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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday
11th January 2024 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.**

PRESENT	Councillors	Mrs D Miles Mr J Currall Mr J Hunter Mr R Roberts Mr S Edwards Mr R Carter Mrs C Carter Mr C Skinner	Chairman
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There were three members of the public in attendance.

24/001 Apologies

Clerk Richard Reed

24/002 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations on agenda items.

24/003 Policing matters

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

24/004 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 14.12.23

It was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. R Carter that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th December 2023, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously

24/005 Matters Arising

Footpath adjacent to 41 Leeson Crescent: NNC Cllr. Mark Rowley has been informed of this matter with the request that NNC re-gravel the path.

24/006 Highways

Cllr. Hunter asked about the waiting restrictions on the old section of Barton Road near A14 Junction 10. Cllr Edwards said that NNC is aware but the process of making the Traffic Regulation Order can take some time.

24/007 Rights of Way

No issues at this time.

24/008 Village Hall

Mr Adshead had previously circulated his report. Cllrs. asked if this could be made available at least two days prior to a meeting in future. **Action: RA**

The Salvation Army clothes bin is currently emptied at least three times a week. Unfortunately, there is no room for another bin in the car park area as it would be over a manhole cover. The Parish Council is paid on the weight of clothes collected.

24/009 Pocket Park

Nothing to report at this time.

24/010 Climate and Biodiversity Working Party

Cllr. Hunter has been reviewing the past minutes and agenda and would be convening a meeting during the last week in January. He wants to meet with Cllrs. Currall and R Carter to discuss the group. **Action: JH**

24/011 Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the December meeting were not yet available. Cllr. Hunter is to meet with Gary Kirk to discuss the area looking at housing and demographics/types of housing. A further general meeting is to be arranged at the Village Hall. Date and time to be determined.

Action: JH

24/012 Gray's Field and other facilities

An allocation of £10,000 is to be made in the 2024/25 budget as a contribution towards more equipment and maintenance of the park area.

24/013 To approve the 2024/2025 Budget

Following the meeting earlier in the week, the draft budget had been amended and copies circulated to councillors. Cllr. Currall proposed that the budget be approved and this was seconded by Cllr. Edwards.

24/014 To set and approve the 2024/25 Precept

It was agreed to set the precept at £45,000. Proposed by Cllr. R Carter and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Miles. **Action: Clerk**

24/015 Planning Report

The Planning Report was presented as follows:

NK/2023/0733: 49 Barton Road. No objections.

NK/2021/0297: Hanwood Park: No objections.

Responses to be sent to NNC. **Action: Clerk**

24/016 Councillors' Reports

Nothing at this time.

24/017 Correspondence

As per circulated list.

24/018 Barton Seagrave Residents time

Linda Law asked if the netball markings will go ahead. This is the intention and the Parish Council would be looking at the possibility of grants from Sport England or NNC. Once done, the markings will require three days to dry out and set and therefore the main hall will have to be closed and users accommodated in other rooms where possible. Richard Adshead will arrange for the work when the hall is not in full use. Action: RA

Andrew Bradley and another resident commented on the state of Barton Road where a lot of work is required to the grass verges, hedgerows and vegetation. There is some broken fencing and the views of the church are blocked by the overgrowth. Cllr. Currall said that tenders (minimum of three) could be invited and he suggested councillors have a walk round the village to develop a plan to tidy up the area. An allocation has been made in next year's budget as well as an amount in the 2023/24 budget. Cllr. Edwards said that NNC is looking at devolving such works to local councils in the future.

24/019 Accounts

- (i) The Clerk had circulated the latest statement of accounts correct to the end of December. Receipts include £5968.88 VH income and £51.30 Salvation Army.
- (ii) The Clerk circulated the budget monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Russell

Retrospective

29.12.23 A2E Services Ltd. £720.00 OLT

29.12.23 NNC £5,000.00 OLT

04.01.24 Staff costs £2,532.96 OLT

HMRC £774.54 OLT

NNC £121.55 OLT

Clean4Shaw (via Bibby) £674.16 OLT

Initial £28.12 OLT

Booker Debit card receipt £259.56

Booker Debit card receipt £216.29

R Adshead 2023 expenses £103.59

- (iv) There was no other financial business.

24/020 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

Nothing at this time.

24/030 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8th February 2024 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 7:45pm