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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday
14th December 2023 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.**

PRESENT	Councillors	Mrs D Miles Mr J Currall Mr J Hunter Mr R Roberts Mr S Edwards	Chairman
	Clerk:	Mr R Reed	
	Mr R Adshead		

There were five members of the public in attendance.

23/192 Apologies

Cllrs. Mrs Carter, Mr Carter, Mr Skinner

23/193 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations on agenda items.

23/194 Policing matters

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

23/195 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 09.11.23

It was proposed by Cllr. Currall and seconded by Cllr. Roberts that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th November 2023, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously

23/196 Matters Arising

Agenda items

23/197 Highways

The Clerk had received an e-mail from a resident of Barton Road at the new roundabout at Jct. 10 about parking issues. Highways had offered two options and it was decided to request option 2 which involved the provision of a prohibition of waiting order on the turning head together with limited waiting on the rest of the cul-de-sac section. **Action: Clerk**

As part of the review of waiting restrictions in the Kettering area, Highways proposed the introduction of a prohibition of waiting order at the junction of Grosvenor Avenue and Grosvenor Way. Councillors agreed to support this proposal. **Action: Clerk**

Details of a temporary traffic regulation order to make a section of Cranford Road one-way during building works had been received for information. Councillors suggested advising Hayfield C of E School in case staff and parents were unaware. **Action: Clerk**

23/198 Rights of Way

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Mr John Barnes about the condition of the footpath adjacent to 41 Leeson Crescent and asking if gravel could be laid there to improve walking conditions. The Clerk explained that this was not a registered public right of way and had been included by the then KBC as part of the development. It was agreed to ask NNC if it could help in the first instance. **Action: Clerk**

23/199 Village Hall

Mr Adshead had previously circulated his report. It was agreed not to charge for soup for users of the warm room facility during January on a trial basis.

23/200 Pocket Park

As Cllr. Mrs Carter was not present there was no report but Cllr. Mrs Miles said she did not believe there had been any activity over the last few weeks.

23/201 Climate and Biodiversity Working Party

There had been no meeting since Cllr. Dutton had resigned from the council but Cllr. Hunter was reviewing past minutes and agenda prior to convening a meeting in January. **Action: JH**

23/202 Neighbourhood Plan

The £10,000 grant had been approved and NNC had agreed the designated area of the NHP as the parish itself. Cllr. Hunter had a meeting scheduled for 19.12.23 at The Stirrup Cup PH.

23/203 2024/2025 Budget

The Clerk had previously circulated a revised draft for next year's budget following discussions at the last meeting of the Parish Council. It was agreed to increase the allocation

for the defibrillators to £1000 and that for Christmas decorations to £5000. In respect of the 2023/24 expenditure, Cllr. Currall had agreed the fee for the H&S audit as £250.

23/204 Planning Report

The Planning Report was presented as follows:

NK/2023/0531 154 Polwell Lane: Object as out of character and reduction of parking spaces.

NK/2023/0292 Hanwood Park: Cllrs. expressed concern over lack of facilities and increased traffic congestion on the existing road network.

NK/2023/0664 45 St. Botolph's Road: Object as over-development.

NK/2023/0688 Orchard Ho. Residential Home: No objections.

NK/2023/0687 25 Hockney Ave. No objections.

NK/2023/0723 18 Yateley Drive: No objections.

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

23/205 Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Roberts spoke of concerns about the condition of highway verges and weed growth in footways. He said he had raised these with NNC.

Cllr Hunter spoke of issues concerning the jetty alongside the Village Hall and adjacent building works.

23/206 Correspondence

As per circulated list.

23/207 Barton Seagrave Residents time

It was reported that an objection from an adjacent resident had been made about the Barton Seagrave Primary School telephone kiosk.

In response to a query about finance for work by the Climate and Biodiversity Working Party, the Clerk confirmed that an allocation of £5000 had been included in the 2024/25 draft budget. Cllr. Hunter is to look at possibility of seeding this year. **Action: JH**

In response to a query about funding legal fees if required due to the Manor Oak Homes proposal, it was agreed to include an allocation of £5000 in the 2024/25 draft budget. **Action: Clerk.**

The issue of facilities for teenagers and the condition of Gray's Field was raised. The Parish Council had been e-mailed over the latter last year. It was pointed out that Gray's Field is the responsibility of NNC although the Parish Council had offered a contribution towards a new item of equipment. Cllrs. Roberts and Edwards are to raise the matter with Dave Lane at NNC. **Action: RRo/SE**

23/208 Accounts

- (i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts correct to the end of November. Receipts include £5500.53 VH income and £69.48 Salvation Army.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Edwards

Retrospective

27.11.23 M&W Electrical £120.00 OLT

05.12.23 Staff costs £2,707.28 OLT

HMRC £856.72 OLT

Booker Debit card receipt £496.06

Tesco Debit card receipt £125.25

Initial £28.12 OLT

B&Q Debit card receipt £102.00

NNC VAS post £832.20 OLT

Clean4Shaw Ltd (via Bibby) £674.16 OLT

Wickes Debit card receipt £73.80

NCALC 2023/24 Internal audit fee £590.40 OLT

A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £129.00 OLT

Spectrum Fire UK Ltd, £197.46 OLT

Stratford Fine Foods Ltd Debit card receipt £291.60

Mowerman Grounds Maintenance (Grit bins) £307.58 OLT

R Reed 3rd quarter salary and expences £2853.78 Cheque No. 759

HMRC £661.20 OLT

Bosworth's. Christmas tree (*Reimburse Cllr Mrs Miles*) £249.97

(iv) It was suggested that a grit bin be provided near Hayfield CofE School however this site is outside of the parish boundary.

23/209 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

Next agenda: approval of 2024/25 budget and precept.

Play area.

23/210 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11th January 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 8:20pm