

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B. Thomas (Chair), Mr A. Channon (Vice Chair), Mr D. Gunter (*ex-officio*) and Mr L. Davison-Williams (*ex-officio*).

In attendance: Mrs Vivienne Dunlop.

Minutes: Mrs K. Kilby (Assistant Clerk)

- 17/202 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Mr J. Paxton, Mr R. Everson and Mrs G. Gardner.
- 17/203 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*) – None
- 17/204 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2017.**
- 204.1 PROPOSED by Cllr Thomas, SECONDED by Cllr Gunter and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- 17/205 MATTERS ARISING –**
- 205.1 The Committee had walked around the wild area at the allotments noting what maintenance was required. Defer to next Committee meeting for further discussion.
- 17/206 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS OF 11<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017.**
- 206.1 Cllr Thomas acknowledged receipt of the playground inspection sheets for 11<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Norman Road Play-area – No faults reported.  
Arnold Recreation Ground Play-area –
- The mats to replace damaged mats beneath the Giro Spiral had been delivered and the Council's Groundsman would carry out repairs.
- 17/207 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS OF 11<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017.**
- 207.1 Cllr Thomas acknowledged receipt of the fitness equipment inspection sheet for 11<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – No problems were reported.
- 17/208 ALLOTMENT UPDATE.**
- 208.1 Currently there are 14 vacant allotment plots and 3 names on the waiting list. Cllr Thomas will contact those on the waiting list to arrange the allocation of plots.
- 208.2 All allotment plots at the rear of the Village Hall have been returned to the Parish Council. Discussion regarding the grassing over of the area to be deferred to the next Committee meeting. Meanwhile, the Council's Groundsman and Contractor to maintain the area.
- 208.3 During a recent inspection of the allotments it was noted that 7 letters are to be sent regarding the poor cultivation of plots and 3 vacant plots need strimming. Cllr Thomas also noted that a large amount of rubbish has been dumped in the wild area.
- 208.4 The Committee were advised that 2 comments had been received regarding the opening of the skip at certain times of the year to dispose of allotment waste. Both comments were that the skip should be opened in the Spring and Autumn. One allotment holder commented that Sundays were not convenient to all people and another allotment holder commented that more than two days would be required.
- The Committee agreed that the skip would be opened on a Saturday and Sunday in the Spring and Autumn between 10am and 2pm and a Councillor would be present at all times to monitor the use. A notice to be put on the Allotment notice board advising Allotment holders of the opening times.



- 17/209      **UPDATE ON SAFETY SURFACE IN NORMAN ROAD PLAY-AREA.**
- 209.1      The Assistant Clerk advised that 2 further companies had been contacted to submit quotations for repairs to the safety surface in Norman Road play-area. Visits were to be arranged for representatives of companies to prepare quotations. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to contact Wicksteed Leisure to ascertain whether the original equipment had been removed as per the quotation received.**
- 17/210      **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR WEED SPRAYING AREA AT SOUTH END OF ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND, 'MR HORNER'S FIELD'.**
- 210.1      After discussion, the Committee agreed that 'Mr Horner's field' would not be sprayed with weed killer at this time. **ACTION: Defer to Committee meeting in February for further consideration.**
- 17/211      **APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR CUTTING HEDGE ON OLD ROAD/MR HORNER'S FIELD.**
- 211.1      After discussion, Cllr Thomas PROPOSED the Council approve the cutting of Old Road hedge at a cost of £60.00, SECONDED by Cllr Gunter and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to place order with Mr Horner and confirm both sides and top will be cut.**
- 17/212      **CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM ALLOTMENT HOLDER TO TAKE HOME BENCH FROM THEIR PLOT.**
- 212.1      After discussion, Cllr Thomas PROPOSED the Council approve the request for an allotment holder to remove a bench from their allotment, SECONDED by Cllr Channon and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. **ACTION: Clerk to advise allotment holder of Council's decision.**
- 17/213      **ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA.**  
– None.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.