

**DRAFT**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 remotely via Zoom.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillors	Mrs D Miles Zanger Mr R Carter Mrs C Carter Mr C Skinner Mr R Roberts Mr S Edwards	Chairman
	Clerk:	Mr R Reed  Mr R Adshead	

There were no residents in attendance

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year

**21/001 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Howes (Studies)

**21.002 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations on agenda items.

**21/003 Policing matters**

The Clerk had circulated the Police report to the Forums.

**21/004 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 10.12.20**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Miles Zanger and seconded by Cllr. R Carter that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

*The minutes will be signed retrospectively at the resumption of face to face meetings.*

**21/005 Matters Arising**

KBC had contacted the Clerk over the creation of an App and had suggested that a Twitter account may be preferable. Cllr. Skinner spoke of potential issues with this and will look into the matter further and report back at the next meeting. **Action: CS**

**21/006 East Kettering update.**

Cllr. Roberts said that as a result of Covid, there had been no significant changes although building work was continuing slowly.

**21/007 Rights of Way**

The Clerk said that he was unaware of any new issues.

**21/008 Village Hall**

Mr Adshead presented his report and said that the elderly shoe box appeal had been very successful and appreciated by the recipients.

Mr Adshead had looked into point of sale systems for the café and discussed a number of options. His recommendation was for the Evosoft system at a one-off cost of £259.99 and no monthly fee. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Carter and seconded by Cllr. Skinner that this system is purchased. **Action: RA**

The list of jobs put forward by Mr Adshead was considered and the time for these debated.

As previously discussed, the Parish Council will consider the appointment of an assistant when things were back to normal to share the workload and give cover during holiday and sickness periods. **Action: All**

**21/009 Pocket Park**

The Wicksteed Charitable Trust was happy with the tree survey report and a quotation had been received for carrying out the recommendations of the report. The Trust needs to give authorisation to proceed as soon as possible with the Priority One work. Priority two and three works are to be budgeted for in 2021/22. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. R Carter spoke of the need to reinstate the footpath running through the park and to replace the fence lost during Anglian Water work the other year.

The provision of dog/litter bins in the park was discussed. Mr Adshead said that the bin outside the Village Hall is rarely emptied. The Clerk is to contact KBC. **Action: Clerk**

### **21/010 Unitary Authorities**

Cllr. Roberts said that details of the new authority were on KBC's website. Senior management posts had been filled.

### **21/011 To approve the 2012/22 Budget**

Following the last meeting, the Clerk had circulated a revised draft for consideration. It was agreed to increase the allocation for the Pocket Park to £15,000 to cover the tree work. Mr Adshead had sought quotes for the supply of energy to the Village Hall as the present contracts were coming to an end. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Miles Zanger to stay with the current suppliers. With the addition referred to above, it was proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Miles Zanger to approve the budget. **Action: Clerk**

### **21/012 To approve the 2021/22 Precept**

The 2021/22 Precept was set at £50,000. Proposed by Cllr. R Carter and seconded by Cllr. Roberts. **Action: Clerk**

### **21/013 To appoint a Police Liaison Representative**

Following Danny Moody's recent e-mail, Cllr. Skinner volunteered to take on this role. The Clerk is to forward details. **Action: CS/Clerk**

### **21/014 Planning Report**

Cllr. R Carter presented the report of the Planning Sub-group as follows:

KET/2020/0866: 23 Salen Close. Two single storey rear extensions. No objections.

KET/2020/0819: 9 Quantock Close. Single storey rear extension. No objections.

KET/2020/0824: 46 Polwell Lane. Replacement dwelling. No objections subject to comments.

### **21/015 Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. R Carter had checked with the manufacturer and the bus shelter was on schedule for installation on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr. Edwards asked about the situation with the redundant telephone kiosk in Polwell Lane. The Clerk said that BT informed him that it had been adopted by Barton Seagrave Primary School. It was agreed to contact the school to see if the Parish Council could offer any support for its future use. **Action: Clerk**

### **21/016 Correspondence**

As per circulated list.

Following receipt of the pricelist for filling grit bins from Mowerman, it was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Edwards to arrange for this as soon as possible. **Action: Clerk**

Following reply from Highways regarding the roundabout signs at the end of Grosvenor Way, Cllr. Carter is to try to remove the graffiti. **Action: RC**

*Residents' time has been temporarily suspended during the present crisis and a notice placed on the agendas and the website asking residents to contact the Clerk with any queries.*

### **21/017 Accounts**

(i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts and the budget monitoring report. Receipts since the last meeting included £271.83 from VH income and £55.58 from the SA clothes bank.

(ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Mrs Miles Zanger and seconded by Cllr. R Carter:

*Cheque Nos. 676 – 679 reserved*

Staff costs £2562.50 Cheque No. 655

Mr Adam Curtis £265.00 Cheque No. 680

MPL Tree Consultancy Ltd. £1560.00 Cheque No. 681

Northamptonshire ACRE £35.00 Cheque No. 682

(iii) Work is due to start on two of the notice boards the rest in 2021/22

### **21/018 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda**

Nothing at this time.

### **21/019 Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 commencing at 7:00pm via the Zoom platform

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:23pm

Mr Adshead left the meeting at this point.

Councillors discussed the proposed installation of air-conditioning in the Village Hall and would seek revised quotes in view of the time that has passed since prices were last obtained.

Councillors discussed the arrangements with the Village Hall while it remained closed during the current lockdown, and agreed that Mr Adshead's hours would have to be adjusted accordingly. Consideration is to be given to this matter and Mr Adshead notified of the decision. **Action: All/Clerk**

The Chairman closed this session at 8:50pm