

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 1st NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chair), Mrs G Gardner, Mr S Laycock, Mrs A Miller,
Mr J Paxton

Attending: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes Taken by: Mrs S Cowie

21/293 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Channon.

21/294 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors Laycock and Miller declared an interest in items 21/298 – 21/3014 as they are both allotment tenants.

21/295 MATTERS ARISING

The replacement seats for the gyro spiral and zip wire in Arnold Recreation Ground have been fitted.

Minute point 21/151. The Assistant Clerk has requested confirmation of which repairs carried out on the fitness equipment.

Information on a date for the installation of the table tennis table is still outstanding. The Assistant Clerk will request an update.

Minute point 21/156 Councillor Thomas reported that the play area entrance gates are not closing correctly and asked for the item to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Minute point 21/161 An update on hedge cutting in the allotments was provided. The Assistant Clerk is liaising with the contractor over the work required this year.

21/296 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 6th September **SECONDED** by Councillor Miller with 4 in favour and 1 abstention. The minutes were approved.

21/297 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF THE PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The inspections of the Norman Road Play Area, Arnold Recreation Ground Play Area and Fitness Equipment undertaken by the Groundsman on 12th, 19th and 25th October were acknowledged.

On 12th October the Groundsman reported having to clear bonfire debris in the fitness equipment area and the bolts on the multi-play ladder in Norman Road had been tightened. Everything else was in order.

21/298 UPDATE ON ACCESS TO ALLOTMENT PLOTS 7 – 11 AND TO AGREE ACTIONS

Following the onsite meeting on 10th September members agreed that a pathway should be cleared to provide access to lower plots numbers 7 to 11 with access from either end. A small number of tenants have items within the pathway which would need to be relocated within their plot boundary. Members felt that the bank also needed attention and this should be tackled at the same time with advice and suitable schemes investigated. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to seek quotes.**

21/299 UPDATE ON THE ALLOTMENTS CENTRAL ROADWAY AND TO AGREE ACTION

Following the onsite meeting on 10th September members agreed that the roadway should be levelled off and surfaced. The Assistant Clerk had sought guidance from Central Bedfordshire Council's Planning Department on the surfacing options but a response had not yet been received. It would be beneficial to tackle the central roadway and access pathway as one project. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to seek advice and quotations for discussion.**

21/300 TO CONSIDER THE ALLOTMENT WILD AREA AND TO AGREE ACTIONS

The wild area was cleared some years ago by the Barton Conservation Group however it is now overgrown and not all areas are accessible. The area suffers with fly tipping and as it is very wet it is not suitable for use as allotments. There are a number of trees already planted but more could be planted which would help with flooding. It was agreed that the first stage should be to clear the area and quotations to be sought. The committee will need to agree a plan for its use and look at the planting

options. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to seek quotations for the clearance and look into grant possibilities for tree planting.**

21/301 TO CONSIDER ALLOTMENT SECURITY AND TO AGREE ACTIONS

Following the onsite meeting on 10th September the majority agreed that up-to-date quotations for fencing, entrance gates and pedestrian gate should be sought. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to request quotations.**

21/302 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only

To consider CCTV for Arnold Recreation Ground.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.