

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL HELD
On Monday 5th January 2026 at 19.00

Councillor B Troop (Chairman)

Councillors L Bennet, A Chapman, N Jacques, C Patterson, N Pinchbeck, C Thornton, P Vickers and A Watson.

Also in attendance T Davis (Town Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Public Participation

1 member of the public relayed concerns about the removal of the public consultation for the Re-Wet and Re-Wild Heritage Lottery Fund project from the Barton Upon Humber Town Council website. This should not have been made available for only a short period of time. Due to this removal the consultation was also not promoted in the January 2026 Bartonian. Surface water problems are a really issue for the Barton residents. There is also a serious concern for the heritage of assets due to the increased surface water within the town.

362. **Mayors Notices**

Mayor expressed his Happy New Year to all.

Condolences were made to the family of Eric Longbottom who sadly passed away prior to Christmas. There have been no Mayoral events since the last Full Council.

363. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr N Turner (Personal)

Cllr K Vickers (Personal)

364. **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 L Bennet and Cllr N Jacques declared an interest in Planning Committee minutes dated 15th December Item 4d.

No dispensations were required.

365. **Minutes to receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1st December 2025**

The Full Council Minutes 1st December 2025 were approved as a correct record of the meeting on the 1st December 2025 and signed by the Chairman.

366. **To approve as a correct record minutes of the following meetings of the Council:**

(a) **Minutes of the Full Council held on 3rd November 2025**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

That the previous circulated minutes of the Full Council meeting dated 3rd November 2025 be approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Unanimous

(b) Minutes of the Full Council held on 1st December 2025**AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**

That the previous circulated minutes of the Full Council meeting dated 1st December 2025 be approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Unanimous

(c) Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15th December 2025**AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee are confirmed as a correct record by the Planning Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman

Unanimous

367. To receive Correspondence, Progress Report and Notices for Information

Cllr N Jacques noted the NALC note regarding Utility Aid and the offer to support Councils with obtaining smarter energy deals.

Two items of correspondence relate to the Assembly Rooms recent event. It was agreed that they are both referred to Assembly Rooms Working Group within Finance & General Purposes Committee. Town Clerk to write to the local resident to inform them that the council are taking action relating to the issues raised.

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop

To investigate support from Utility Aid and to continue investigation relating to Assembly Room events and future planning.

Unanimous

368. To note attached accounts for payment and approve any other payments (Appendix II attached)

Town Clerk advised that all payments have been recorded under the relevant delegated authority.

Noted as received

369. Finance Items**(a) Grant Applications received (Community Committee only)**

None received

(b) Q4 Budget Reports

Noted as received

(c) Q4 Income & Expenditure report

Noted as received – Assembly Rooms Income and Expenditure cost centres to be applied for the next round out reporting.

(d) Risk Register Management Report 2025

Town Clerk explained to members that ongoing work continues and the draft to be presented to Finance & General Purposes Committee.

(e) Budget 2026-2027

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

To request a precept of £291,452 with £10K from reserves to support the budget of £301,452.

7 In favour 2 against

(f) Public Work Loan Board

Noted the report and refer back to Finance & General Purposes Committee for further investigation.

370. Action Planner 2025-2026 – Review of actions

It was noted that the Greater Lincolnshire Mayor has not yet responded to the invitation to speak to the Council. Town Clerk to chase up.

It was also noted that there still has not been a response from EMAS to the offer to investigate alternative accommodation for an Ambulance point in the town

Cllr P Vickers informed members that North Lincolnshire Council have continued to offer spaces that are available to rent but EMAS have confirmed that currently there is no detriment to response times in Barton Upon Humber and they do not have the additional funding for a permanent base in the town

371. To consider reports from Barton Representatives serving on North Lincolnshire Council and outside bodies.**Cllr P Vickers**

There has been a lot of hard work completed with continued administration to progress with work on the New Relief Road over the Christmas period.

Cllr C Patterson

Noted that the offer with the Public Conveniences in the Market Place is being completed to be referred back to the Council soon.

372. Following the news that two successful local pubs are facing huge increases in business rates following the recent budget (The George reportedly up by £27k and The Sloop reportedly up by £24k), that this council write to the Treasury (with the letter copied to our MP) to express deep concern at this policy and the risk it presents to local businesses and important parts of our community

AGREED**Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr P Vickers**

To write to the Chancellor and the Local MP via Royal Mail to express concern over the level of new Business rates local businesses have received.

Unanimous373. **The Post Box**

Cllr P Vickers has checked and there are no planning regulations that cover the retention of the old Post Box outside the Post Office.

Members expressed disappointment that the new proposed Post Box will not be in keeping with the Conservation area and the street scene. There should be a way to preserve the heritage of the town.

AGREED**Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr L Bennet**

To write to Royal Mail and to the Conservation Officer to express the Council's disappointment and concern about the new proposed Post Box and to ask the relevant authorities if there are mechanisms to prevent the loss of important heritage in the town in the future.

Unanimous374. **Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme PCC Funding – Cllr P Vickers**

Cllr P Vickers explained that this is an improved road safety scheme with a flashing speed sign and ANPR reading. The current round of applications closes on the 13th February 2026 and there will be a further round. It was agreed to refer to Community Committee to discuss locations.

It was recommended to research devices with back up solar panels and locations that are not close to a junction.

AGREED**Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr L Bennet**

To refer to Community Committee to investigate locations and budget for 50% funding.

Unanimous375. **To ask NLC to explain why the public consultation on the HLF bid for funding for the Rainwater flood alleviation proposal was cancelled and what impact this will have on the time table for submitting the application, and the potential for a successful outcome****AGREED****Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop**

To write to the leader of NLC and request an explanation as to why the public consultation has been deferred.

Unanimous376. **To consider the offer from North Lincolnshire Council to take on Street Weed Clearance**

Members were in agreement to consider the additional work if there was further financial support to undertake the work.

AGREED**Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop**

To write to NLC to negotiation increased costs proposed for the Town Council to undertake weed clearance and to correspond with other local Town and Parish Councils who are involved with grass cutting contracts.

Unanimous

377. **Assembly Room Update**

All urgent Health and Safety Issues have been attended to.
To schedule an Assembly Room Working Group meeting.

378. **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 N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop
To enter into closed session.
Unanimous

379. **Personnel Updates**

Town Clerk recruitment.
4 candidates have been short listed.

Personnel Chairman suggested two panels – one for Finance to include external funding with the Chair of Finance General Purposes and Cllr L Bennet and Cllr P Vickers.

One Panel made up of the Personnel Committee. Interviews to be held on the 15th January 2026.

Meeting closed at 19:52

..... Chairman Councillor B Troop
5th January 2026