BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
On MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2026 at 19:00

Councillors Present: Cllr N Jacques (Chair), Cllr L Bennet, Cllr N Pinchbeck & Cllr C Thornton
Also In attendance: C Clark (Deputy Clerk), Mark Bannister and Colin Andrew
Members of public – None present

143. **Apologies for absence**

None received

144. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Jacques – Blue Coat Charity – Non- Pecuniary interest declared
No dispensations received

145. **Approval of the notes from the Environment Meeting held on 20th July 2026**

Proposed: Cllr N Jacques, Seconded: Cllr L Bennet
Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve as a true and correct record the notes from the Environment Meeting held on 20th July 2026

146. **Reports from Barton Lions, Barton Civic Society(footpaths), North Lincolnshire Council Access Forum & Friends of Barton Parks**

Barton Lions

- 160 Saplings getting planted at Far Ings Nature Reserve and Waters Edge
- 39 of the recently planted trees at Lidl have died and will be replaced in due course
- Nothing heard from Alex Crawley, North Lincolnshire regarding Millennium woods
- Donation to be received towards the bulb planting
- Garden at Barton Interchange has been awarded the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust EMR Community Rail silver level wildlife friendly station award. To received gold they need to engage more with the public which they will aim to achieve next year. Congratulations were passed on to them for this achievement.
- Hoping to eventually put fruit trees and wildflowers on the southside of the Interchange once the owners give permission.

Civic Society Footpaths

- Cycle way to Barrow, running behind Wren ,owner Able UK on board with the initiative but waiting to see what is happening with the land, and the section in Barrow Haven is owned by a farmer who is not replying.
- Actively looking at John Frenches urban paths and investigating for NLC to look at adopting the smaller footpaths

NLC Access Forum

- Not a lot happening as Definitive Map Officer vacancy at NLC still not filled and modifications

keeping them busy. They are hoping to re do Public Rights of Way access once more staff as last sorted in 2008. Any proof of public rights of way will be down to town councils or members of the public at the moment.

Friends of Barton Parks

- Tree Trail going well in Baysgarth Park
- Fruit trees to be planted on compost heap in top of the park. Trees will be available to sponsor
- New flowerbed near toilets going well, more new beds coming with Junior Gardeners support.
- Hoping to start work in Tofts Road Park but barriers to overcome first.

147. **Lamp posts – To consider the testing requirements for the planters**

Following discussion which lampposts to test for up the pole planters it was agreed to go ahead with 1 day of testing on 30 lampposts. An additional 9 up the pole planters to be purchased subject to available budget, giving a total of 27. It was agreed to test Whitecross Street lampposts and 1 at Beck Hill/Whitecross Street/Burgate junction in the 30 to be tested. Additional cost for installation/planting/maintenance for extra planters to be sort from the planter contractor.

Proposed: Cllr N Jacques, Seconded: Cllr N Pinchbeck
Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve testing 30 lampposts and purchase up to 9 additional planters with additional maintenance costs requested from the planter contractor.

148. **Public Rights of Way Updates – Stable Lane**

No further update from Cllr P Vickers who is liaising with the Humber Bridge Board or response from follow up letters sent by the town council.

149. **Bulb Planting – To consider when to carry out the bulb planting**

Following discussion agreed to plant the wild garlic, wood anenome and bluebell bulbs in the wood area at Dam Road park, Preston Lane side of Baysgarth Park and possibly carry on the project on Caistor Road. Cllr Bennet will collect bulbs from the office.

150. **Town Bus**

No update has been received, agree to chase what is happening.

151. **Graffiti**

Any graffiti around the town to be reported to the town council office or reported direct to North Lincolnshire Council. NLC will remove if in their property or contact landowner, if nothing done they will remove themselves and at the landowner to pay the cost.

152. **Bridleway Westfield Road to South Ferriby**

M Bannister survey report of propose Bridleway had been forwarded to all Committee members for consideration taking this on. It was agreed the town council should take on this project and ask South Ferriby Parish Council to join us.

Proposed: Cllr L Bennet, Seconded: Cllr C Thornton
Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to initially contact South Ferriby Parish Council to join Barton Town Council in contacting landowners, Blue Coat Charity in Barton and Scawby &

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South Ferriby Estate Company in South Ferriby to voluntary designate bridleway rights to the public over the current chalk track that is currently unrecorded. If South Ferriby Parish Council agreed a joint letter to be sent to both landowners. In the interim Cllr L Bennet will speak with Tom Nelthorpe of Scawby & South Ferriby Estate Company.

153. **Environment budget 2027/2028**

Members considered the previously circulated budget requirements for the Environment committee and agreed to the £74,200 budget less income from North Lincolnshire Council for Grass cutting £42,840. Additional items to add were a sum for public benches, £1500 for Handyman, £500 for bulb planting and 50% cost for lamppost testing (2 yearly test)
An article to be sorted for the Bartonian for sponsorship of new benches around the town. A copy of the town map with bench locations to be forward with the meeting minutes.

Meeting closed at 19:50

……..……Chair (Sign of approval)
5th October 2026

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