

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE  
ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 8.44 pm**

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

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

**Minutes Taken by:** Mrs S Cowie

**19/315 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Mrs V Jones and Mr N Day

**19/316 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**19/317 MATTERS ARISING**

**19/318 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Leisure committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> July **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

**19/319 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF THE PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT**

The inspection of the Norman Road play area undertaken on 12<sup>th</sup> October was acknowledged, everything was in order

The inspection of Arnold Recreation Ground on 15<sup>th</sup> October reported graffiti on the pod swing and roundabout. The Groundsman has removed all graffiti, everything else was in order.

The Fitness Equipment inspection of 15<sup>th</sup> October was acknowledged. Everything was in order.

**19/320 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE RESPONSE TO THE VILLAGE HALL'S LETTER REGARDING ACCESS TO THE NEW GREEN SPACE**

The Item was deferred. **ACTION: Councillor Davison-Williams to look at Deeds for the land before a response is agreed.**

**19/321 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PPM PEST MANAGEMENT INSPECTION OF 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

During the inspection very low levels of mouse activity and a high amount of slug and snail bait activity were recorded. The next inspection will take place in November.

**19/322 TO CONSIDER NEW ALLOTMENT TENANTS REQUEST FOR SMALL TOOL SHED**

The item was deferred as details of the request had not been received from the tenant.

**19/323 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE QUOTATION TO REPAIR CHAIN LINK FENCE AT NORMAN ROAD PLAY AREA**

Quotations from Reynolds Landscaping and M.J.Granger were considered. Following discussion it was agreed that members would look at the area of fencing to be replaced and revisit the quotation at the next meeting.

**19/324 TO CONSIDER QUOTATION FOR REPLACEMENT SIGNAGE AT NORMAN ROAD PLAY AREA**

The current signage at the Norman Road play area is outdated with incorrect information. Quotations from Signs Express and Metrosigns for a replacement metal sign were considered however members agreed that the wording should be drafted before approving any quotation. **ACTION: Councillor Thomas to provide wording, draft sign to be agreed by the committee at the next meeting.**

Councillor Channon left the meeting at 9.16 pm

**19/325 TO ACKNOWLEDGE FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENTS ON THE PLAY FACILITIES**

Following the Parish Council's October Newsletter a number of suggestions on play equipment have been received from residents. Members acknowledged the suggestions and asked the Assistant Clerk to research the costings, including options for providing shade in the Arnold Rec play area. Item to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

**19/326 UPDATE ON TEMPORARY SKATE RAMP**

Details from Kings Ramps were provided to members. They provide temporary skate ramps and offer a range of packages and budgets. Members agreed that there is a need for equipment/an area for older children within the village. Councillor Paxton reported that he is impressed with the youth facilities offered in Arlesey and asked the Assistant Clerk to look into this further. The Parish Council have in the past years provided activities for children including the provision of a skate ramp. The interest in this had proved minimal and feedback from the children was that it was boring.

**ACTION: Assistant Clerk to provide further quotes for skate ramps suitable for older children and speak to Arlesey Town Council regarding the youth facilities they provide.**

**19/327 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE REQUEST TO USE ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND FOR COMMUNITY EVENT**

Barton Christmas Lights committee requested permission to hold a Family Fun Day/Community event at Arnold Recreation Ground in 2020. The committee were supportive of the request but felt more information was needed before consent could be granted. The committee will discuss the request further once more information on the event is available.

**19/328 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

A resident of Norman Road asked the committee to consider installing an additional gate in the alleyway leading to the Norman Road play area to prevent children running out of the play area and into the road. Although the land is not owned by the Parish Council members agreed that this safety issue should be forwarded to Central Bedfordshire Council's Highways representative for consideration. There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm