

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 8.55PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B. Thomas (Chair), Mr A Channon (*Vice-chair*), Mrs G. Gardner, Mr J Paxton, Mr D Gunter
In Attendance: The Parish Clerk, Assistant Clerk
Minutes: Assistant Clerk

17/311 **APOLOGIES** – Councillor L Davison-Williams

17/312 **SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None.

17/313 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th OCTOBER 2017**

Councillor G Gardner was present at this meeting but not included on the list of attendees. Councillor Thomas PROPOSED approving the minutes, SECONDED by Councillor Channon and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. ACTION: Minutes of the 30th October 2017 meeting be amended and approved as above.

17/314 **MATTERS ARISING** - None

17/315 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS OF 31st October, 7 & 14th November 2017** – Councillor Thomas acknowledged the reports. No faults reported.

17/316 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS OF 31st OCTOBER, 7 & 14th NOVEMBER** – Councillor Thomas acknowledged the reports and reported that the Ski arm has now been repaired and the equipment is being use.

17/317 **REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE 2017/2018 & DRAFT COMMITTEE BUDGETS**

Transfers - Members acknowledged that there is not enough money in the 2017/18 budget to cover the £1,500 cost of repair of safety surface, Norman Road play area. The funds will have to be taken out of the ear marked reserves 362. PROPOSED By Councillor Thomas, SECONDED by Councillor Channon and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Draft budgets 2018/2019 - Each line of the precept reviewed and adjustments made. PROPOSED by Councillor Thomas, SECONDED by Councillor Channon. Amendments to the draft precept 2018/19 as agreed at £6,125 and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Councillor Thomas reported a Russian vine growing alongside the allotments which is encroaching the footpath, also a tree with overhanging branch which needs cutting back. Members felt that the tree works were urgent as it could be a safety issue. With regard to the Russian vine this work is not as urgent. Members felt it would not be safe for the Handyman to cut the overgrowth back as it is hanging close to a narrow footpath and could be a safety issue. It was RESOLVED that M J Granger will be asked to provide a quotation for the tree works to be carried out this year and an additional quotation for hedge trimming to be carried out in the next financial year. PROPOSED by Councillor B Thomas, SECONDED by and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. ACTION: Clerk to get quote for pollard willow trees from Reynolds. If quote higher go back to Grangers and take back to full Council.

17/318 **APPROVE EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATE BUDGET FOR SWINGS/SAFETY SURFACING AT ARNOLD REC**

The swings on Proludic quote should have an A frame metal bar half way to stop children running through on junior and toddler swings. ACTION: Clerk to query with Proludic and report back to Council.

17/319 **ALLOTMENT ONE OFF DEPOSIT**

To be deferred to July 2018 meeting.

17/320 **MATTERS ARISING**

Pest control - a complaint has been received from a resident that rats are coming off the allotment into neighbouring garden. A walkabout of the site was carried out and three bait boxes were found. A further five bait boxes have now been set around the outside of the allotment site. ACTION: Clerk to check the pest control contract to establish how many bait boxes are included in the contract.

The Meeting closed at 10.00pm