

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 COMMENCING AT 8.55 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chair), Mrs G Gardner, Mrs A Vale  
**Attending:** Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)  
**Minutes Taken by:** Mrs S Cowie

**22/096 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillor Willowfield

**22/097 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared

**22/098 MATTERS ARISING**

The date for the Allotment Competition judging has been organised. The winner will be awarded their prize and trophy at the Horticultural Show.

Bedfordshire Bonsai Club have agreed to have a stall at the Show and will bring along a selection of bonsai for display.

**22/099 TO APPROVE THE VILLAGE HALL HIRE COSTS**

Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** approval of the cost of £253 to hire the Village Hall for the Show. The cost includes set up on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> as well as the Show day, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Councillor Thomas **SECONDED** the proposal and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/100 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE COST TO PURCHASE A TROPHY FOR THE WINNER OF THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND TO APPROVE THE COST TO ENGRAVE THE ALLOTMENT WINNER'S CUP**

Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** approval of the purchase of a 6½" Star gold coloured trophy for the winner of the Children's section, at a cost of £10.45 to include engraving from TrophyToo. Councillor Vale **SECONDED** the proposal and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Gardner then **PROPOSED** approval of the cost of £20 (inclusive of VAT) for TrophyToo to engrave the Allotment Competition Winner's name on the Perpetual Cup, **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/101 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF BAMBOO STICKS FOR USE AT THE SHOW**

Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** approval of the purchase of 100 24" bamboo canes from Amazon at a cost of £15.98 for use at the Show. Councillor Thomas **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/102 TO APPROVE THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW FLOAT**

Councillor Thomas raised concerns over the availability and use of cash at the event. The Parish Council does not currently have the facility to take card payments so it was decided that it should be advertised that the event is cash/cheque only on posters nearer the time.

Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** a Show float amount of £420.00 which is the same amount as the last show in 2019, **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/103 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL'S SAFER CENTRAL TEAM AND TO HAVE A STALL AT THE SHOW**

The Safer Central team have indicated that they may be able to hold a drop-in session to offer advice and information at the Show. Members were happy to invite Safer Central to join the event, however as space within the Hall is limited any stalls would need to be located outside.

**22/104 TO CONSIDER THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2022 SHOW, REVIEW OF TIMELINE AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS**

The Show Timeline was reviewed, everything is on track within the agreed timescales. The level of volunteers needed are still to be secured.

Councillor Vale confirmed that she and one other will be available to help set up the hall on Friday evening and will be available to help on the day. Councillor Thomas confirmed that she has a volunteer to organise the winners' prizes and will provide a PA system for use at the auction and can play background music during the event.

Regarding the auction, three volunteers will be needed – the auctioneer, a runner and person to take the cash. Councillor Paxton was suggested to act as auctioneer, the Assistant Clerk was asked to check his availability.

The Assistant Clerk asked for assistance delivering raffle prize requests to local businesses. The letters will be ready for delivery later that week.

Councillor Gardner will check whether the Women's Institute are available to help serving refreshments and will run through the Timeline with the Assistant Clerk shortly.

**22/105 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only -**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August, during the daytime, subject to members availability.

The meeting closed at 9.59 pm