

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee
Room on MONDAY 6th October 2025 at 18:00

Present: Councillors L Bennet, N Jacques, N Pinchbeck, A Watson and C Thornton.

Also Present: Cllr B Troop, Cllr C Patterson, M Bannister, C Andrew and T Davis (Town Clerk)

151. Apologies for absence

None.

152. Declarations of Interest

None.

153. Minutes of meeting held on 30th June 2025, which were approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 21st July 2025.

It was noted that these minutes were presented for confirmation as a correct record, for action as necessary, at an ordinary meeting of the town council held on 21st July 2025.

154. CPRE Best Kept Town Results

Barton Upon Humber was Best Kept Small Town Winner in the CPRE competition 2025. This is a huge achievement. There was only 1 point in it. Chair thanked all Committee members, Town Council staff and all Community Groups who took part in volunteering within the town.

There was £100 for the Best Kept Town and £75 for the Best Community Planting.

Next years competition will be the 100 years of CPRE, and 50 years of the competition. The War Memorial is well thought of, it was agreed to improve the planting around the War Memorial and there could be two more planters located behind the Memorial. The letters on the Memorial can also be re-gilded.

Action to Review in 2026 two new planters and re-gilding the letters.

Action to investigate the costs of 2 new planters and the planting.

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To enter every category 2026 CPRE Best Kept Small Town

Unanimous

155. Bulb planting

Committee agreed to select the locations.

Cllr Bennet agreed to ask the Volunteer Gardeners to plant the Bluebell and Wood anenomes. Barton Lions will assist at the Train Station.

Cllr Bennet requested some more bulbs are planted in Dam Road Park and this could coincide with Junior Garderners Day.

Chair stated that the Picnic Area planting had not gone as well as hoped, but thought it was still worth continuing with the planting.

Cllr Bennet agreed to put a call out for Barton Volunteers

Chair Suggest the 18th and 25th October 2025.

Young Gardners Day on 1st November 2025

Action to email all councillors with the dates. Locations agreed.

156. Environment Budget 2025-2026

There has not been a further meeting scheduled in the calender for budgeting.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To schedule a Budget Environment Committee on the 3rd November 2025 following Planning Committee.

Unanimous

157. Grasscutting Review

AGREED

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

Confirmed arrangements to meet with the contractor on Friday 17th October 2025 for a review meeting.

Unanimous

158. Updates on Wildflower Planting

Ramblers Way area requires refreshing. There has been previous requests for a wildflower area on Lapwing Way – this needs a fresh consultation.

Action to reconsult with Lapwing Way residents

Action to cost the planting on the verges on Waterside Road.

Action to - to check the mix used previously in Dam Road Park and use in other areas to be replanted.

Action to cost planting wildflowers on Pasture Road South to Falklands Way and to follow up replacement bollard.

Action to add to the wildflower list the area between Far Ings and Dam Road – write to NLC to clear up the area off Gravel Pit Lane next to the Civic Amenity Site and also the ditch.

159. Updates on new planters

A member suggested a new planter could be installed on the corner of Bowmandale near the Fire Station. Up the Pole units to be installed but not anywhere near existing shrubbery.

It was suggested a planter could be located on Fleetgate outside the old St John Ambulance as this would alleviate parking on the pavement.

It was suggested a planter could be located on the road opposite the White Swan.

Members discussed adding trees to single planters as this has been a great success.

Chair commented on the tomato planter being a great success with most of the tomatoes being picked.

Agreed to place 3 tier planters outside Beercocks and St John's ambulance and to add tress to other appropriate single planters.

Action to obtain costs for additional planting in new up the pole planters and 3 tier planters.

160. **Finger Post Project**

Action To contact NLC to check if the budget for the Finger Post Project remains in place. This Project to be allocated to the new member of staff.

161. **Benches at The Beck**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

Beck Hill Benches to be part of the maintenance programme at Beck Hill.

Unanimous

162. **PROW improvements**

Mark Bannister presented on work completed with regards to Stable Lane. 9 evidence forms for people who have walked the lane for more than 20 years and 20 for less than 20 years have been received for the Stable Lane path. An application would need to be submitted to North Lincolnshire Council but it would sit there for at least a year so more evidence forms can be collected during this time. The PROW would benefit if the Humber Bridge Board could dedicate express dedication.

AGREED Proposed Cllr Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

Mark Bannister to draft a letter to the Humber Bridge Board to make the case for them to Express Dedication.

Unanimous

Action to check previous Environment Committee notes regarding Westfield Road.

There are lots of routes that are not on the Definitive map. If not applied for by 2031 that they are used the right to apply will be lost. There are only safe routes on the Definitive Map and ones that are not on the map could be lost or closed after 2031.

Action to prioritise the Public Rights of Way with the grass cutting contractor – Cllrs Thornton and Jacques requested involvement. Meeting to be arranged.

163. **Updates on NLC Services**

Town Clerk explained that North Lincolnshire Council are currently consulting with Town Bus users around the Hail and Ride versus the Bus stop service. It was stated that there is a QR code on the Town bus.

AGREED Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

To proposed to North Lincolnshire Council to consider a hybrid version of Hail and Ride and a Bus Stop service for the Town Bus.

Unanimous

Town Clerk has not had a response from the Officers at North Lincolnshire Council in charge of the Town bins. They have not been emptied this week.

Action to obtain the costs of emptying additional bins, costs for relocating bins under the present emptying system.

164. **Street Weeds – Community Payback**

Town Clerk to continue to pursue the Probation Service to look at ways to implement a Community Pay Back team to tackle the street weeds in the town.

165. **Barton to New Holland Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Chair explained the scheme. It is projected to protect 1300 properties and will deliver a massive cost/benefit ratio. The recent meeting covered environment and ecological benefits and there will be a public meeting in the near future.

166. **Graffiti Removal**

One area has been cleaned.

Action to chase up the other areas noted previously.

Action to contact Hull City Council to ask them to share the equipment they use to remove Graffiti

167. **Meeting with Strategic Flood Risk Managers NLC**

This is arranged for Thursday 9th October 2025 in the Town Council Assembly Rooms. Cllr Jacques and Cllr Pinchbeck will be attending. This meeting to be clerked.

168. **Emergency Plan – Barton Upon Humber**

Emergency Plan Meeting to be arranged.

Action to add all Councillor mobile numbers with their permission.

169. **Handy Person work programme**

Action Junction Square area to be tidied up

The Chairman, Councillor N Jacques closed the meeting at 19:00

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6th October 2025