

**MINUTES OF POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF
BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 9.21PM**

Present: Councillors, Mr D. Gunter (Chair), Mr L. Davison-Williams (Vice-Chair), Mrs B. Thomas, Mr J Paxton & Mrs G Gardner

In attendance: Mrs C Callen (Clerk) and Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

- 18/216 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Mr A Channon and Mr J Selley
- 18/217 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None.
- 18/218 MATTERS ARISING** – None
- 18/219 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE P&R COMMITTEE HELD ON 18th JUNE 2018.**
Councillor Gunter **PROPOSED** approval of the P&R minutes held 18th June 2018, **SECONDED** by Cllr Thomas, 4 in Favour 1 abstention.
- 18/220 REVIEW OF TELECOMS SERVICE PROVIDER AND SERVICE**
The Parish Office telecoms service is due for review as at 21st October 2018. A quote has been provided for BT Cloud Phone on a 5year contract. The Current monthly cost is £164.88 against a new monthly cost of £87.20, resulting in a saving of c£900 per annum. Councillor Gunter **PROPOSED** the approval to move the telecoms service across to BT Cloud Phone service, **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.
- 18/221 TO RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVE NEW CONTRACT FOR BRITISH GAS ELECTRIC SUPPLY FOR THE SPORTS PAVILION**
Councillor Gunter **PROPOSED** retrospective approval of cost for the renewal of the electricity supply contract at the Sports Pavilion which expires on 3rd October 2018. A quote for British Gas to continue to provide supply for the next 3years at 40.99p/day (previously 49.00p/day) Standing Charge and 15.76p/kWh (previously 14.634p/kWh) Unit charge. This proposal was **SECONDED** by Councillor Davison-Williams and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.
- 18/222 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE COUNCILS INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR 2018/19**
At the time of the meeting, only one quote had been received from Inspire (AXA) for £4528.63. The current insurance cover expires on 1st October 2018. Therefore, it was agreed that on this occasion, the members of the committee would approve the cover once the full information pack has been received from Came and Co this week and that retrospective approval would be sought at the next Full Council meeting.
- 18/223 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ERECTION AND REMOVAL OF THE ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE ON LIME CLOSE**
The Barton Christmas Lights Group wish to erect a Christmas tree on the corner of Bedford Road and Manor Road, on land owned by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). Members considered CBC's request that the Parish Council takes responsibility for the erection and removal of the tree. The Christmas Lights Group have provided an image of the proposed tree and are obtaining suitable risk assessments and method statements from the company supplying the tree. Councillor Davison-Williams **PROPOSED** that the request from Central Bedfordshire Council is accepted, subject to satisfactory receipt of the additional assessments, **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.
- 18/224 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**
An update was sought regarding the Councils proposed Christmas Tree, following clarity from the suppliers on the proposed locations. Feedback from the suppliers was that vandalism and weather conditions should be considered, given the locations on Bedford Road in the centre of the village. This item is to be put on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting.

Menus and suggested dates for the Parish Council Christmas meal to be obtained by the Clerks for consideration at the October Council meeting.

ACTION – Clerk to investigate suitable options.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

