

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON
MONDAY 20th MARCH 2017 COMMENCING AT 8PM

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Present: Councillors Mr J. Selley (Chair), Mr L. Davison-Williams (*ex-officio*) and Mr D. Gunter (*ex-officio*).

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs B. Thomas.

Minutes: Mrs K. Kilby (Assistant Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Mr A Channon (Vice Chair), Mr J Paxton and Mr M Wright.
2. **SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*). - None
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2016.**
 - 3.1 Due to insufficient Councillors present at the meeting, the approval of the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 26th September 2016, to be deferred to the next Committee meeting.
4. **MATTERS ARISING.** – None raised.
5. **REVIEW OF PITCH INSPECTION REPORT FROM BEDFORDSHIRE FA**
 - 5.1 A copy of the Bedfordshire FA (*'Beds. FA'*) Pitch Inspection report was disseminated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Committee discussed the remedial work required on the football pitches. The Committee requested information be sought as to the correct interval between weed spraying and grass seeding. What type of weed killer should be used, and to seek quotations for weed spraying, seed drilling and fertilising of the pitches from contractors. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Andrew Clarke, Pitch Advisor for the Beds FA to request information regarding weed spraying and seeding and Assistant Clerk to seek quotations from contractors.
 - 5.2 The Committee was advised that the Beds. FA no longer offered financial help for drainage works. The Committee requested confirmation as to whether they would offer any financial help with the remedial weed spraying, grass seeding and fertilising work. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Charlie Mann from Beds. FA to ascertain whether there would be any funds available for the remedial work.
 - 5.3 Cllrs Davison-Williams and Selley had discussed and drawn up a plan for the new positioning of pitches, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Pitches 1, 2 and 3 would be moved slightly, turning the goal posts 180 deg. Thus resting the goal mouths every one or two years. Pitch 1 would become an adult pitch and Pitch 4 would become a Junior pitch, thus avoiding the very wet area on pitch 4. **ACTION:** Assistant Clerk to seek quotations for installing 7 sets of goal sockets.
ACTION: All costs to be deferred to April Full Council for approval.
6. **APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR INITIAL LASER LINING OF PITCHES AT LUTON ROAD SPORTS FIELD**
 - 6.1 Quotations for laser lining of the football pitches at Luton Road Sports field were disseminated to all members prior to the meeting. The Committee discussed the initial lining of the pitches to be carried out by laser and for the Council's Groundsmen to then continue lining by hand. The Committee requested confirmation that the quotation from Luton Traded Services (*'LTS'*) included the Junior pitch. **ACTION:** Clerk to confirm LTS's quotation included the cost for a Junior pitch and defer consideration/approval of laser lining costs to Full Council.
7. **APPROVAL OF PITCH FEES FOR 2017/18 FOOTBALL SEASON**
 - 7.1 A table of pitch fee increases was disseminated to all members for consideration. Cllr Thomas expressed concerns that a high percentage of the Barton Rovers FC (*'BRFC'*) car park charge of £200.00 per year, would be paid by one club. She suggested that a percentage be put on all fees to spread the charge between all clubs. This would result in BRFC receiving an exact percentage of the annual income of pitch takings. If more games than were estimated are played, BRFC would receive more than the £200.00, however, if less games are played, the car park payment could be lower. **ACTION:** Cllr Selley and the Clerk to produce a table of proposed pitch fee increases for consideration at Full Council.

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8. **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A LEGIONELLA TEST KIT**

8.1 Costs for a Legionella test kit were disseminated to all members prior to the meeting, following discussion, Cllr Selley PROPOSED the purchase of the Legionella test kit from Contral at a cost of £95.99, SECONDED by Cllr Gunter and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. **ACTION**: Assistant Clerk to purchase Legionella test kit, following ratification at Full Council.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA** - None

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.