conservation area – Cllr N Pinchbeck

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

Delegation to the Town Clerk and any Councillor to write to owners in the town either congratulating them on the presentation of their business building or asking them to tidy up their buildings and to have regard for the town centre conservation area

Unanimous

115. To consider dangerous parking on Millfields – Cllr B Troop

Cllr B Troop explained that the parking is now becoming a dangerous hazard on Millfields. This is near the roundabout and Tofts Road. Where the road bends there are now some minor near misses being witnessed.

It was suggested to request that Highways review traffic control.

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr P Vickers

Agreed to write to Highways and request review of Traffic Control and also to request that the police monitor the area.

Unanimous

116. **To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential items:**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr P Vickers**
To enter closed session.
Unanimous

117. **Assembly Rooms and recommendations from the Assembly Rooms Working Group**

Confidential Item

118. **Personnel Recommendations**

Confidential Item

Meeting closed at 20:15

..... Chairman Councillor B Troop
21st July 2025