

BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL HELD
On MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2026 at 19.00

Councillors Present: Cllr B Troop (Chairman), Cllr L Bennet, Cllr N Jacques, Cllr C Patterson, Cllr A Watson, Cllr C Thornton, Cllr P Vickers and Cllr A Chapman

Also In attendance: V Haines (Town Clerk/RFO)

Members of public – None present

439. **Mayors Notices**

The Mayor welcomed the new clerk to the council and updated the council of the informal meeting to discuss Barton Bike Night which will take place Tuesday 3rd March, 7pm at the Assembly Rooms

440. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr N Pinchbeck (Personal)

Cllr K Vickers (Personal)

441. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Jacques – Item 444 – Personal

Cllr C Thornton -Item 459 – Personal

Cllr P Vickers – Item 449/450 – personal

Cllr C Patterson – Item 449/450 - personal

No dispensations were required.

442. **Minutes Approval**

Proposed: Cllr B Troop , Seconded: Cllr C Thornton

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve as a true and correct record the minutes of the **full council meeting** that took place Mon 2nd February, the minutes were signed by the Chairman

Proposed: Cllr L Bennet, Seconded: Cllr C Thornton

Resolved: That the previously circulated minutes of the **Environment Committee** meeting that took place 2nd February 2026 were approved and confirmed by committee members present as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr N Jacques, Seconded: Cllr L Bennet

Resolved: That the previously circulated minutes of the **Planning Committee** meeting dated 16th February 2026 were approved and confirmed by committee members present as a correct record.

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

- The Mayor discussed Christmas plus bunting and the council agreed to not pursue this year.
- Cllr Jacques updated the council that the Humber Bridge Board response will be discussed at the next environment meeting which will take place Monday 23rd March 2026.
- Martyn's Law training to be sourced and carried out by councillors and staff members – Cllr Benett to assist

444. **To receive and approve the following items relating to Barton Town Council finances**

(a) Grant Applications received

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr C Patterson

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to award £200.00 to the Allotments society

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop

Resolved: The Council unanimously resolved to award £500.00 to the Junior Park Run, conditional upon the organisation securing the balance of the required funding. The sum is to be recorded at this stage as a pledged contribution

(b) Finance Documentation for February 2026

February Finances to be presented to full council in April for approval

(c) Finance & General Purposes recommendations and additional items

None

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

Noted

446. **To consider reports from Barton Representatives serving on North Lincolnshire Council and outside bodies.**

Cllr P Vickers

Budget increase of 4.7% - 2% to be allocated to adult social care and 2.7% taxation. Funds allocated to the refurbishment of Baysgarth House, improvements to be made to the Baysgarth Leisure centre gym, funds replenished in the community grant funding pot, new bins are in the process of being delivered, Baysgarth park works successfully progressing, which will be formally opened by the Mayor on 1st April 2026. Interchange bus shelter has been repaired and the rewilding consultation has recently been signed off

Cllr C Patterson

£750,000 trees to be planted and more than 180,000 are already in the ground, mostly funded from external funding, 'In Bloom' grant will continue to be available. £1 Million has been allocated towards flood defences, Cllr Jacques elaborated on this topic confirming that the flood resilience project aimed towards properties located in Barrow Haven, Waterside and Far ings Road have confirmed that up to 100% on refurbishments and up to 90% on new work for properties that have been affected by flooding.

Cllr Troop discussed the outstanding work carried out by the street cleaner as his absence has impacted the town and Cllr Vickers confirmed he will be back to work soon to carry out his duties. Barton Baggers have been kindly assisting with the litter picking.

Dates for the Humber Bridge half marathon to be confirmed and Cllr Troop stressed his concerns relating to the organisation of the event.

Drains between High Street and Soutergate require clearing of debris, Cllr Vickers to report

447. **Deputy Mayor nominations**

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr P Vickers

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to nominate Cllr N Jacques as Deputy Mayor for 2026/2027

448. **To note the 2026/2027 meeting dates**

Noted – Amendments to be made to the proposed Environment meetings

449. **To consider responding with support to the Government consultation on the Local Government Review proposals for Greater Lincolnshire**

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

Resolved: That the unanimously resolved to submit their comments of support

450. **To consider supporting the option for North and North East Lincolnshire to remain individual Unitary Authorities with the third being the area currently covered by Lincolnshire County Council**

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

Resolved: That the unanimously resolved to submit their comments of support

451. **To consider approving the flag policy**

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr C Patterson

Resolved: That the unanimously resolved to adopt the flag policy

452. **To consider purchasing projector/screens equipment for committee room and meeting room**

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to purchase a screen and projector for the committee Room and main hall. Cllr Watson offered to donate to the council a projector screen

453. **To consider the future of the Mayoral position and its responsibilities**

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to discuss this again at the annual town council meeting in May 2027

454. **To consider asking NLC to consider a review of the number of councillors**

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved for the clerk to contact NLC to assess the number of councillors required

455. **To consider writing to NLC highways about consideration of how much traffic management should be in place at one point in time**

Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to not progress this item

456. **To consider categories for the Best Kept Village/ Town Awards**

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to delegate the authority to the Clerk and Chair of the Environmental Committee to consider the Centenary Award category

457. **To consider approving quotations for the essential works to the heating systems at the assembly rooms**

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve the quoted works to the heating in the Assembly rooms

458. **To consider the councils involvement in funding the servicing and maintenance of St Marys Church Clock**

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to fund the servicing and maintenance of the Town Clock located on St Marys Church

459. **To receive an update regarding the market place toilets**

Cllr P Vickers suggested to the council that the devolution of the toilets is reconsidered in July, allowing time for the new clerk to settle in to the role

460. **Assembly Room updates**

Update received and Cllr Bennet to forward the Clerk details of a company to carry an energy performance certificate

Meeting closed at 20:10

..... Chairman Councillor B Troop
2nd March 2026