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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday 8th November 2018 in the Conference Room at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.

PRESENT Councillors Sir D Gunn Chairman
 Mrs D Miles-Zanger
 Mr R Carter
 Mrs C Carter
 Mr P Cox

Clerk: Mr R Reed

Richard Adshead – Village Hall Operations Manager

There were two residents in attendance.

18/167 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Mrs Smith; Mr Roberts and Sgt Offord.

18/168 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations at this time.

18/169 Policing matters

Sgt. Offord had forwarded the crime report. It was noted that the number of reported incidents was slightly down on recent months. Cllr. R Carter reported an incident of a person sleeping rough in the stone bus shelter opposite The Green. Sgt. Offord is to be notified. **Action: Clerk**

18/170 Residents

Mr & Mrs Smith were in attendance in respect of the Pocket Park item. There were no other issues raised.

18/171 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Private Meeting Held on 11.10.18

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Miles-Zanger and seconded by Cllr. Mrs C Carter that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th October 2018, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr R Carter and seconded by Cllr. Mrs C Carter that the minutes of the private session held on 11th October 2018, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

18/172 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting.

18/173 East Kettering update.

There were no reports.

18/174 Rights of Way

The Clerk reported that Anglian Water proposed to carry out the reinstatement of the ground on HL1 the next day, 9th October.

18/175 Pocket Park

The recent meeting between Mr Smith, Nick Bowman of Berrys and the Clerk to consider the situation with the trees in Wallis's Spinney, together with Mr Bowman's report following his meeting with the Trustees, was discussed. It was noted that pollarding of the trees at the boundary of the spinney was not an option. The suggested clearance of a strip immediately behind the Belvoir Drive properties was welcomed but all were of the opinion that the proposed 10 metres was too much and this could be reduced to possibly half the width. As there was no value in the timber, the full cost would have to be met and the Clerk said that this was likely to be significant. It was agreed to get an approximate cost for further consideration. **Action: Clerk.**

Regarding the general condition of the Pocket Park, the Clerk said that there was a need for this to be cleared as there was a lot of entangled briars and fallen wood. This could be dealt with using non-specialist labour and may be a suitable project for the Community Payback initiative. It was agreed that the Pocket Park Sub-group should be recreated.

18/176 Village Hall

Richard Adshead presented his update on activities at the Village Hall. The clothing bank was being well used and is regularly emptied. 50% of the value would be returned to the Parish Council in due course. A third wedding enquiry for 2019 had been received and was waiting

confirmation. A Craft Fair was scheduled for 2nd December. Mr Adshead suggested the holding of a monthly car boot sale from April to September in the car park. Sellers would be restricted to residents and there would be no dealers/trade. Concerns were raised over parking as the car park would be occupied. The Clerk had been contacted by Samantha Feely who has offered to make a donation towards the cost of a defibrillator for the Village Hall. It was agreed to accept this generous offer to add to funds already raised. **Action: Clerk**
Cllr. Mrs Carter spoke of an alternative defibrillator to that being considered but this was more expensive. The additional CCTV installation is scheduled to take place on 23rd November.

18/177 Election to Fill the Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council

Unfortunately, no one had come forward to fill the vacancy. A notice is to be prepared for the website. **Action: Clerk**

18/178 Vice Chairman

The Chairman said that he would defer this item to the Private Session.

18/179 War Memorial

Cllr. R Cater tabled photographs of the completed work which had been well received. Some references had been made about the accuracy of the ranks and companies on the plaques but these had been taken from the originals and the decision taken that they should be replaced as they were. The Memorial is to be cleaned before Remembrance Day and a wreath had been obtained which the Chairman would lay.

18/180 Winer Maintenance

The Clerk had received the agreements for the grit bins and informed the council that the conditions were fairly standard so their acceptance was approved. It was agreed to register with Mowerman for the filling with the grit/salt mixture. **Action: Clerk**

18/181 Planning Report

The Chairman presented the Planning Report:

KET/2018/0773 Two storey side and rear with single storey front extensions. 98 Gotch Road – No objections

KET/2018/0798 Single storey side extension. 22 Grosvenor Way – No objections

KET/2018/0801 2 No dwellings with associated landscaping and resurfacing of vehicle and pedestrian access. 46 Polwell Lane. Object for the following reasons:

Citing KBC's own policy is to discourage back land development

Back land development is against Government policy

The Parish Council is also against further back land development

The allotted "One Car" per development is against Government guidelines states at 1.5 cars per development

Site entry and exit splays are totally inadequate for safe driving whilst joining or exiting a major arterial road such as Polwell Lane.

The proposed site road is totally inadequate for vehicle to make safe manoeuvres like turning round due to a public footpath which is a safe walk route to school.

Totally inadequate for emergency vehicles to enter or exit

No provisions allowed for visitors vehicle to park on this safe walk route to school.

This will only encourage off road parking on Polwell Lane which the Parish Council is totally against

This constitutes over development of rear garden space

Using this lane for vehicle movement of any kind will be taking away from the community the original much loved and established public footpath serving the village.

This area has only just been resurfaced by Redrow which under building conditions etc., they had to agree to reinstate once their development allowed them to, so this much needed footpath can once again be used.

Should this area be opened to public vehicle movement it will only give cause for it to be used as a rat run, bearing in mind it is a safe walk route to school.

The Village Hall nursery have shown extensive concerns for the safety of their clients walking there children to the nursery using this route.

This pedestrian access has been the topic of many a Parish Council meeting since the Redrow development necessitated its closure for safety reasons, with constant questions raised as to when it will be reopened for general use again.

Many patrons of the new Parish Village Hall have expressed their views of disgust that this public footpath being opened after so long could now be closed again due to further development.

When Redrow was given permission to develop this site there was a condition this footpath would be reinstated for public use as soon as possible, which has just now been possible for them to comply with that condition. Only for it to now be snatched away again due to further undesirable back land development

Allowing this footpath to be destroyed is not in the best interest of the residents of Barton Seagrave and other users nor will it be an enhancement to local area.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this development going ahead.

18/182 Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Gunn had received a request from Happy Hands for permission to erect either a canopy or sail over the outside area. Further details have been requested before approval is given.

Action: DG

Cllr. R Carter reported that the guttering to the stone bus shelter requires attention and would seek quotes. **Action: RC**

Consideration is to be given to the purchase of a solar powered VAS. The Clerk is to seek prices. **Action: Clerk**

18/183 Correspondence

As per list circulated to Members.

18/184 Accounts

(i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. Since the last meeting £2,566.20 had been received from VH income and £35,000 as the second payment of the precept.

(ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report to the end of October.

(iii) 2019/20 Budget: The Clerk had circulated the initial draft of the budget prior to final approval at the January meeting. An allocation is to be included for the bus shelter repairs (RC), solar powered VAS (Clerk) and £3000 for Village Hall maintenance.

Action: Clerk

(iv) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Gunn and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Miles-Zanger:

Cllr. Mrs Smith (Bar dispenser) £998.96 Cheque No. 512

A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £83.70 Cheque No. 513

BOC £32.16 D/D

Lynx Fire & Security (Deposit) £475.00 Cheque No. 514

Lynx Fire & Security £1103.00 Cheque No. 515

Richard Adshead Invoice 028 £3948.02 Cheque No. 516

BT £51.48 D/D

BES Gas 3126.30 D/D

BES Electricity £329.35 D/D

(v) There was no further financial business

18/185 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

There were no items at this time.

18/186 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13th December 2018 to be held in the Village Hall.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 8:35pm