

BARTON - UPON – HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee
Room on MONDAY 2nd February 2026 at 18:00

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

Also Present: T Davis (Town Clerk) M Bannister

394. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr A Watson, Cllr N Jacques and Cllr A Chapman

395. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

396. **Minutes of meeting held on 10th November 2025, which were approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 1st December 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 1st December 2025.

397. **Working Group Notes 19th January 2026**

These were noted as a correct record of the meeting.

398. **Environment Budget 2026-2027**

Members noted the budget and no amendments were made.

399. **To confirm Grasscutting contract and additional request to devolve weed clearance contract 2026-2027**

Member requested a response to be made to North Lincolnshire Council to thank them for their offer and the Council would love to be able to take on this devolved service but would need to cover the £4500 cost.

AGREED **Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr Pincheck**
Clerk to write to North Lincolnshire Council
Unanimous

400. **Best Kept Town 2026 Competition**

It was noted that the Judges last year liked the trees in planters and there are more planned for this year. The judges also liked the fruit planting. St Peters Court area needs tidying up.

AGREED **Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr Thornton**
Clerk to write to local businesses with large areas of land such as Tesco and Boyes and ask them to tidy up their grounds with an explanation of the aspiration to continue winning Best Kept Small Town Competition. To promote the Young Gardener Group.
Unanimous

401. **Newport Black and Gold street sign missing at Queen Street end, approval to purchase a replacement sign.**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr Bennet**
 Approved to purchase a new Black and Gold street sign
Unanimous

402. **Update on War Memorial work and permissions**

Still awaiting quote for new lettering.
 Clerk to contact the contractor for more information on the new planters to be installed.

403. **Update on Wildflower planting**

Members noted that further work is with the contractor as per the meeting and meeting notes on the 19th January 2026

404. **Update on new planters**

No further updates for this meeting.

405. **Finger Post project**

Members noted that the clerk awaits confirmation from the NLC Highways that they will fund the project and the total sum of funding that is available.

406. **Benches at the Beck**

Members noted that the Beck area looks really good and all the neighbours keep a good eye on the area.

407. **PROW Improvements**

M Bannister

Has received 23 evidence forms back for Stable Lane. Still waiting to hear from the Humber Bridge Board.

Action Clerk to chase the Humber Bridge Board.

The Open Space Society is also getting involved. Bylaws are tricky. Woodland area is outside the Humber Bridge control. Humber Bridge Board can close its area at any time if they feel it is necessary.

It was noted that the designation has been changed to Motorway and should be queried with NLC Highways.

Action M Bannister to write to the Ward Councillors direct.

408. **Updates on NLC Services – Town Bus and Town Bins**

Still awaiting the results of the Town Bus survey and to chase up the request for relocation of the some of the townbins. Cllr L Bennet will pursue this through the Ward Councillors.

409. **Street weeds – Community Payback**

Action to send Cllr L Bennet the Community Payback contact as she would be interested in supervising the Community Payback Group.

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

It was noted that the next meeting is next week.

411. **Graffiti Removal**

Graffiti areas noted previous to be checked and to ask Handyperson to clean any street signs including the Marsh Lane sign.

412. **Update on Strategic Flood Risk Managers NLC Consultation**

Members queried when the consultation will be re-launched as it would be great to be able to be published in the next Bartonian. Cllr L Bennet will pursue with the Ward Councillors.

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

Action to circulate the updated version to member.

414. **Handyperson Work programme**

Members requested that he has a walk around the town and checks all the street signs to see if they need painting or cleaning.

Marsh Lane needs cleaning.

Norman Close

Pasture Road

Town Clerk reiterated to Members the extreme value of the Handyperson to the Council and the town.

Meeting closed at 18.35

..... Chairman
2nd February 2026