BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD at THE VILLAGE HALL, BARTON ON THE HEATH on Thursday 26th January 2023

Counsellors present. Chairman Mr James Coker. Vice Chairman, Mr Brian Radford. Brigadier. Johnny Rickett. Gillian Caithie.

Honorary Treasurer. Mrs Mandy McPherson.

Apologies. Mrs Juley Piney and the Parish Clerk, Mrs Julia Hicks.

Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest. None.

Public forum. There were no matters discussed.

Minutes of the. OGM of 18th of November 2022. There were no matters arising from the Minutes. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Precept for 2023/2024.

The Treasurer, Mrs Mandy McPherson, presented her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

After a brief discussion, the Treasurer recommended keeping the precept at £1000 for the period. 2023/2024.

Planning applications. Cathryn and Alistair Aitken, the owners of Paddock Cottage, Barton on the Heath, talked us through the proposed extension and alterations to their existing dwelling, together with the retrospective window replacement planning application, Reference 22/03504/full.

A lively discussion took place, with members of the public and the parish council asking questions of the applicants. Specifically, Penny Mead was asked for her comment as she is the next-door neighbour.

Penny confirmed that she had had an opportunity to discuss the proposals with Alistair Cathryn before the application was submitted. Penny confirmed she was generally supportive, provided the shepherd's Hut was removed from the back garden.

Cathryn Aitken also reported that she had similar discussions with Fergus Chamberlain. He is the new owner of Rose Cottage and the Old Smithy. He had also expressed his support.

The Chairman raised the proposal to support the planning application. Brian Radford seconded it. The vote was Unanimously in favour.

In the absence of the Clerk, the Chairman agreed to respond positively to Stratford District Council.

Item five, Any Other Business.

The Chairman reported on the lack of progress regarding fibre optics. But he was hopeful of better news by the next meeting.

James Hayman Joyce agreed to instruct a tree surgeon to deal with the Wolford Road trees and carry out some clearance work on the Jubilee trees opposite Henmarsh House. The parish council unanimously agreed to pay for these works together with planting a new tree.

Item 6. Date of next meeting. The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday the 11th of. May 2023 at 6:30 PM in the village hall.