

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 8.44PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chair), Mr A Channon (Vice-chair), Mr J Paxton,
Mr L Davison-Williams (ex-officio)

Attending: Mrs C Callen (Parish Clerk)

Minutes Taken by: Mrs C Callen

18/518 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Mr D Gunter and Mrs G Gardner

18/519 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

18/520 MATTERS ARISING

The former Tree Warden advised that one of the small trees planted a few years ago in Arnold Recreation Ground, near the Washbrook Close entrance, was dead. This was confirmed by the Groundsman and it has now been removed.

Following the success in obtaining a grant from The National Lottery Awards for All Community Fund, the new swings for Arnold Recreation Ground Play Area have been ordered and a date for installation is awaited. Councillor Channon requested a copy of the award notification so that he can consider how best to start to publicise the Grant success.

The Conservation Group will be carrying out hedge cutting in Norman Road Play Area on Saturday 23rd February. The area will be closed whilst the works are carried out between 9am and 1pm.

18/521 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2019

Councillor Channon requested an amendment to 18.439 to state that agreement was to 'investigate alternative replacement surface' rather than install. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the amended minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 21st January, **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton with **3 members in favour and 1 abstention**.

18/522 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF THE PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The Fitness Equipment inspection of 11th February was acknowledged by members. Councillor Thomas reported that the rubber handle is missing from the Cross Rider. A Quote to replace the handle has been obtained from Caloo at a cost of £4.60 plus VAT each and delivery cost of £3.80. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** the purchase of two replacement handles from Caloo at a cost of £9.20 Plus VAT and delivery, **SECONDED** by Councillor Channon and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

The Arnold Recreation Ground Playground inspection of 11th February was acknowledged. The Clerk provided an update regarding the outstanding works required. The Norman Road Play Area inspection of the 8th February was acknowledged. All was in order.

Councillor Davison-Williams left the room.

18/523 CONSIDER/APPROVE QUOTATION FOR WELDING GATE BRACKET, ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Project Metalcraft have assessed the repairs needed to the gate into the children's play area at Arnold Recreation Ground. They have advised that the post needed to be reset. The Groundsman has now reset the post but advises that the gate bracket now needs to be cut off and re-welded. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** the verbal quote from Project Metalcraft to carry out the welding work at £60 plus VAT be approved. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Channon and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. Councillor Thomas also **PROPOSED** retrospective approval of the purchase of two bags of concrete, totalling £10.34 on the Groundsman's expenses, to undertake the resetting of the post. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Channon and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Davison-Williams returned to the room.

18/524 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE QUOTATION FOR REPLACEMENT POST AND SURFACE MATTING OF KISSING GATE AT ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND

Barton Countryside Conservation had previously offered to install a replacement gate with matting at no cost. Following the committees decision to keep the existing gate and replace the post and install matting, the Conservation Group have now withdrawn their offer as it will not conform to the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). They are seeking advice from CBC's Rights of Way Officer.

In the meantime, advice has been sought from BATPC confirming that to change the gate would not be considered reasonable adjustment as there is another entrance which is compliant.

Two contractors were asked to quote for the works required but only one has so far been received. Councillor Davison-Williams requested that the Groundsman be asked to check if spare rubber matting is still available in the allotment shed. Members agreed to obtain at least one other quote and then to discuss costings further at the next meeting.

18/525 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PPM PEST CONTROL INSPECTION

The latest inspection took place on 24th January. This highlighted rat activity on the right hand side of the allotments with evidence of bait being taken. Mouse activity evident in other areas. All baits were replaced where needed. No further action required at present with the next visit due in March. PPM to continue to bait and inspect, with the Assistant Clerk present on site during their visits.

18/526 UPDATE ON HERITAGE GARDEN, ALLOTMENT SITE

Mr Horner has removed the tree at the entrance to the area, to allow access for the tractors. Once the weather conditions improve, he will plough the site in readiness for planting. The Groundsman will check the access road to the Doctors Surgery once the ploughing has been done, to ensure any mud is removed. Layout planning for the area is to be discussed at a future meeting.

18/527 TO CONSIDER SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE SKIP

At a previous meeting, members agreed that the skip facility at the allotments should be withdrawn from the allotment holders and the skip re-located for use by the Parish Council only. It was agreed that this agenda item be taken to the next Policies & Resources Committee meeting for further discussion on a suitable location and size of skip.

18/528 CONSIDER ACTION PLAN FOR WILD AREA IN ALLOTMENTS

Members agreed that they needed to look at the area in question before they could formulate a plan for the way forward. An on-site Committee meeting is to be scheduled for Monday 29th April, where all councillors will be invited to view the area and voice their ideas.

18/529 CONSIDER FENCING/SECURITY OF ALLOTMENT SITE PERIMETERS

As above, members agreed that they needed to look at the area in question before they could agree a way forward. An on-site Committee meeting is to be scheduled for Monday 29th April, where all councillors will be invited to view the area and consider the options.

18/530 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm