

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 8.58PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chairman), Mr J Selley, Mr J Paxton, Mr S Laycock and Mrs G Gardner

In attendance: Mrs C Callen (Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

22/419 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor Miss G Widdowfield.

22/420 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none.

22/421 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Roberts attended a meeting with the Village Hall Committee on 12th January to discuss their proposed consultation with the Village regarding what residents want from their Village Hall facility. They are looking for the Parish Council to support/guide them with a survey (both paper and electronic) to be completed by all households. A follow-up meeting is proposed to agree the way forward.

Councillor Thomas and the Clerk attended the online Community Energy projects briefing with Central Beds Council on 10th January. This highlighted what sort of projects could be considered and what support is available for any groups looking to get involved. Details of the session, including the slides and recording, are available if anyone is interested in getting involved.

The Parish Office leak from the Flat above has still not been fixed. The Clerk has chased the Landlords agents and sent photos of the situation and the damage caused. A plumber is due on site on 25th January. Members agreed that it was unacceptable for the situation to continue with staff working in damp and mouldy conditions. They will review the situation once the plumber has provided an update. In the meantime, a response from the landlords regarding cleaning and redecorating the Parish Office and replacing the damaged items is awaited.

A meeting has been arranged for Councillors Vale, Gardner and Paxton and the Clerk to meet with the heads from both local schools on Thursday 26th January.

The Clerk has arranged for the valuer to undertake the onsite meeting with Barton Rovers FC on Wednesday 25th January regarding the rent review and new lease discussions. Councillor Paxton agreed to attend with the Clerk.

22/422 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2022

A copy of the minutes was provided to members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** the approval of the minutes of 5th December, **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

22/423 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY

The Clerk has reviewed and updated the existing Policy. A copy was provided ahead of the meeting. Councillor Laycock **PROPOSED** approval of the updated Annual Investment policy version 5.0, **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

22/424 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2023/24 FOR THE POLICIES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The draft Plan has been drawn up by the Clerk, following the Budget review at the end of 2022. The committee were happy with the plan in respect of Policies & Resources to be put forward for adoption at the next Full Council meeting. Therefore, Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the draft Action Plan 2023/24, **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

22/425 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE REVIEW AND UPDATE TO THE RISK ASSESSMENT ACTION PLANS

The Risk Assessment Action Plans were agreed in February 2022. These have been progressed over the year and the Clerk has now undertaken an interim review. Members acknowledged the summary.

22/426 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There was none.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm