

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON
MONDAY 18th MARCH 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.32pm**

Present: Councillors Mr J Paxton (Chairman), Mr N Day, Mr J Roberts & Mr L. Davison-Williams (*ex-officio*)

In Attendance: Mrs C Callen (Parish Clerk) & Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

18/584 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor Mr D Gunter

18/585 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.

18/586 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Paxton advised that one of the bollards in Luton Road on the traffic calming is damaged. Also the damaged crash-barrier on the slip road off the A6 north bound has still not been repaired. **ACTION – Clerk to report/chase up Central Bedfordshire Highways department.**

Councillor Davison-Williams provided an update regarding the trees behind Simpkins Drive which need cutting down. They have been assessed by the Central Bedfordshire (CBC) Tree Officer regarding ownership but unfortunately they have been unable to get firm information from their GIS Team. Councillor Davison-Williams has arranged to visit the CBC Asset team to seek their advice and will update members at the next meeting.

The Clerk has approached the Chilterns Conservation Board and Barton Countryside Conservation to seek any advice regarding the production on local walks leaflets, as discussed at the last meeting. Barton Countryside Conservation group have since provided details of the 'Viewranger' website and app for digital users, where several local walks are already detailed. It was agreed to further investigate costs for leaflets and possible markers for routes before exploring any grant options. **ACTION – Clerk to seek quotes for production of leaflets for discussion at next meeting.**

Whitbread Wanderbus have advised that they will be discussing the possibility of running two services to Hitchin each week at their next committee meeting and will update us in due course.

18/587 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2019

Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of 25th February 2019, **SECONDED** by Councillor Day with **3 in favour and 1 abstention**.

18/588 UPDATE ON PHASE 2 TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME, HEXTON ROAD

The Streetworks Team at Central Beds have confirmed the road closure for Hexton Road between Old Road and Church Road from 8th to 12th April between 9am and 3.30pm, to enable the installation of the raised tables and signs for the traffic calming measures previously agreed. This will be communicated to residents via website and Facebook. The Clerk has requested a copy of the final plans and costings from Central Beds Highways team but is awaiting a response.

18/589 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE DATE AND LOGISTICS OF THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN CAMPAIGN 2019

The Clerk has registered the Parish Council on Keep Britain Tidy website and has received confirmation from Central Bedfordshire Council regarding provision of litter picking supplies, to be collected from their offices this week. The local uniformed organisations have been contacted and are keen to join in the event.

Barton Countryside Conservation Group have organised a litter-pick event at Barton Mill Stream on Saturday 20th April and Baron Hills on Sunday 21st April. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** that the date of 6th April be approved to litter pick Norman Road and Grange Road areas. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange collection of waste from behind Parish Office following the event. Councillor Paxton and Clerk to finalise timings and advertising.

- 18/590 UPDATE REGARDING REAL-TIME BUS TIMETABLES AT BUS STOPS**
Following the discussions at the last meeting, the Clerk has contacted Central Bedfordshire Council to ask about costs and funding available to pursue this option. A response has been received from the Principle Public Transport Officer, confirming that Barton is on the list of possible upgrades to the main bus stops in the centre of the village but that funding is not currently available and will be reviewed again after April. If Section 106 funds become available in the future, these could be used to provide such equipment. Councillors agreed to leave this item for the time being.
- 18/591 UPDATE REGARDING PORTABLE SPEED SIGNAGE**
Morelock Signs Ltd have offered for us to attend a demonstration already arranged at Bletsoe Village Hall on Thursday 28th March at 7.30pm. Councillors to consider attending.
- 18/592 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE QUOTE TO CLEAR THE AREA ON CORNER OF GRANGE ROAD AND BEDFORD ROAD**
Reynolds Landscaping have provided a quote to clear the area on the roundabout, including removing rubbish and shredding from previous works undertaken in January. Consideration of costs to plant or grass the area is then to be discussed further. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** acceptance of the quote of £190 plus VAT from Reynolds Landscaping to clear the area. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Day and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.
- 18/593 TO CONSIDER LIGHTING ON FP9 FOOTPATH BETWEEN SHARPENHOE ROAD & PORTOBELLO ROAD**
The Clerk has contacted the Central Bedfordshire Council Highways Lighting Officer to request details of options and costings to install lighting. The request has been passed to the team who hold the budget for additional lighting. Ownership of the land was discussed and further consideration will be required once response received. **ACTION – Clerk to investigate ownership of the land with UK Power Networks.**
- 18/594 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE - There was none**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm