

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON
MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors Mrs G. Gardner (Chair), Mrs B. Thomas (Vice-Chair), Councillor L Davison-Williams (ex-officio) and Mr A. Low (volunteer).

In Attendance Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs S Cowie

19/208 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

19/209 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

19/210 MATTERS ARISING - None

19/211 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HORTICULTURE SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20TH AUGUST 2019

Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 20th August 2019, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

19/212 DE-BRIEF ON THIS YEAR'S SHOW

All agreed that the show had been well received and attended and is regarded as being a good Horticultural show. Those present were asked for their feedback on the event and a number of suggestions were made;

Suggestions included the use of canes between the classes to clearly define class entries, now that new niches to the correct size have been purchased the committee could look into reusing the old ones for class number 89. It was noted that there were very few entries from allotment tenants this year. Councillor Thomas confirmed that she will speak to tenants and encourage them to enter produce in next year's show, an incentive may also be considered. There was a suggestion that the door fee should be increased however it was agreed that it is at the correct level and it is important not to deter people from visiting the show and taking part. The judges and helpers on the day were asked to give feedback; suggestions so far were that the children's photographic section could include photographs taken on a smart phone and to enable the auction to run quickly and smoothly produce could be grouped together rather than individual lots prior to the start of the auction.

The date of the Show falls at the end of the summer school holidays and many families and groups are away during this time. The level of entries in the children's section was good this year however to encourage more entrants next year the committee will consider additional classes which can be made in advance. The layout of the hall/Show was discussed including seating for refreshments/ general seating area, possible positions for the photographic and children's section and where the winners should collect their prize money from. There was a shortage of tables on the day, the Assistant Clerk was asked to look into the possibility of borrowing tables for next year's event.

19/213 TO CONSIDER THE DATE FOR THE 2020 SHOW

The Show will be held on Saturday 12th September 2020. Assistant Clerk to check availability with the Village Hall.

19/214 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

None

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm