

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 8.14 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chair), Ms G Widdowfield (Vice-chair), Mrs G Gardner, Mrs A Vale, Mrs A Fletcher, Mr S Laycock

**Attending:** Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Mrs C Callen (Clerk), Councillor Mr J Paxton

**Minutes Taken by:** Mrs S Cowie

**22/311 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none, all were in attendance.

**22/312 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none declared.

**22/313 MATTERS ARISING**

Re: **Minute point 276.2** The allotment security fencing and gates are on order and should be installed before Christmas.

Re: **Minute point 22/219** The Groundsman has trimmed back branches overhanging allotment number 2a as agreed.

The Assistant Clerk is meeting with Barton Countryside Conservation on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the upcoming hedge replanting in the allotments.

**22/314 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

It was noted that under Attendance, A Vale should read Mrs A Vale. There were no other queries on the minutes. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale with **4 in favour and 2 abstentions**. The minutes were approved.

**22/315 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF THE PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT**

The inspections of the Norman Road and Arnold Recreation Ground Play Areas and Fitness Equipment undertaken by the Groundsman on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November were acknowledged. Everything was in order.

**21/316 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE QUOTATION FOR TREE WORK AT THE ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the quotation from Reynolds Landscaping to raise the canopy of the tree at the entrance to the allotment site, at a cost of £110.00 + VAT. Councillor Widdowfield **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/317 REVIEW OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2022/23 AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DRAFT BUDGETS FOR 2023/24**

The expenditure for 2022/23 was reviewed. In Arnold Recreation Ground, new signage had been installed and repairs carried out to play/fitness equipment and fencing. Hedge and tree work will take place shortly and work to the allotment bank and installation of new security fencing and gates is in progress. Although the Horticultural Show had been cancelled following HM The Queens death, there had been some spend from the budget. The majority of items will be used at next year's Show.

Budgets for 2023/24 allow for a 10% increase in grounds maintenance costs, and additional funds towards Park Gates and Allotment boundary Fencing.

Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2023/24 Leisure and Horticultural Show Income and Expenditure budgets, with a £15,791 committee precept. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Fletcher and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/318 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only**

Councillors were reminded of the meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am to consider suitable locations for benches within the Arnold Recreation Ground.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm