

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON  
MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018 COMMENCING AT 8.16pm**

**Present:** Councillors Mr J Paxton, Mr M McNulty, Mr R Worsnop, Mr D Gunter (*ex-officio*) & Mr L. Davison-Williams (*ex-officio*)

**In Attendance:** Mrs S Cowie, Assistant Clerk.

**Minutes:** Mrs S Cowie

**18/064 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor N Day**

**18/065 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*). - None

**18/066 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, **SECONDED** by Councillor Davison-Williams, 3 in favour with 2 abstentions.

**18/067 MATTERS ARISING**

Members were advised that there have been several reports of anti-social behaviour and drug taking in Arnold Academy playground recently. There was also an incident at the Luton Road sports field recently whereby youths used abusive and threatening behaviour to residents who challenged them., Members were concerned to hear of this type of activity and asked that the Police be informed so they can monitor and attend as necessary. **ACTION:** letter to be sent to the Police

**18/068 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE QUOTATION FOR HEDGE CUTTING OUTSIDE 2,4 AND 6 GRANGE ROAD**

This item was deferred as both quotations were not available. Councillor Davison-Williams advised that one resident who raised the initial complaint will come into the Parish office following the Full Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July for the decision. **ACTION:** Two quotes for hedge cutting to be included on Full Council agenda, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**18/069 TO COMPILE A SCHEDULE OF ALL HEDGEROWS WITHIN THE VILLAGE FOR WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Council does not currently have a full list of all hedgerows it is responsible for maintaining within the village. In recent months several residents have approached the Council requesting that overgrown hedges are cut back. The current contractor has advised that cutting the tops of the hedges was taken off the contract some years ago therefore he has only been trimming the sides. Members agreed it was important that a full list be compiled including (where possible) the type of bush/tree and the size it should be maintained at. This list will then be used in the tendering process and ongoing with contractors to ensure sizes agreed are being maintained. Councillor Paxton reported that the pathway from Grange Road to Mill Lane is very overgrown. This is not the Parish Council's responsibility and should be reported to Central Bedfordshire Council. Councillor Paxton asked members to help with this project. Schedule to be compiled in the coming months.

**18/070 TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION REFERENCE NARROW FOOTPATHS ON HEXTON ROAD AND MANOR ROAD**

Councillor Worsnop reported that he is now on stage 2 of his complaint regarding narrow footpaths in Hexton Road and Manor Road. He has been advised that despite the route being a school route CBC are not obliged to widen footpaths to the current legislation but they would look at the legal requirements and cost of construction subject to residents gifting the additional land necessary for the works. Members were concerned that should land be gifted the resident may want special dispensation for a project which would normally be turned down and felt that Councillor Worsnop should continue with the complaint as an individual as it was logged prior to him becoming a Parish Councillor. Councillor Worsnop will keep the Parish Council informed.



**18/071 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE** - Councillor Paxton is compiling information on considerate parking schemes used elsewhere in the country. He has drafted a letter to CBC regarding the cancellation and delays in the roadworks on the A6 to Luton. The road closure took place at the weekend, the planned diversion route of Sharpenhoe road also had roadworks with traffic lights in place which caused further disruption and annoyance. He asked that the draft letter be circulated to all Councillors for approval and once approved be sent to Central Bedfordshire Council.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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