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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday 11th January 2018 in the Conference Room at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.

PRESENT Councillors Sir D Gunn Chairman Mrs D Miles-Zanger

Mr R Roberts Mr P Cox Mrs J Smith Mr R Carter

Clerk: Mr R Reed

Richard Adshead – Village Hall Project Manager Sgt Rob Offord – Northamptonshire Police (Part meeting)

There were ten residents in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed all to the January meeting of the Parish Council and wished all a Happy New Year.

18/001 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs Carter and Mr Lade.

18/002 Declarations of interest

Cllr. Roberts declared an interest in respect of the East of Kettering development as his property overlooks an area submitted for planning permission and in respect of the Redrow site he declared an interest as a family members work for NHBC and Taylor Woodrow.

18/003 Policing matters

Sgt Roberts spoke of the new arrangements for the dissemination of crime statistics and discussed the crime report for December. There had been 13 reported crimes during the month. He also spoke of the Neighbourhood Alert initiative and encouraged all to sign up to it.

18/004 Residents

- (i) Residents raised concerns over a notice of development at LAC involving a multi-use games area and associated floodlighting. Cllr. Roberts spoke about the proposal.
- (ii) A notice of Common Land Deposit had appeared locally. The Clerk gave his views and recommended residents checking the Commons Act 2006 for clarification if they were concerned.
- (iii) Notices of WI activities can be posted in the Community Notice Board on Polwell Lane.

18/005 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 14.12.17

It was proposed by Cllr. Cox and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Miles Zanger that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th December 2017, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cox and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Miles Zanger that the minutes of the session held in camera on 14th December 2017, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously

18/006 Matters Arising

The Clerk had received a quote for the development of a website for the Parish Council including annual maintenance costs and hosting fees. Cllr. Mrs Miles Zanger is to seek an alternative quote. **Action: DMZ**

The Clerk had written to Oliver Wicksteed over a number of issues raised at the last meeting but no reply had been received to date.

Cllr. Roberts spoke of his forthcoming meeting at Grosvenor Way over parking issues.

18/007 Kettering East update.

There was nothing to report over this development.

18/008 Rights of Way

There were no issues raised.

18/009 Village Hall

Richard Adshead gave his report on recent activities and detailed forthcoming events. Unfortunately, the hall had to be closed for two days during snow conditions on the grounds of health and safety. Vacancies created by groups moving to other facilities had been filled and additional bookings taken.

18/010 War memorial

Two quotes were now to hand and it was suggested that the Clerk contacts Finedon Parish Council who have recently carried out similar work to that village's memorial. **Action: Clerk** Financial contributions are promised from KBC and NCC.

18/011 To approve the 2018/19 Budget and Precept

Following some adjustments following last month's meeting and suggestions from councillors, Members considered the revised budget that had been circulated by the Clerk. Cllr. Carter proposed that the precept be retained at £70,000, seconded by Cllr. Cox and agreed unanimously. **Action: Clerk**

18/012 General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk will be attending a course on this item in April. There was nothing further to report at this time.

18/013 Planning Report

Cllr. Gunn presented his report. The following applications had been considered at a recent meeting of the Planning Sub-group:

KET/2017/1012: No objections

KET/2017/0969: Objection on the grounds of over-development; contrary to Government policy for back land development; traffic concerns.

KET/2017/0906: No objections KET/2017/1029: No objections KET/2017/1031: No objections.

The following application was considered at this meeting:

KET/2018/0004: No objections **18/014 Councillors Reports**

Cllr. Roberts spoke of the Government inspection of NCC's finances and confirmed that KBC's budget is not involved.

Cllr. Cox spoke of the flooding resilience initiative and understood that Barton Seagrave could join. There were no details of costs at the moment but it was believed that grants would be available. It was agreed that Cllr. Cox should follow this up. **Action: PC**

18/015 Correspondence

As per list circulated.

18/016 Accounts

- (i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. Since the last meeting receipts included £917.25 VH income and £4950.00 insurance payment for the bus shelter. It was hoped that the £250 excess will be paid back as uninsured losses. The Clerk would be claiming the VAT element in due course. The due payment for the nursery rent had been paid in the last day or so and should appear on the next bank statement.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the 2017/18 budget monitoring report to 31.12.17.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Mrs Miles Zanger and seconded by Cllr. Gunn:

(Note: The Clerk had confirmed with NatWest that the existing cheque book can still be used following the account name change)

Cheque No. 441 cancelled

Cllr. Mrs Smith reimbursement of VH costs £217.39 Cheque No. 442

KBC Business rates 3rd inst. £1584.00 Cheque No. 443

Mr Richard Adshead Invoice No.014 £3261.35 Cheque No. 444

(iv) A letter had been received from HMRC regarding its IT update to the VAT reclaim process.

The forthcoming KBC's Budget Consultation meeting was noted.

18/017 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

It was agreed to have the annual litter pick in the spring. Cllr. Roberts is to arrange for refreshments. Action: RRo,

18/018 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8th February 2018 to be held in the conference room of the Village Hall.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 8:12pm