

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 21st JUNE 2021 COMMENCING AT 8.50 PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chair), Mr A Channon (Vice-chair), Mrs G Gardner,
Mr S Laycock, Mrs A Miller

Attending: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes Taken by: Mrs S Cowie

21/078 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Paxton.

21/079 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.

21/080 MATTERS ARISING

The office received a report that a BBQ had taken place on the allotment site over the weekend. Bonfires etc. are not permitted and members were concerned to hear of this incident. The organiser was believed to be an allotment tenant, a letter reminding them of the site rules would be sent.

21/081 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26th APRIL 2021

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Leisure committee held on 26th April 2021, **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner with 3 in favour and 2 abstentions (as they were not present). The minutes were approved.

21/082 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 14th June were acknowledged. Confirmation that the contractor had carried out repairs to the aeroskate and gyro spiral had been received. Both were now in good working order.

21/083 TO REVIEW THE RoSPA INSPECTION REPORT FOR ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND & NORMAN ROAD PLAY AREA, FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND ZIP WIRE AND AGREE ACTION REQUIRED

A copy of the reports and summary were reviewed by members. The fitness equipment faults would need to be addressed by the contractor, repair costs to be agreed once known. The Assistant Clerk continued to chase the manufacturer of the rotator (Arnold Recreation Ground) and teacup (Norman Road Play Area) for their quote. The Assistant Clerk and Groundsman will work through the actions required.

Councillor Miller reported that a section of surfacing by the zip wire appeared to have dug up, possibly by a dog. The Groundsman would be asked to look at this and make good.

21/084 TO REVIEW THE FEEDBACK FOLLOWING PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A CONCRETE TABLE TENNIS TABLE IN ARNOLD RECREATION GROUND AND TO AGREE THE NEXT STAGE

Members reviewed the feedback on providing an outdoor table tennis table in Arnold Recreation Ground. The majority of responses received were positive to the idea, Councillor Thomas therefore **PROPOSED** that the project should go ahead. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Miller and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. It was noted that other useful suggestions on facilities for the green spaces had been made which would be discussed at a later date.

Councillor Channon then **PROPOSED** that the quotes should be for a green concrete table with suitable surfacing at both ends of the table which would be more in keeping with the area. Councillor Gardner **SECONDED** the proposal and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to seek quotes to be approval at the July Full Council meeting. Once agreed the S106 money, held by Central Bedfordshire Council would be requested.

21/085 TO REVIEW THE FEEDBACK FROM ALLOTMENT TENANTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF SECURITY FENCING AND GATES AND TO AGREE THE NEXT STAGE

Members reviewed the feedback from allotment tenants regarding the proposed installation of fencing and gates to secure the facility. Although responses were positive to the idea there were concerns over the loss of onsite parking space. It had been reported earlier during the evening that thefts from the site were still occurring.

The original scheme explored by the committee some time ago provided perimeter fencing and gates but would not result in a loss of parking spaces in the entrance area. Members felt that following review of the feedback this should be revisited and up to date costs sought.

Following concerns over possible unauthorised access via the old skip area it was agreed that a closed skip should be reinstated for the time being. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** that the costs for a closed skip should be included on the Policies and Resources agenda, to be agreed at the meeting on 28th June. Councillor Miller **SECONDED** the proposal which was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

ACTION: Item to be included on agenda for approval on 28th June.

21/086 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 9.38 pm.