

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 8.30PM**

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

**Minutes Taken:** Locum Clerk

- 17/256 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Mr D. Gunter and Mr J. Paxton.
- 17/257 **SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None.
- 17/258 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017.**  
PROPOSED by Councillor B. Thomas that the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be approved  
SECONDED by Councillor A. Channon and CARRIED . 1 Abstention.
- 17/259 **MATTERS ARISING** – Mr Sheridan from Hexton Road had raised concerns about the number of rats coming from the allotment into his garden. **ACTION:** Clerk to request information from the Pest Control company on the location of the boxes. Request a site meeting with Councillor Thomas and to clarify when the next inspection is due. The Clerk to contact Mr Sheridan and inform him of the action being taken.
- 17/260 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS OF 9<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Councillor Thomas acknowledged the reports. No faults reported.
- 17/261 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS OF 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER** – Councillor Thomas acknowledged the reports. No faults reported (apart from missing Ski arm)
- 17/262 **TO CONSIDER SAFETY SURFACE QUOTES FOR NORMAN ROAD PLAY AREA** – Councillor B Thomas PROPOSED that the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure for the amount of £1500 Plus VAT be approved. SECONDED by Councillor A Channon and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk to contact Wicksteed to accept the quote and ask how soon the work could be scheduled and how long the play area will be closed.
- 17/263 **UPDATE ON SWING GRANT APPLICATION** – Councillor Davison-Williams confirmed that the Application would be completed once the financial information had been received. **ACTION:** When the form was complete Councillor Davison-Williams would ask the Clerk to circulate it to all members of the Leisure Committee.
- 17/264 **FEEDBACK ON ALLOTMENT SKIP OPENING** – Councillor Thomas reported that it had been very successful. Feedback received from allotment holders was that the skip was not open often enough. They had acknowledged that it could not be left open all the time. It was agreed that unless allotment holders would take responsibility and oversee the skip opening then it could not be opened more regularly.  
**ACTION:** The Spring opening of the skip would be deferred. Councillor Thomas would speak to as many allotment holders as she could to see when would be the best time in Spring to open the skip and whether any of them would be willing to take responsibility for the skip opening.
- 17/265 **ALLOTMENT SKIP TRIP HAZARD** – Councillor Thomas reported that the area around the skip opening was dangerous as the concrete had been broken up and was uneven. She also reported that one of the fence panels had come loose and was propped up by the skip.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk to instruct the Groundsman to put the loose chunks of concrete in the skip and make the area safe either using shingle or soil to level it. Following this temporary repair it would be looked at again for a more permanent solution. To ask the Groundsman to repair the fence panel.
- 17/266 **TO CONSIDER ALLOTMENT ONE OFF DEPOSIT** – Agreed to defer this item.
- 17/267 **ADVERTISING VACANT ALLOTMENTS** – **ACTION:** The Clerk to design a suitable advertisement' (with photographs) to put on the website and in Outlook magazine.
- 17/268 **MAINTENANCE OF VACANT ALLOTMENTS** – Councillor Thomas reported that the vacant allotments should be trimmed every 6 weeks between March and November. **ACTION:** The Clerk to speak to the Groundsman to ask him to ensure that he schedules this in to his workload.
- 17/269 **TO DISCUSS SUGGESTIONS FOR ALLOTMENT PLOT AREAS 56-60** – Councillor Channon Proposed that the Leisure Committee should have a single item committee meeting to discuss this further. Each committee member to come to the meeting with three ideas. Date to be agreed.

**The Meeting closed at 9.10pm**



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