

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 21st JANUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Attendees: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chair), Mr A Channon (Vice-Chair), Mrs G Gardner, Mr J Paxton

In attendance: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs S Cowie

18/432 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr D Gunter and Mr L Davison-Williams

18/433 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none.

18/434 MATTERS ARISING

Barton Conservation Group recently cut back hedges in the Norman Road play area but advise that there is still more work to be done which they are happy to carry out. Members were grateful for the offer and asked that the date for the works be confirmed and advertised as soon as possible. The Assistant Clerk reported that the allotment hedge bordering the Village hall had now been cut.

18/435 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2018

A copy of the minutes was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018, **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Channon arrived at 7.34pm.

18/436 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WEEKLY PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The Norman Road play area inspection of 11th January was acknowledged by members. Councillor Channon reported that there is moss on the safety surface, members asked the Assistant Clerk to investigate how this can be treated. The Arnold Recreation Ground playground inspections of 11th January and 14th January were acknowledged. The fitness equipment inspection of 11th January was acknowledged. All was in order.

18/437 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE ADDITIONAL EAR MARKED RESERVE ALLOCATION

Members considered whether they wished to request additional funds from the general reserves for projects within the leisure committee. Two areas were highlighted; potential installation of additional play equipment at Arnold Recreation Ground and fencing/security of the allotment site boundaries. Following discussion Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** an total of £15,000 additional funding be requested. £10,000 for playground and fitness equipment enhancements and £5,000 for allotment security. The proposal was **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. Request to be discussed by Full Council in February 2019.

18/438 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE LMG MOBILE WELDING FOR REPAIR OF GATE INTO CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA IN ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND

The quotation for welding repairs to the gate into Arnold Recreation Ground play area was unavailable at the time of the meeting. Quotation to be considered at the next meeting.

18/439 TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR REPLACEMENT KISSING GATE FROM CHURCH ROAD TO ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND AND APPROVE COSTS

The wooden kissing gate at the entrance to Arnold Recreation Ground from Church Road is currently open as the post is damaged. At the previous committee meeting in December

members considered installing a motorbike inhibitor but asked the office to investigate alternative barriers/gates, more in keeping with the surroundings. A number of replacement barrier/gate options were considered by members. Members acknowledged that the surface in that area is very boggy during the winter months and agreed that suitable matting at the entrance to the recreation ground should be installed. Following much discussion, Councillor Channon **PROPOSED** that the wooden post to the existing kissing gate should be replaced, surfacing installed and advice be sought from BATPC regarding the legalities regarding accessibility for all users, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

18/440 TO CONSIDER REPLANTING OF FELL TREE(S) IN ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND

At the committee meeting on 5th December members asked the Assistant Clerk to seek advice regarding the planting of replacement trees in Arnold Recreation Ground. Following advice it was confirmed that the silverbirch trees had failed due to lack of water. A resident who grows trees has a number of species ready for planting, and following discussion it was agreed that a hornbeam would be the preferred species. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** that the offer of one hornbeam be accepted, **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to check the availability of the Hornbeam, tree to be planted in between the existing lime trees.**

18/441 TO CONSIDER EXTENDING PLAY AREA IN ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND AND INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT

Members discussed the possibility of installing additional play equipment in the fenced play area of Arnold Recreation Ground. It was noted that the land owner is the Barton Educational Trust. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** that a letter should be forwarded to Barton Educational Trust requesting expansion to the fenced off play area by 5m width to incorporate additional play equipment. The proposal was **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to draft letter to Barton Educational Trust.**

18/442 TO CONSIDER AN OPEN DAY AT THE ALLOTMENTS

There are currently a number of empty allotments available to let. Members considered holding an Open Day on the site, to encourage residents to view the site and consider working a plot. Any Open Day would need to be supervised by the Parish Council, with information on the plots available and costs available on the day. It was felt that an Open Day was a good idea although concerns were raised regarding the security of the site and condition of empty plots, it was noted that current tenants would need to be consulted before going ahead. Following much discussion it was agreed that an advert would be included in the Newsletter, this topic should be discussed at a later date. **ACTION: Allotments advert to be include in Newsletter, item to be discussed again once the response from the Newsletter is known.**

18/443 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA - none

Meeting ended 8.54pm