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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Conference Room at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.

**PRESENT** Councillors Sir D Gunn Chairman

Mrs D Miles-Zanger

Mr R Carter Mr P Cox Mrs J Smith

Clerk: Mr R Reed

Richard Adshead – Village Hall Operations Manager

Alex Hunter - Forest School

There were five residents in attendance.

#### 18/109 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Roberts, post-operative recovery and Cllr. Mrs Carter, other commitments.

#### 18/110 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.

#### 18/111 Policing matters

The police report for May was discussed and the Chairman expressed concern over the increase in the number of reported crimes for that month. The Clerk was asked to pass on these concerns to Rob Offord requesting details of action being taken, clear-up rate and if there could be an increase in Police presence. **Action: Clerk** 

# 18/112 Alex Hunter - Forest School

The Chairman welcomed Alex Hunter who gave a presentation of his proposals to run an out of hours Forest School in an area of Wallis's Spinney south of the access road to Barton Seagrave Primary School. The project would be to engage children from the school in nature study and involve 2 hour (approximately) weekly sessions in term time only starting in September. Groups would comprise 12-15 pupils with two members of staff and the Forest School leader. Various questions were asked by councillors and Mr Hunter confirmed that the Parish Council would be indemnified of any claim arising from the activities. All agreed to support the project and Mr Hunter was told that he could proceed.

#### 18/113 Residents

- (i) Reference made to the uneven dropped section of footway at the junction of hilltop and Polwell Lane. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to Street Doctor and NCC had stated that no action was necessary but the site would be monitored.
- (ii) There were concerns of parking issues on Polwell Lane and the Chairman said that he would look at these with the resident after the meeting.
- (iii) The position of the Parish Council following the creation of a unitary authorities was discussed. The consultation is open to  $22^{nd}$  July.
- (iv) On behalf of ClIr. Andrew Dutton, the Clerk raised the question of the obstruction of the footway in Belvoir Drive by overgrowing vegetation from the Wallis's Spinney boundary hedge. It was agreed that this could be added to the Community Payback programme. **Action: DG**
- (v) Jim Butlin had e-mailed regarding the commencement of works in the Cricket Field, details of which were read out by the Clerk.

## 18/114 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Private Meeting Held on 14.06.18

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Miles-Zanger and seconded by Cllr. R Carter that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 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. Cox and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Miles-Zanger that the minutes of the private session held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

### 18/115 Matters Arising

- (i) Louise Holland was going to ask Redrow about the footpath link between the development and Sherwood Drive but nothing further had been heard so far. The Clerk said he would follow this up. **Action: Clerk**
- (ii) Complaint regarding trees overhanging the gardens of Belvoir Drive see 18/118 below.
- (iii) Mr Adshead had received prices for the proposed railing behind the car park access wall. See 18/119 below.
- (iv) Casual vacancy the notices had been posted and the closure date for election requests was  $25^{th}$  July 2018.

### 18/116 Kettering East update.

Nothing to report at this time.

### 18/117 Rights of Way

Nothing to report at this time.

#### 18/118 Pocket Park

The Clerk had contacted Robert Yates about the trees overhanging the gardens of Belvoir Drive. He had said that the Parish Council was not obliged to prune trees overhanging neighbouring gardens/land, unless it is for H&S reasons. The relevant property owners have a legal Right of Abatement to cut back branches to the boundary, subject to statutory permission being obtained by them. It was agreed to ask Mr Yates to carry out a survey and identify and trees that have a structural defect and/or disease. **Action: Clerk** 

#### 18/119 Village Hall

Richard Adshead presented his report for June. Bookings are good but a number of clubs are term time only so the next few weeks will be quieter but there is a busy weekend coming up. A recent complaint regarding noise is being dealt with by KBC. The Salvation Army have asked to place a clothes bank on the site. Half of the takings from sales would be passed to the Parish Council. The bank could be located at the car park entrance to avoid the loss of parking spaces although the ground would need to be levelled. It was agreed to allow the SA to proceed, **Action: RA** 

Prices for the railing were £170 premade or £120 for a kit of parts. It was agreed to go ahead with the latter. **Action: RA** 

#### 18/120 War memorial

Cllr. R Carter presented the designs for the slate plaques. The total cost will be £3090 for which contributions of £1200 (NCC) and £600 (KBC) had been received. There was also a potential £783 from the Church's memorial fund. Cllr Mrs Smith said she would see if she can use some of her empowerment fund. **Action: JS** 

It was agreed to proceed with the design of the plaques with the repositioning of the poem.

#### **Action: RC**

The Clerk will contact the Church regarding the transfer of its funds. Action: Clerk

### 18/121 General Data Protection Regulations

Nothing further to add at this time.

### 18/122 Planning Report

Cllr. Gunn presented the planning report of the Planning Sub-group:

KET/2018/0459: Timber summer house, 124 Manor Road. Combustible materials so needs to be at least one metre from boundary then no objection.

KET/2018/0463: Two storey side extension, 1 Cranford Road. No objection.

KET/2018/0469: Two storey side and single storey rear extension, 8 Quantock Close. No objection.

KBC's Development Plan Public Consultation: Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan is open until 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018.

### 18/123 Councillors' Reports

- (i) Cllr Gunn referred to the celebration of seafarers discussed at the last meeting and had prices of £45 for the ensign and £45 for the pole. It was agreed to go ahead with this and the chairman would notify the association of the intention to fly the ensign on the designated day. **Action: DG**
- (ii) The Chairman raised his concerns over the cleaning of the hall's windows. It was agreed that the current dry weather coupled with the building operations adjacent meant that the windows were soon in need of further attention after cleaning. Mr Adshead spoke of his cleaning arrangements and it was agreed to continue with these for now.

## 18/124 Correspondence

Northamptonshire Highways had submitted a quotation of £681.95 + VAT for the Village Hall signs. It was agreed to order the signage. **Action: Clerk** 

Water main works on Barton Road will require a closure of Linnet Dive junction from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August.

#### 18/125 Accounts

- (i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. Since the last meeting there had been receipts of £3348.87 Village Hall income and £600.00 from Cllr. Roberts' empowerment fund towards the War Memorial costs. The outstanding payments from Slimming World are in the hands of the solicitors.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Mrs Miles-Zanger and seconded by Cllr. Gunn:

Carter SBM Ltd. £296.09 Cheque No. 481

Came & Co. £3,322.19 Cheque No. 482

Cllr. Gunn £106.24 Cheque No. 483

Richard Adshead Invoice 023 £3,453.81 Cheque No. 484

Mrs Dianne Miles VH items £1,100.28 Cheque No. 485

Cllr. Mrs J Smith £33.60 Cheque No. 486

A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £16.08 Cheque No. 487

BES Utilities Gas £72.61 D/D (Retrospective)

BES Utilities Electricity £285.20 D/D (Retrospective)

BES Utilities Gas £44.77 D/D (Retrospective)

(iii) There was no other financial business

### 18/126 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

A CCTV camera is required for the front of the building. It was wondered if the camera at the rear which includes the nursery play area is appropriate and this could be transferred but Mr Adshead said the nursery operators welcomed it there. Mr Adshead is to obtain the price of a camera for the front of the hall and also one for the reception. **Action: RA** 

# 18/127 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13th September 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 8:25pm