

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 8.07pm**

Present: Councillors J Paxton (Chairman), N Day (Vice-chair) and W Rudd

In Attendance: C Callen (Clerk) and Councillors S Laycock and B Thomas

Minutes: C Callen

23/580 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – These were received from Councillors A Fletcher, J Selley and A Tebb

23/581 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*) – There were none.

23/582 MATTERS ARISING –

Re: **Minute no. 23/489** - The Rotary Club and local Volunteers took part in the Great British Spring Clean in March – specifically clearing rubbish along Hexton Road and Luton Road. They will arrange further litter picks on a regular basis.

A resident from Hexton Road has requested support from the Parish Council regarding their request to Central Beds Council for designated resident parking outside the terraced cottages 67-79 Hexton Road. The Clerk has also put them in touch with the Ward Councillors.

The last CBC topic session that took place on 25 March 2024, focused on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The session covered:

- What the LNRS are and what they will include
- How they are being developed
- How to input into the strategy

The presentation slides and meeting recording are available from the Clerk.

Central Beds Council are consulting on what their Local Transport Plan should include. The Clerk has shared details on Social Media and put posters on the Noticeboards. Members discussed a suitable response from the Parish Council.

ACTION – Clerk to complete survey on Local Transport Plan, as agreed with the Committee.

23/583 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26th FEBRUARY 2024

A copy of the minutes was provided to all members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of 26th February 2024, **SECONDED** by Councillor Rudd **with 2 in favour and 1 abstention.**

23/584 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BUS SHELTER INSPECTIONS

The inspections completed on 18th April were acknowledged. Everything was in order and the bus shelters were washed.

23/585 UPDATE REGARDING LOVERS WALK TREES AND REPLANTING

Following the tree works completed at Lovers Walk, the Clerk and Councillor Paxton met with a representative from the Forestry Commission at the site on Friday 19th April, to review the works as part of the Licence provided. They were generally pleased with the work completed and took photos and measurements. An update is awaited.

23/586 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE INSTALLATION OF BIKE RACK ON WINDSOR PARADE

The new café next door to the Parish Office is attracting lots of customers. As a result, there have been issues with bikes and scooters being left in the doorway. The Parish Council have the bike rack that was funded from the Welcome Back Fund to install – the original site was planned for outside the library but it was found not to be ideal due to visibility concerns. The Clerk has suggested to the landlords that the bike rack be installed on the grass outside the café – they have agreed in principle and suggested the work to install it is done in conjunction with the café. Members

agreed to the new location and will consider any additional costs once the installation works have been confirmed.

23/587 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE CENTRAL BEDS COUNCIL TREE PLANTING TOPIC SESSION ON 8th MAY

Central Beds Council Topic Session on Tree Planting – opportunities and improvements to the grant process, will be held online on 8th May at 6pm-7pm.

The session will cover:

- A brief overview of the Tree Planting Programme and schemes available to the Council, including Community Tree Planting Grant, Community Tree Giveaways, Tiny Forests and Woodland Creation
- Proposed changes to our Community Tree Planting Grant application process– an opportunity to have your say.
- Identifying tree planting opportunities in your parish area and engaging your community.

Members to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend.

23/588 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There were none.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm