

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021
ONLINE, VIA ZOOM, AT 7.33PM

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Vice-Chairman), Mrs G Gardner, Mr J Selley, Mr J Roberts, Mr S Laycock, Mrs V Jones, Mr J Paxton, Mr N Day and Mr A Channon

In Attendance: Mrs C Callen (Clerk), Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Central Bedfordshire Councillor Shingler, PC619 A Parsons & 3 members of public

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – There were none.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th MAY 2019**
Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of 13th May 2019, **SECONDED** by Councillor Channon with **7 in favour and 1 abstention**.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** –
The Clerk advised the Public that the Annual Parish Meeting due to be held in 2020 had been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
4. **REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR (2020/21)**
The Parish Council's Vice-Chairman presented her report. The report was included in the Annual Report document, page 3. A copy of the full report was previously circulated to Members and will be published on the Council Website, along with the presentation slides, following the meeting. There were no questions and no further comments made.
5. **COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORTS FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR (2020/21)**
Presentation slides of the reports for each Committee were delivered online by the Chair/Vice-Chair of each committee. Those present were advised that the Chair-persons committee reports were included in the Annual Report: Burial Grounds, page 6; Highways & Environment, page 7; Leisure, page 8; Planning & Horticultural Show, page 5; Sports field, page 9; Policies & Resources, page 10 and Pay & Personnel on page 11. There were no questions and no further comments made.

Councillor Gardner joined at 7.50pm.

6. **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**
Barton-le-Clay Educational Trust – Councillor Thomas presented the report for the Trust as detailed on page 14 of the Council's Annual Report. There were no questions and no further comments made.
Barton-le-Clay Village Hall Committee – Councillor Roberts presented the report for the Committee as detailed on page 15 of the Council's Annual Report. There were no questions and no further comments made.
Schools Liaison – Councillor Day presented the report as detailed on page 14 of the Council's Annual Report. There were no questions and no further comments made.
7. **PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020/2021**
Councillor Thomas presented the preliminary financial figures for the last financial year. The Financial Summary was included in the Council's Annual Report 2020/21, pages 12 and 13. There were no questions and no further comments made.
8. **OPEN FORUM**
PC619 Parsons from the Operation Meteor Team at Bedfordshire Police raised the issue of nuisance motorbikes and quad bikes accessing the land at the top of Lovers Walk (the 'caves'), bridleway, Devil's Pit and neighbouring farmland. Residents present also shared their concerns regarding this issue. Damage has been seen to crops and the woodland. PC Parsons requested the support of the Parish Council to publicise the role of his team and encourage reporting of any bikes seen in these areas. Members agreed to discuss follow-up actions at the next Highways & Environment Committee meeting.
9. **CLOSE OF MEETING**
As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.38pm

I certify these minutes are a true and correct record of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021.

Dated this 9th May 2022

COUNCILLOR B THOMAS, Chairman