

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 30th JANUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 8.42 PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Vice-chair), Mrs A Vale
Attending: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Councillor Mrs A Fletcher
Minutes Taken by: Mrs S Cowie

22/438 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Gardner and Widdowfield.
The meeting was declared inquorate.

Councillors present went on to discuss the Show and agreed that all decisions would be deferred to the February Full Council meeting.

It was noted that the growing season has been finishing earlier and the availability of produce has affected the number of entries in recent years.

It was felt that it would be wise to consider bringing the Show date forward and the weekend of 15th July or 19th August should be investigated further. The Show Schedule would be reviewed at a later date, once the date has been agreed.

It was felt that the Show should be updated and widened to appeal to a larger audience. The Barton Village Show was suggested as a new title and it could encompass the Produce Show as well as stalls, utilising the Hall and outside areas.

Central Bedfordshire Councils Safer Central team and their partners are keen to take part as well as the Lower and Middle School who have made suggestions for the Children's classes. Barton Pre-school indicated that they would like to coincide the Scarecrow Trail with the Show.

The Assistant Clerk was asked to check the availability of the Village Hall for all dates mentioned and contact the judges to establish their availability. The Show, Committee membership and all comments and suggestions should be discussed at the February Full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.34 pm