

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 8.28pm**

**Present:** Councillors J Paxton (Chairman), A Fletcher, S Laycock, A Vale and J Mikkelson

**In Attendance:** C Callen (Clerk)

**Minutes:** C Callen

- 24/186 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – These were received from Councillors J Selley, W Rudd and A Tebb
- 24/187 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.
- 24/188 MATTERS ARISING** –  
Following discussion at Full Council, it has been suggested that the Parish Council look to name the new cycle path for the development on Higham Gobion Road after the Olympic Silver medallist. This will be considered further in due course.  
As reported at Full Council, Ward Councillor Childs is progressing the formation of a Speedwatch Group for the Village. Members will consider which roads should be included in the programme at their next meeting.  
The Clerk reported that a small fire was found at the top of Lovers Walk, Old Road, on Saturday morning. The fire brigade attended and put out the fire.
- 24/189 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**  
A copy of the minutes was provided to all members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024, **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale **with 4 in favour and 1 abstention**.
- 24/190 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BUS SHELTER INSPECTIONS**  
The inspections completed on 9<sup>th</sup> September were acknowledged. Everything was in order. Dates are still awaited from the Probation Service for when they will be available to paint the shelters.
- 24/191 TO ACKNOWLEDGE CENTRAL BEDS COUNCIL SURVEY REGARDING LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY AND AGREE ANY RESPONSE**  
Central Beds Council have requested residents complete a survey to help nature in Bedfordshire. Posters have been put up on the noticeboards and a link shared on Social Media. The survey was acknowledged. It was agreed members would submit individual responses.
- 24/192 TO ACKNOWLEDGE CENTRAL BEDS COUNCIL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROGRAMME AND CONSIDER ANY RESPONSE**  
Back in 2021, the Parish Council were asked to consider possible locations for Electric Charging points in the Village. Central Beds Council have now contacted the Parish Council to review our response to ensure it is still appropriate or to add anything else. After discussion, it was agreed that, due to the limited general parking available in the Village, the only suitable publicly accessible areas are located at the Library, Co-op and Football Club.  
**ACTION – Clerk to update the Site Form and respond to Central Beds Council.**  
In addition, free webinar sessions have been arranged on electric vehicle charging for Councillors to attend, run by the Energy Saving Trust. These can be booked from the following link: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/event/an-introduction-to-evs-ev-charging-for-councillors/>.  
Members agreed to take this forward, as appropriate.

**24/193 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

The Clerk reported that a complaint has been received regarding the overgrown trees at the rear of Harris Court. It was agreed that these would be inspected, and an action plan discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm