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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday 13th July 2023 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs. Miles Chairman
Mr R Carter
Mr S Edwards
Mrs C Carter
Mr C Skinner
Mr R Roberts

Clerk: Mr R Reed

Mr Gary Kirk: YourLocale Neighbourhood Plan consultant

There were eleven members of the public in attendance.

23/112 Apologies

Cllr. Currall

23/113 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations on agenda items.

23/114 Gary Kirk – Neighbourhood Plan Presentation

Gary Kirk gave a presentation on the principles and process for developing a Neighbourhood Plan, (NHP), which once in place, transfers some of the planning powers from the planning authority to the parish council although the final determination of applications remains with that authority, North Northants Council in this case. A parish council with a NHP can set planning policies for its area. It has to meet housing requirements but can say where and what type. It can identify environmental and green spaces which are then protected in perpetuity. Important views and structures can be identified and policies developed for employment, schools and medical facilities. It also offers protection from a failure of the Local Plan.

The local community has to be engaged in the process and representative members of the community are required to be part of the working group along with councillors. The process takes a minimum of two years but this is often longer as there are various consultation stages. The group has to create background information, including individual areas and then write the plan for the initial consultation. The draft plan is amended to meet issues raised during the consultations and then it has to be submitted to NNC for further consultation followed by independent examination. A referendum is then held involving the electorate and it passes or fails on a straightforward majority. Funding should be available but this is currently waiting for confirmation.

Councillors and members of the public were then invited to ask questions.

It was agreed that the NHP should cover the whole of the parish which includes part of Hanwood Park.

Cllr. Edwards said that the next step would be to consult with residents and set up a working group. Initially it was thought that this would be during the summer but as many would be on holiday it was subsequently agreed that this should be in early autumn.

A question was raised about the recording of public rights of way. The Clerk said that the Definitive Map covered RoW in the village and the government's current consultation referred to lost ways.

The position of the Coronation bench was queried following a recent WI walk. Cllr. Carter said the positioning was to spread the placing of seats so that all areas of the parish were served. More seats would likely be installed in the future and residents were invited to suggest sites.

There was a query about the prohibition of waiting in Hilltop.

Returning to the matter of the NHP. Cllr. Skinner asked if NNC could go against the NHP. A NHP carries equal weight with a local plan but there may be circumstances where this could occur. A NHP is currently in force for 2 years but there may be an extension of powers to 5 years.

Funding is generally in the order of £18,000 with NNC receiving £30,000 to cover costs of consultations and referendum.

The boundaries of the NHP would not be effected by ward changes.

Cllr. Roberts thanked Mr Kirk for his presentation and said that important designations, views, buildings, etc., were vulnerable without a NHP.

Woodlands are protected already but this protection would be reinforced.

Green spaces can be in private ownership and the owner's consent is not required for the inclusion within the NHP.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kirk who left at 8:00pm together with 10 residents.

23/115 Policing matters

There were no officers in attendance. The Clerk had circulated the latest report.

23/116 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 08.06.23

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Carter and seconded by Cllr. Edwards that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th June 2023, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously

23/117 Matters Arising

The insurance settlement following last year's break-in is to be paid into the council's account.

23/118 Highways

The Clerk had received reports of overgrowing vegetation in two areas, both of which have now been dealt with. There had also been issues with street lights out in Barton Road. These were linked to s.278 works by Redrow and Louise Holland was following this up.

23/119 Rights of Way

There were no reports of issues at this time.

23/120 Village Hall

Mr Adshead's report had been circulated.

23/121 Pocket Park

The Clerk had received some old records from Brixworth Country Parks where the Pocket Park officer used to be based.

The new lease was currently with Wicksteed's solicitor waiting for signatures.

23/122 Climate and Biodiversity Working Party

Cllr. R Carter said that the bank had now been sprayed and must be left 6 weeks before any planting takes place.

23/123 Planning Report

Councillors had considered the following applications:

NK/2023/0238: 137 Barton Road. Single storey rear extension. There were no objections

NK/2023/0331: 4 palmer Court. Single storey rear extension. There were no objections.

NK/2023/0118: 47 Yateley Drive. Two storey extension with cedar cladding and additional windows to side elevations. There were no objections.

NK/2023/0409: 17 Ledbury Road. Single storey rear extension. There were no objections.

Action: Clerk

23/124 Councillors' Reports

Cllr. R Carter spoke about the work carried out in conjunction with BSPS to the telephone kiosk. The proposed method of locking was debated.

The new notice board has been installed at the Post Office and the Parish Council's header board fixed to the old Cranford PC board. Replacement boards for Polwell Lane and by Budgens store are due shortly. It was agreed to arrange for an additional board to be installed at the village end of Cranford Road.

23/125 Correspondence

As per circulated list.

23/126 Barton Seagrave Residents time

Mr Ambrose spoke of the cancellation of the Cottessmore Avenue scheme. The Clerk had previously contacted Ben Wright and there was no revised date at the moment due to other priorities. Cabling works were causing an obstruction by the school.

The speed camera van had been in the village recently. A traffic survey was suggested.

Action: Clerk

23/127 Accounts

(i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts correct to the end of June. Since the last meeting receipts comprised £6333.77 VH income and Salvation Army £71.49.

(ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.

(iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Miles

Retrospective

19.06.23 J Currall £6.85 OLT
04.07.23 A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £163.46 OLT
04.07.23 Initial £26.52 OLT
04.07.23 Make Woodworking Ltd £123.46 OLT
04.07.23 Gallagher £4,738.02 OLT
04.07.23 Staff costs £2,624.76 OLT
10.07.23 Mr Clifford Ward £172.00 Cheque No. 756

NNC £121.55 OLT
Tesco Debit card receipt £45.70
Tesco Debit card receipt £109.48
Renaissance Business Services £60.00
Booker Ltd Debit card receipt £226.48
Booker Ltd Debit card credit £31.14
Booker Ltd Debit card credit £1.66
Clean4Sure Ltd. £674.16 OLT
Tesco Debit card receipt £50.80
HMRC £817.74 OLT
Make Woodworking Ltd £347.76 OLT
Make Woodworking Ltd £3,103.80 OLT
Make Woodworking Ltd £476.40 OLT
Make Woodworking Ltd £711.61 OLT
3 Lions Security £42.00 OLT
Mrs D Miles £5.00 OLT

(iv) Make Woodworking Ltd had submitted a quotation for oak notice boards.

23/128 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

Nothing at this time

23/129 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 7th September 2023 commencing at 7:00pm. In the Village Hall. (Changed from original date of 14.09.23 due to election).

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 8:25pm