

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE  
ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019 COMMENCING AT 8.22pm**

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

**Attending:** Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

**Minutes Taken by:** Mrs S Cowie

**18/595 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Mr D Gunter and Mrs G Gardner

**18/596 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**18/597 MATTERS ARISING**

The pre-installation for replacement swings and surfacing at Arnold Recreation Ground took place on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Councillor Thomas and the Assistant Clerk were in attendance. The installation will take around 1 week to install, start date to be advised. During the installation the play area will be closed, a request has been made the installation does not take place during the school Easter holidays. In addition to the replacement swings and surfacing, the wooden uprights surrounding the swings may need to be removed or repaired as they also show signs of cracking. The contractor has been asked to provide a quote for this additional work.

Minute point 18/520 Councillor Thomas carried out an inspection of the Norman Road play area and advised members that the Conservation Group have done an excellent job cutting back the hedgerow. A letter of thanks has already been sent to the group. She reported there is one area of fencing which is damaged, this should be addressed and the willows will not need pollarding this year as they were cut back hard previously. Councillor Channon asked for the Horticultural Show schedule and poster be sent to him, this will be forwarded to the Brownie leader.

**18/598 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**  
Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Leisure committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**18/599 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF THE PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT**

The inspection of Norman Road play area undertaken on 8.3.19 was acknowledged. All was in order. The inspection of Arnold Recreation Ground on 12.3.19 was acknowledge. The gate hinge and seat by the basketball net were highlighted by the Groundsman, this work is in progress and should be completed soon. The inspection of the Fitness equipment on 12.3.19 was acknowledged. Everything was in order.

**18/600 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

At the Full Council meeting on 11.3.19 it was agreed that amendment should be made to minute point 18/568. The revised minutes were considered by members. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes however only two of the sub-committee members were present so approval was not possible as the committee was not quorate. Approval of minutes to be added to the next committee meeting.

**18/601 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE QUOTATION FOR REPLACEMENT POST OF KISSING GATE AT ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND AND CONSIDER INSTALLING SURFACE MATTING AT GATE ENTRANCE**

The Assistant Clerk advised that she had spoken to Central Bedfordshire Council's Rights of Way Officer regarding the replacement gate post and he has now confirmed that the current gate is not compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act. It was agreed that further advice should be sought and the item revisited once quotations for a suitable, compliant replacement are available.

**18/602 TO APPROVE COST FOR ANNUAL ROSPA INSPECTION AND CONSIDER/APPROVE COST FOR GROUNDSMAN TO ACCOMPANY THE INSPECTOR**

Notification has been received from Play Safety that the annual ROSPA inspection of Arnold Recreation Ground play area, Fitness Equipment and Norman Road play area will be carried out in

May. Cost this year will be £230.00 + VAT. In addition to the inspection costs, members agreed it would be beneficial for the Groundsman to accompany the Inspector, as previous years. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of annual inspection cost of £230.00 + VAT plus the additional cost of £42.00 + VAT for the Groundsman to accompany the Inspector. This proposal was **SECONDED** by Councillor Channon and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**18/603 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE COST FOR MATERIALS TO REPAIR BENCH BY BASKETBALL NET IN ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND**

The Groundsman has confirmed that he is able to repair the bench by the basketball net in Arnold Recreation Ground, cost of materials: wooden slats £81.97, bolts £17.60. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the cost of £99.57 + VAT for materials,, **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**18/604 TO CONSIDER ACTION PLAN FOR NEW HERITAGE GARDEN AT THE ALLOTMENT SITE**

Members were asked to put forward their suggestions for the area at the onsite meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April. **ACTION:** office to check how much is available in the ear marked reserve for this project.

**18/605 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.51 pm