

**DRAFT**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillors	Mrs D Miles Mr J Currall Mr J Hunter Mr R Roberts Mr S Edwards Mr C Skinner	Chairman
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Kevin Parker (Redrow) & Ed Gritten (Quality of Life Foundation)  
Oliver Wicksteed & Russell Shanley. The Wicksteed Charity Trust

**24/022 Apologies**

Cllrs. R and Mrs C Carter

**24/023 Quality of Life Survey**

Kevin Parker and Ed Gritten discussed the online survey for which they are looking for as many responses as possible by the end of February. Once the feedback is available, the QOLF would work with Redrow to resolve issues where possible or liaise with other parties as appropriate. Although responses are mainly invited from residents of the Redrow development, comments from elsewhere in village would be included.

**24/024 The Wicksteed Charity Trust**

Mr Oliver Wicksteed introduced Mr Shanley and spoke of the issues over the last three years and the effect of Covid on the activities of the Park. The increase in the cost of living has resulted in fewer visitors and this together with other cost increases are placing pressures on the trading company. The Trust is therefore looking at fund raising measures and is seeking a grant from the Heritage Lottery Funding to set up a fund raising team. In this respect, the Trust would welcome a letter of support from the Parish Council. The trust is also looking at community projects and would like to meet with councillors along with Trustees to exchange ideas and involvement with the Climate and Biodiversity group. Mr Wicksteed then took questions from residents and said that there were no proposals to build on the cricket field nor Wallis's spinney. He also stated that the Cricket Club and The Trust would be objecting to the proposed development on land to the rear of 60 Barton Road.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wicksteed and Mr Shanley for giving their time to attend the meeting.

**24/025 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations on agenda items.

**24/026 Policing matters**

Following a request from the Clerk, PCSO Mike Bowes attended and discussed the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the current crime rate compared to the same time last year. Recent incidents were discussed and PCSO Bowes took questions from councillors and residents.

**24/027 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 11.01.24**

It was proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Skinner that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously

**24/028 Matters Arising**

Agenda items

**24/029 Highways**

Cllr. Hunter spoke of works being carried out for access/parking at a property on Barton Road south of Cranford Road.

Concerns were raised again about the state of the verges at Barton Road/St Botolph's Road junction. The Clerk is to see what the situation is at this site. **Action: Clerk**

Referring to the signal timings review, Cllrs. had concerns about signal timing generally. Comments are to be passed to the Clerk. **Action: All**

**24/030 Rights of Way**

It was reported that there was an accumulation of rubbish on the footpath near the Village Hall.

#### **24/031 Village Hall**

Mr Adshead had previously circulated his report. The roof was still leaking following the recent repairs and an inspection is due next week.

The Warm Room is still being used and a meeting group will be set up after March.

#### **24/032 Pocket Park**

In Cllr. Mrs Carter's absence, the Clerk presented her report. Cllrs. asked for a copy to be circulated. **Action: Clerk**

#### **24/033 Climate and Biodiversity Working Party**

Cllr. Hunter is to report on this at the next meeting. **Action: JH**

#### **24/034 Neighbourhood Plan**

A meeting is scheduled and a report will be presented at the next meeting. The Technical Support Application has been approved.

#### **24/035 Planning Report**

The Planning Report was presented as follows:

NK/2023/0664: 45 St Botolph's Rd. No objections.

NK/2023/0780: 1 St Botolph's Rd. No objections.

NK/2024/0002: 1 Cranford Rd. No objections

NK/2023/0743: 6 Philips Field Close. No objections.

NK/2024/0029: 1 Radnor Way. No objections

NK/2024/0028: 200 Barton Rd. No objections

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

#### **24/036 Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Roberts spoke of concerns over the temporary traffic order on Cranford Road with reports of near misses due to drivers ignoring the one-way arrangements and he asked if anything could be done such as more publicity. **Action: Clerk**

#### **24/037 Correspondence**

As per circulated list.

#### **24/038 Barton Seagrave Residents time**

Issues were raised about the overgrowth and surface of the Polwell Lane to Grosvenor Way footpath and speeding along Polwell Lane. Cllr. Edwards said he would take these points up with the authorities concerned. **Action: SE**

Weetabix and Morrisons are to be contacted over the speeding issue. **Action: Clerk**

There is still no action over the footway reconstruction work in Cottesmore Avenue, originally programmed for 2022 and then deferred to March 2023. Potholes in the carriageway have recently been marked for attention.

It was understood that amended plans for the Barton Road development have been submitted to NNC.

#### **24/039 Accounts**

- (i) The Clerk had circulated the latest statement of accounts correct to the end of December. Receipts include £6686.99 VH income and £63.09 Salvation Army.
- (ii) The Clerk circulated the budget monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Mrs Miles and seconded by Cllr. Edwards

#### Retrospective

17.01.24 Olivia Ellis £80.00 OLT

23.01.24 Phipps Henson £990.00 OLT

23.01.24 Mowerman £153.79 OLT

05.02.24 Staff costs £2,757.40 OLT

Yourlocale Ltd £3,000.00 OLT

A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £100.46 OLT

Screwfix debit card receipt £103.85

Initial £28.12 OLT

Booker Debit card receipt £303.49

Booker Debit card receipt £122.82

Clean4Shaw (via Bibby) £674.16 OLT

Plumsun Ltd £300.00 OLT

HMRC £806.60 OLT

(iv) There was no other financial business.

**24/040 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda**

Nothing at this time.

**24/041 Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 8:40pm