

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL HELD
On Thursday 9th April 2026 at 18.00

Present: Councillor B Troop (Mayor), C Patterson (Deputy Mayor) L Bennet, N Pinchbeck, N Jacques, C Thornton, P Vickers and K Vickers

Also in attendance: V Haines (Town Clerk) and F Chapman (Council Admin)

483. **Town Mayor Welcome**

The Mayor Cllr Ben Troop opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance to the 2026 Annual meeting of Barton Town Council

484. **Town Award results**

Young Person Town Award

Winner: **Finley Yard** for going above and beyond his role as head student at Baysgarth School and for organising the year book

Wendy Witter Town Award

Runners ups: **Living Later Life Well Community Wellbeing Project** for creating a warm and welcoming space running the chair based exercise group at Living Later Life Well. This is the highlight of the week for so many who live alone, leading to the formation of new friendships.

Humber & Wolds Rural Action, the voluntary car service for managing and providing the VCS for people in the local community to access medical appointments and much more, supporting the volunteer drivers and passengers

Winner: **Royal British Legion, Barton Branch** for the hard work and dedication to the poppy appeal for Barton and surrounding areas

Town Award

Runners ups: **Sarah Evans** for displaying exceptional hanging baskets

Lynn Green for setting up and supporting the Turn Up & Play football sessions, Wildcat sessions, Teeny Tots and a girls football team at Barton Town plus much more

Mike & Jeannie Corlyon for organising the annual Horticultural Show potato growing competition for local schools, nurseries, scouts and Barton Young Gardeners.

Mr & Mrs John McCartney for volunteering and supporting the Trinity Methodist Chapel and Barton Churches together

Lord Russ Kirby & Lady Sarah Kirby for organising the Barton Veterans armed Forces breakfast club

Grace Hadden for supporting the Barton Short Mat Bowls Club and Barton Brigg Road Bowls Club, encouraging social interaction and physical activity.

Winner: **Gareth Morrison** for bringing the community of Barton together with organising and supporting the ‘Good to Talk Walks’ in aid of mental health

485. **To receive the Barton upon Humber Town Council 2025/2026 annual reports for the following committees**

Community Committee – Report given by Cllr B Troop (Committee Chair)

- The committee’s responsibilities include organizing all council events, such as Picnic in the Park, the Remembrance Parade, and the Christmas Festival.
- Provides support for the Bartonian publication.
- The committee actively supports local groups through the Barton Town Council Grants scheme and encourages any community groups with upcoming projects to get in touch.
- The committee chair expressed gratitude to Barton Town Council staff, volunteers, and councillors for their ongoing support and contributions.

Environment Committee – Report given by Cllr N Jacques (Committee Chair)

- A significant achievement for Barton Town Council was its success in winning CPRE’s Best Kept Small Town award, with an additional 100% score awarded for community planting.
- Improvements have been made to the existing planters, including the addition of trees and edible plants within the Fleetgate planters. This initiative is due to be extended to Whitecross Street as part of the ongoing enhancement programme.
- The committee chair expressed thanks to Barton Town Council staff, contractors, members of the community, and the two non-council members for their valuable contribution

Finance and General Purposes Committee – Report given by Cllr N Pinchbeck (Committee Chair)

- The committee manages its finances responsibly, monitoring expenditure throughout the year to ensure effective budget control and to support continued investment in the town.
- The Council’s decision to take on management of the Assembly Rooms marks a significant step forward, reflecting its commitment to maintaining and improving local facilities. As part of this, investment has been made in the installation of new windows to enhance the condition, efficiency, and long-term sustainability of the building.
- The committee chair formally welcomed the newly appointed Town Clerk, Vicky Haines, to the Council, and expressed his sincere appreciation to the former Town Clerk, Tracey Davis, for her service and support. The chair also extended his thanks to fellow colleagues for their continued contributions

Planning Committee – Report given by Cllr N Pinchbeck (Committee Chair)

- The Committee currently meets every three weeks to ensure that all planning applications are formally reviewed and commented on via the North Lincolnshire Council planning portal.
- Barton Town Council represents the second-largest town within the authority.
- While the Committee does not have the authority to make final decisions on planning applications, any objections submitted by the Committee are considered by the full planning committee at North Lincolnshire Council.
- For all large-scale developments of 10 dwellings or more, the Town Council requests S106 contributions. These funds, provided by the developer, are intended to enhance and improve local facilities within the area.

(full committee reports are available in the latest Bartonian)

486. **Questions raised from members of public**

- Queries raised regarding how often North Lincolnshire Council action road sweeping
- Gulleys have been noted that need clearing, specifically Newport Street, Fleetgate and Castledyke. Cllr Bennet informed the member of public that these can be reported via the North Lincolnshire Council portal to which they will be dealt with. If internet access is limited the town council office staff can assist
- Option of a safety crossing from The White Swan pub to the interchange
- The town council confirmed the toilets in the Market Place and Viewing area are now open for public use.
- The proposal of toilets to be located at the interchange are still in the future plans
- The former travellers site located at Dam Road is undergoing contamination testing
- Confirmation received that road repairs are to be carried out to the Pasture Road / Beck Hill area, no confirmed dates
- Roads located on Brigg Road, Tofts Road, Maltkiln Road and Princess Drive are on the list for resurfacing

Meeting closed at 18:23

..... Chairman Councillor B Troop