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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday 16th October 2023 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.

PRESENT	Councillors	Mr R Carter	Chairman
		Mrs C Carter	
		Mr S Edwards	
		Mr C Skinner	
		Mr J Currall	
		Mr J Hunter	
	Clerk:	Mr R Reed	

There were six members of the public in attendance.

Pending the arrival of Mr Lee Burrows, the Chairman proceeded with the rest of the agenda.

23/149 Apologies

Cllr. Mrs Miles and Cllr. Roberts, Mr R Adshead

23/150 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations on agenda items.

23/151 Policing matters

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

There had been no further reports regarding the recent vandalism in the Pocket Park but the Clerk had been in contact with the Parish Path Warden who had heard that information about some youths acting suspiciously had been sent to the Police and since then there have been no issues.

23/152 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 07.09.23

It was proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Carter that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th September 2023, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously

23/153 Matters Arising

Covered by agenda items.

23/154 Highways

As Cllr. Roberts was unavailable it was agreed to defer the item on Traffic Calming to the next meeting.

Cllr. Edwards spoke of speeding issues on Polwell Lane and Cllr. Hunter raised concerns over the location of pedestrian crossing in Polwell Lane and felt that it was not clearly apparent to motorists. Highways are to be consulted on this matter. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. R Carter confirmed that a new post is to be installed on Polwell Lane just to the south of the A14. The location had recently been agreed with Steve Barber.

Parking issues outside schools were discussed and it was noted that card figures were being put out by BSPS.

The Clerk referred to the e-mail from Hayfield C of E school and the concerns over the road network in its area. The Parish Council supports the school in getting improvements but as the area is unadopted this is in the hands of the developer. The school is to be advised of the Parish Council's views. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk had checked with Highways over the possible use of community gangs to clear footways, etc., of weed growth. However, owing to health and safety concerns, there is no process to authorise their use in the public highway.

23/155 Lee Burrows – Wildlife Conservation Project

Mr Burrows spoke of his conservation proposals and work carried out so far. Cllr. Currall suggested he contacted the Wicksteed Trust as they may be interested and Cllr. Hunter spoke of an original avenue of trees and a pond in the cricket field. Cllr. Edwards suggested that Mr Burrows could work with the Climate Change and Biodiversity Working Party. It was agreed that he would contact the Clerk in due course.

23/156 Rights of Way

Cllr. Roberts had reported that the section of HL1 from Barton Road to where it enters the cricket field is overgrown. To be reported to Highways. **Action: Clerk**

23/157 Village Hall

Mr Adshead had previously circulated his report. The issue of defibrillators was discussed and Cllr. Hunter suggested that the Parish Council should arrange to maintain all. It was agreed that details would be given to the First Responders group as it was understood that they inspected and maintained sites.

23/158 Pocket Park

Cllr. Mrs Carter informed the council that the hedge alongside Belvoir Drive had now been cut back. The invoice for the work, including cutting back around the village sign, had been received and the Chairman thanked those involved,

It was agreed to accept Lorna Howell's offer of five oak tree saplings and these would be planted in the Pocket Park. Action: **CC/Clerk**

23/159 Climate and Biodiversity Working Party

Following the resignation of Andrew Dutton in the summer, the Chairman asked if Cllr. Hunter would take over the Chair of the working party. Cllr. Hunter said he would prefer to chair the NHP meetings and Cllr. Currall suggested a resident chaired the meeting. However, there was a general preference to have the Parish Council hold the group together. Cllr. Edwards said he would discuss it with Jamie Wildman and the Clerk was asked to forward contact details. Action: **Clerk**

The next meeting was due in November.

23/160 Neighbourhood Plan

The first meeting of the group is scheduled for Tuesday 17th October and will be attended by Gary Kirk. Details for the meetings will be included in a future Newsletter.

23/161 Village sign

The Clerk had obtained authorisation from the Wicksteed Trust for the relocation of the sign on to the green subject to it not impeding any mowing operations. A location needs to be agreed. Action: **All**

Cllr. Skinner agreed the relocation of the sign but made the point that the village is large and the green was not in the centre. The possibility of a second sign was discussed, the cost likely to be in excess of £3000.

23/162 Remembrance Sunday wreath and arrangements

Cllr. R Carter had ordered the wreath and Mrs C Carter is to contact the church about arrangements for the day. Action: **CC**

23/163 To agree the provision of a seat on Barton Road

It was suggested that the seat be located near the post box by the layby. The Clerk is to contact Highways to see what the licencing requirements are. Action: **Clerk**

23/164 Christmas decorations in the village

Cllr. Currall said that he would like to see Christmas decorations in the village. Cllr. Hunter didn't feel this was a good use of funds and that something more low key would be preferable. Cllr. R Carter suggested a Christmas tree and/or work with the church. Cllr. Skinner is to make enquiries about the tree supplier used by Kettering Town Council. Action: **CS**

23/165 Planning Report

(i) Councillors had considered the following applications:

NK/2023/0507: 6 Philips Field Close. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. No objections.

NK/2023/0554: 74 Polwell Lane. Single storey rear and side extension. No objections.

NK/2023/0557: 95 Polwell Lane. Two storey side and rear and single storey rear extensions, garage conversion to habitable. No objections.

Action: **Clerk**

(ii) Resolution to sign open letter regarding proposed warehousing development off A510. Proposed Cllr Currall, seconded Cllr. Mrs Carter. Cllr. R Carter abstained owing to Planning Committee membership.

(iii) Greenway Strategy. Details of questionnaire open until 01.11.23.

23/166 Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Edwards spoke of the forthcoming programme of road sweeping in Barton Seagrave.

23/167 Correspondence

As per circulated list.

23/168 Barton Seagrave Residents time

A discussion took place over the possible acquisition of old telephone kiosks for housing defibrillator units. Those that are now used for other purposes are in their original locations and new ones would require planning permission and licencing.

Tina Murphy proposed that a newsletter be published on a regular basis so that residents can be updated over Parish Council activities such as the Neighbourhood Plan. It was suggested that additional litter bins were required in the village. These would have to be on the route of the servicing cycles and subject to NNC capacity. It was agreed to place a litter bin adjacent to the proposed seat in Barton Road. (See minute 23/163)

23/169 Accounts

- (i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts correct to the end of September. Since the last meeting receipts comprised £12500 £4728.27 VH income and Salvation Army £129.24.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Currall and seconded by Cllr. Skinner.

Retrospective

14.09.23 M&W Electrical Ltd. £521.20 OLT
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14.09.23 A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £57.48 OLT
03.10.23 Initial £28.12 OLT
03.10.23 Staff costs £2,477.68 OLT

Booker Ltd. Debit card receipt £295.24
ASDA Debit card receipt £94.91
Nineteen Bookkeeping £120.00 OLT
Clean4Shaw Ltd (Via Bibby) £674.16 OLT
HMRC £748.82 OLT
Northamptonshire ACRE £42.00 OLT
Make Woodworking Ltd £2,993.32 OLT
Mr Giles Howard (Fernwood Arboriculture) £475.00 OLT

- (iv) There was no further financial business

23/170 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

Next agenda: 2024/25 Budget. The Clerk asked Councillors to consider items they wished to see in the budget over and above the standard running costs. **Action: All**

23/171 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th November 2023 commencing at 7:00pm. In the Village Hall.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 9:20pm