

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 8.01 PM**

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

Attending: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Mrs C Callen (Clerk), Councillor Mrs A Vale

Minutes Taken by: Mrs S Cowie

21/361 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor Channon had advised that he would arrive a little late.

21/362 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.

21/363 MATTERS ARISING

The outdoor table tennis table and surfacing is due to be installed on 30th November. Councillor Thomas and the Assistant Clerk visited the site earlier that day with the suppliers recommended plans to view the proposed location, close to the existing fitness equipment. Siting the equipment closer to the childrens play area had not been recommended by the supplier as it is not suitable for use by smaller children, there is also a lack of space.

Members considered the feedback provided by local residents and any impact the equipment could have. The cost of the installation is being met by S106 money which is ear marked for outdoor sport provision and it was agreed that this should be contained in one area of the recreation ground rather than be spread out. Following much discussion, Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** that the table tennis table should be located as per the recommended plans, 10 metres from the last piece of fitness equipment which would take in account neighbouring properties and ball run off. Councillor Paxton **SECONDED** the proposal and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

21/364 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER 2021

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the leisure committee meeting held on 1st November **SECONDED** by Councillor Laycock and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

21/365 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 11th and 15th November were acknowledged. On 11th November the Norman Road Play Area keyholder had reported broken glass within the play area. The Park had to remain closed on health and safety grounds whilst the clearance took place.

21/366 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2021/22 AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2022/23

Councillor Channon arrived at 8.30 pm

The expenditure for 2021/22 was reviewed. Repairs to play equipment following vandalism had been more than usual. The willow trees in Norman Road would need pollarding next year and a new ear mark reserve should be set up for gates repair or replacement.

It was suggested that any underspend is reviewed in March 2022 and funds transferred to Ear Marked Reserves (EMR) as appropriate to save for future years work.

Budgets for 2022/23 allow for an increase of 4.9% for the Council's Grounds Maintenance Contract for grass cutting and additional funds for hedge cutting which is not currently included in the contract.

Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2022/23 Leisure Income and Expenditure budgets, with a £14,800 committee precept. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

21/367 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only - None

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm.