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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday 9th November 2023 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.

PRESENT	Councillors	Mrs D Miles Mr C Skinner Mr J Currall Mr J Hunter Mr R Roberts	Chairman
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Clerk: Mr R Reed

Mr R Adshead

There were thirteen members of the public in attendance.

23/172 Apologies

Cllrs. Mrs Carter, Mr Carter, Mr Edwards

23/173 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations on agenda items.

23/174 Policing matters

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

23/175 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 12.10.23

It was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Currall that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th October 2023, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously

23/176 Matters Arising

The Chairman said that unfortunately it was not possible to get a power supply installed at the green in time for this year and the advice received indicated that solar systems would not be viable. Arrangements would be made early in the new year to get everything in place for Christmas 2024. In the meantime a tree was to be provided at the Village Hall.

The Clerk had received the requirements from NNC for consent to be granted for the seat and litter bin on Barton Hill. **Action: Clerk**

23/177 Highways

The Clerk had contacted NNC Highways over the site of the pedestrian crossing in Polwell Lane. Following a review it had been decided that it met all necessary requirements and was lit. Due to its location, it did not satisfy the Department for Transport's criteria for advance signage.

The quote for the VAS post has been accepted and the Clerk had requested the invoice as NNC will not carry out the installation without prior payment.

23/178 Rights of Way

The Clerk was having issues reporting the overgrown vegetation issue on HL1 to Fix My Street but was continuing to try and get this logged. **Action: Clerk**

23/179 Village Hall

Mr Adshead had previously circulated his report.

23/180 Pocket Park

Cllr. Mrs Carter said that the five oak tree saplings had been collected from Lorna Howell prior to planting in the Pocket Park. **Action: CC**

23/181 Climate and Biodiversity Working Party

Cllr. Hunter agreed to take over the Chair of the working party. The Clerk had received an e-mail from Lee Burrows following the latter's presentation at the last meeting and he would forward this to Cllr. Hunter. **Action: JH/Clerk**

23/182 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Hunter is arranging for the next meeting at 7:00pm Tuesday 21st November. The bid for the first grant had been submitted.

23/183 Signage

Cllrs. discussed the missing signage on the green where just the posts remain. There did not appear to be any issues arising from the original concerns but Cllrs. are to consider the wording to be employed on any replacements signs.

23/184 2024/2025 Budget

The Clerk had previously circulated a base draft for next year's budget for consideration by members. Mr Adshead had submitted some amendments which will be incorporated in the next draft. The Clerk asked Cllrs. to give their consideration to the base figures and notify the Clerk as soon as possible over any changes they require together with possible projects for next year. These will be incorporated in the draft to be circulated prior to the next meeting.

Action: ALL/Clerk

23/185 Planning Report

(i) No applications had been received for consideration at this time. The Manor Oak Homes application had been received by NNC and the closing date for responses was believed to be late November. Cllr. Mrs Miles spoke of the initial meeting with the developers when the Parish Council said that it was opposed to any additional development. The subsequent public exhibition attracted many comments from Residents and after a protracted period the developers have now submitted their application with a reduced number of dwellings. The Parish Council will be holding a public meeting in the main hall on Thursday 16th November when the plans will be displayed and comment sheets available. The views expressed will then be taken in to account when the Parish Council determines its response. Cllr. Roberts discussed the process for submitting responses and understood that the application would be called in at which time, representatives could address the NNC Planning Committee by prior arrangement. NNC Cllr. Mark Rowley, who was in attendance, clarified who would be permitted to speak, i.e. applicant, one resident, Parish Councillor and NNC Ward Councillor.

23/186 Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Roberts spoke of the three vehicle RTC that had occurred at the junction of Barton Road and Woodlands Avenue. Concerns remain over the phasing of the traffic signals at this location and Cllr. Roberts had raised the matter with the highways portfolio holder. The Clerk had also contacted Highways and asked for the phasing to be checked.

23/187 Correspondence

As per circulated list. The Ise Valley documents were handed to Cllr. Hunter.

23/188 Barton Seagrave Residents time

The Manor Oak Homes proposal was discussed with reference to the meeting with the Parish Council earlier in the year. It was alleged that the Parish Council had misled residents. Cllr. Currall said that if residents felt this it was certainly unintentional and went on to comment about the meeting. It was suggested that the laying of a pipe through the cricket field earlier in the year initiated rumours of a forthcoming development. Cllr. Hunter spoke of taking expert advice in preparing the Parish Council's submission. He was unsure if a cost would be involved but proposed that the Parish Council would support financing the financing of this action and this was seconded by Cllr. Currall. It was noted that the Facebook group was getting more interesting since the last meeting although there was not enough Barton Seagrave content. There was a need to involve residents. Cllr. Currall responded on this matter. Cllr. Skinner reminded all that no single councillor can comment on matters unless agreed by the full council.

23/189 Accounts

- (i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts correct to the end of October.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Mrs Miles and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

Retrospective

21.10.23 Interlynx Security Ltd. £90.00 OLT
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21.10.23 RF Blount & Sons Ltd £180.00 OLT
21.10.23 M Adam Curtis £265.00 OLT
31.10.23 NNC £121.55 OLT
02.11.23 A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £150.12 OLT
02.11.23 A2E Services Ltd. £150.00 OLT
02.11.23 Staff costs £2,491.50 OLT

Initial £28.12 OLT
Clean4Shaw Ltd (via Bibby) £674.16 OLT
Recognition Express £25.14 OLT

HMRC £755.25 OLT
Screwfix debit card receipt £26.99
M&W Electrical Ltd £114.00 OLT
Mr Giles Howard (Fernwood Arboriculture) £225.00 OLT
M&W Electrical Ltd. £516.00

(iv) There was no further financial business

23/190 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**

Defibrillators

23/191 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14th December 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 8:00pm