

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTON-LE-CLAY VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors Mr D. Gunter (Chair), Mr L. Davison-Williams (Vice-Chair), Mrs G. Gardner, Mr J Roberts, Mr A Watson, Mrs B. Thomas, Mr A Channon, Mr J Selley, Mr M McNulty.

In Attendance: The Assistant Clerk

Minutes: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

LEISURE

17/434 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mr J Paxton

17/435 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

17/436 MATTERS ARISING - Members requested that the minutes for the Leisure committee meeting held on 15th January 2018 to be authorised in next Leisure committee meeting

17/437 TO CONSIDER/ACTION ALLOTMENT USAGE AND BOUNDARIES

Members were advised that the outer boundary of the allotment site behind properties in Hexton Road is not currently clear and needs to be checked. The office will check the deeds for the site to confirm the boundaries of the allotment site and neighbouring residential properties.

Councillor Channon arrived at 7.40pm

Following complaints from residents regarding vermin which are believed to be coming from the allotment site a review of the pest control contract on the site has been undertaken with three companies being asked to give advice and quotes for regular monthly visits. Two companies have identified a particular area of concern where vermin activity was evident. Councillor Thomas PROPOSED that a letter be sent to the plotheader highlighting the areas which have been identified as encouraging vermin, SECONDED by Councillor Davison-Williams and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

It was further noted that a large pile of wood/rubbish has been dumped in the conservation area, this provides a habitat for vermin and should be removed. **ACTION:** Groundsman to be asked to move the wood/rubbish to the skip when appropriate space is available. Councillor Thomas PROPOSED that the office write to all tenants requesting that they do not dump any non-compostable rubbish and remind them of the tenancy rules particularly concerning the wild area. Any rubbish should be removed from the allotment site as per the tenancy agreement, SECONDED by Councillor Gunter and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. **ACTION:** Letter to be sent to all plotheaders reminding them of the allotment tenancy rules regarding the disposal of rubbish on the site.

17/438 TO CONSIDER PEST CONTROL QUOTATIONS

The office contacted 3 pest control companies to provide quotations and seek advice following reports of vermin on site. Two companies have provided quotations (Swiftclear and BTP Environmental Services) which were circulated to Members prior to the meeting. It was noted that neither quote included the supply of bait boxes and this would be an additional cost. **ACTION:** Assistant Clerk to contact both companies asking how many bait boxes are needed on the site, full costings to be provided at the next committee meeting. Assistant Clerk to check what notice period is required with the current contractor.

17/439 REDEVELOPMENT OF ALLOTMENT PLOTS 56 - 61

Councillor Channon gave a recap and update on the previous committee meeting held on 15th January 2018. The committee are keen to create a Barton Heritage Garden on plots 56 - 61.

Proposed timescales, Autumn 2018 the area will be dug, levelled then sowed and grassed. Mr Horner will be looking at the site shortly to advise what work needs to be undertaken to level and grass the area, he will then provide a quote. The committee will identify what trees/shrubs are on site and will be retained, also what areas will be planted with bulbs. Once identified a document with plan of works will be created.

Councillor Selley arrived 8.10pm

17/440 TO CONSIDER DONATION FROM BARTON CONSERVATION GROUP

Barton Conservation Group have offered a donation of £500.00 to the Parish Council for use in the play areas. Members were delighted to hear of the offer and Councillor Thomas PROPOSED that the donation be put towards the replacement swings project, SECONDED by Councillor Gardner and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. The donation will be acknowledged on the notice board and details of the donation included in the next Council newsletter and blog. It is hoped that this will also raise awareness of the group and boost their numbers. **ACTION:** Assistant Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Barton Conservation Group advising what the donation will be used for.

17/441 TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR SAFETY SURFACE OR BARK FOR AEROSKATE EQUIPMENT AND APPROVE COSTS

Councillor Thomas advised that the wooden surround that is retaining the bark under play equipment is damaged and needs attention. A quotation has been received from Proludic for replacement swings at Arnold Recreation Ground, this also includes works to the bark area. It was unclear whether the removal of bark and replacement wet pour under the Aeroskate equipment was included in the quote, Members did not feel that grassing the area would be sufficient and wet pour would be required. Members requested clarification from Proludic as to whether the removal of bark and replace with wet pour is included and requested additional quotation for the safety surface.

17/442 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA - None

Ends 8.25pm

PLANNING

17/443 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mr J Paxton

17/444 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

17/445 MATTERS ARISING - None

17/446 UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED/GRANTED

Councillor Davison-Williams advised that the application for The Bull (2 houses) has been granted.

17/447 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

Councillor Gardener advised that one of the properties in application 55-57 Hexton Road is currently un-occupied, she also advised that Arnold Academy Enforcement Notice has been closed. The notice was issued as there were no wheel washing facilities on the site and mud was being brought out onto the road, this has now been rectified.

17/448 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CB/18/00272/FULL: 9 Brookend Drive Single storey rear extension - No comment



CB/18/00475/FULL: 73 Osborn Road: Construction of an external open porch to the front door and installation of render to the ground floor front extension - No comment

17/449 TO APPROVE THE PARISH COUNCIL'S FORMAL RESPONSE TO CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILS LOCAL PLAN

The Parish Council has commissioned a Local Planning Consultant to look at the proposed sites for Barton. A copy of the Consultants draft response was circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Following much discussion a number of additional points were highlighted by Members and added to the draft response. Councillor Gardner PROPOSED that the Assistant Clerk submit the revisions to the Planning Consultant, once amended circulate to all Councillors for final approval of the Parish Councils formal response, SECONDED by Councillor Gunter and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

17/450 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

Meeting Closed at 9.50pm

