

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON
MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B. Thomas (Chair), Mrs G. Gardner, Mr A. Channon, Mr R. Everson and Mr L. Davison-Williams (*ex-officio*)

In attendance: Cllr J. Selley.

Minutes: Mrs K. Kilby (Assistant Clerk)

17/038 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Mr D. Gunter (*ex-officio*) and Mr J. Paxton

17/039 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*) – None

17/040 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR ENSUING YEAR.

040.1 To be deferred to the Full Council meeting.

17/041 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23rd JANUARY 2017.

041.1 PROPOSED by Cllr Thomas, SECONDED by Cllr Everson and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

17/042 MATTERS ARISING –

042.1 Security at the Allotments to be investigated at next Committee meeting.

042.1 Cllr Thomas had contacted the allotment holder of the plot at the rear of the Village Hall. They confirmed they wished to remain on the plot and expressed an interest in taking on the tenancy of plot 60 as well. This will be on a year by year basis.

17/043 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS OF 15th MAY 2017.

043.1 Cllr Thomas acknowledged receipt of the playground inspection sheets for 15th May 2017 – Norman Road Play-area – No faults reported.
Arnold Recreation Ground Play-area –

- Replacement seat required for Giro-Spiral – On order.
- Worn safety surface beneath Giro-Spiral – Assistant Clerk in contact with supplier regarding replacement.
- Junior Swings removed. – Groundsman and Cllr Davison-Williams investigating repairs.

17/044 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS OF 15th MAY 2017.

044.1 Cllr Thomas acknowledged receipt of the fitness equipment inspection sheet for 15th May 2017 – No problems were reported.

17/045 ALLOTMENT UPDATE.

045.1 Currently there are 10 vacant allotment plots and one name remains on the waiting list. Cllr Thomas has contacted and is awaiting a response.

17/046 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF ROSPA REPORTS FOR PLAY-AREAS AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT.

046.1 Copies of the RoSPA reports were disseminated to all members prior to the meeting.

Risk items at Arnold Recreation Ground Fitness Equipment:

- Signage to conform to correct legislation – Low risk.

Risk items at Norman Road Play-area:

- Slight wear to Junior swing chains – Groundsman to monitor and replace when necessary.

Risk items at Arnold Recreation Ground Play-area:

- Wear of ground around the entrance gate – paving slab to be replaced with grass matting to alleviate this problem in the future.
- Giro-Spiral seat damaged. – Replacement seat on order.
- Giro-Spiral safety surface worn. – New surface on order.
- Decay to timber frame around Aeroskate equipment – Replacement of safety surface being investigated.

ACTION: The Clerk to monitor the progress of the RoSPA Report recommendations as approved by the Council.

17/047 CONSIDERATION OF AREA OR USE OF SKIP FOR NON-COMPOSTABLE GREEN WASTE AT ALLOTMENTS.

- 047.1 Following the removal of the skip for use by Allotment holders, complaints had been received regarding the disposal of non-compostable green waste at the allotments. After discussion, the Committee agreed to a trial of opening the skip for two Sundays a year to dispose of Raspberry canes, Brambles and other non-compostable green waste. A letter to be sent to allotment holders advising that should the use of the skip be abused, the facility would be withdrawn. **ACTION:** Assistant Clerk to draft letter for Full Council approval.

17/048 CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT SWINGS FOR ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND.

- 048.1 Three quotations were sought for replacement Junior and Cradle swings at Arnold Recreation Ground and were disseminated to all members prior to the meeting. Committee requested confirmation that Proludic had quoted for two Junior and two Toddler swings and to confirm lead time of installation. Grants for the replacement swings to be investigated. **ACTION:** Defer to Full Council for approval.

17/049 CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO USE ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND FOR A BOOT CAMP GROUP.

- 049.1 No further information had been received from the organiser of the Boot Camp. **ACTION:** Defer to next meeting following receipt of information.

17/050 CONSIDERATION OF WORK REQUIRED ON THE WILD AREA AT THE ALLOTMENTS.

- 050.1 Committee agreed that further work was required on the wild area at the allotments, to maintain the boundary. Councillors to visit site to determine work required. **ACTION:** Assistant Clerk to advise Councillors of possible dates for visit.

17/051 REVIEW OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN FOR ALLOTMENTS.

- 051.1 A draft inspection sheet for the allotments was disseminated to all members prior to the meeting. After discussion, the Committee agreed to determine content of Inspection Sheet when visiting the allotments. A laminated copy of the allotment plot map to be placed on the notice board. **ACTION:** Council's Groundsman to advise of correct allotment numbering for map.

17/052 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA – For information only.

- 052.1 Quotations for replacing the bark area around the Aero-Skate equipment with wet pour at the time of swing replacement to be obtained and taken to Full Council for consideration.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.