

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BARTON VILLAGE SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 16TH OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillors G Gardner (Chairman), J Mikkelson (Vice-Chairman), B Thomas, A Vale and A Tebb

Attending: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes Taken by: Mrs S Cowie

23/236 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Paxton, Day and Fletcher.

23/237 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.

23/238 MATTERS ARISING

Councillors Paxton, Thomas and the Assistant Clerk had visited Ramsey Manor Lower School on 10th October to view the Lego model entries which had sadly not made it to the Show due to staff illness. Following judging, the first and second prize winners were chosen and certificates were awarded to all the children who participated in recognition of their efforts.

23/239 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th JUNE 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2023 were reviewed, there were no queries. Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes, **SECONDED** by Councillor Mikkelson with **3 in favour and 2 abstentions as they were not present**. The minutes were approved.

23/240 TO CONSIDER FEEDBACK AND ANALYSIS OF THE 2023 SHOW

Members analysed the number of class entries, income, and expenditure and the feedback received from the judges, entrants, and visitors. Whilst the Council were pleased to have been able to donate funds from the raffle to charity and had not made a charge for children's entries this year, they acknowledged that this had impacted the overall figures and should be taken into account when setting budgets for 2024.

The feedback received from the Community Groups who had fundraising stalls had been positive and CBC's Safer Central, Police, Fire Brigade, Age Concern and Street Watch had reported particularly good engagement with the community.

It was disappointing to see that the level of entries was lower than previous years, and despite significant time being spent engaging with the schools, the library and uniformed organisations, the number of entries in the children's classes was very low. Despite this everyone agreed that the Show had been a success overall and there was a brief discussion on ideas to attract more of the community.

Members recognise that the village is changing and this should be reflected in future events. The next Newsletter will be delivered to households early in November and the Assistant Clerk was asked to include an article on the 2024 Show.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to include article in the next Newsletter

23/241 TO CONSIDER THE 2024 SHOW AND AGREE ACTIONS

A number of suggestions for classes had been put forward and were briefly discussed. It was agreed that the sub-committee should meet again, late November to consider feedback from residents and the 2024 Show.

23/242 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

Meeting ended at 8.44 pm