

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE
ON 30th NOVEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 8.02 PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chair), Mr A Channon (Vice-chair), Mrs G Gardner, Mrs V Jones, Mr J Paxton, Mr N Day

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

Minutes Taken by: Mrs S Cowie

20/385 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor Mr Davison-Williams

Councillor Day joined the meeting at 8.03 pm

20/386 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

20/387 MATTERS ARISING

Details of temporary fencing for hire were considered by members at the previous committee meeting however the supplier was unable to offer installation due to the size of the project. A verbal quote of £300 + VAT was provided from a separate contractor for the installation should it be necessary to fence the play area in the future.

The purchase orders for hedge cutting works in the allotments have been issued. With regard to the Dunstall Road boundary hedge, letters were sent to residents and to allotment plot holders advising them of the works.

The Groundsman was unable to locate a replacement bolt for the multi-play ladder so the equipment manufacturer was asked to provide costs for the bolts. Once received the bolt will be ordered and fitted as a priority. In the mean-time the Groundsman reports that the ladder is secure.

Councillor Channon joined the meeting at 8.05 pm

20/388 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2020

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Leisure committee held on 26th October 2020, **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

20/389 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 on 11th 16th and 23rd November were acknowledged, Everything was in order with the exception of the missing bolt on the Norman Road multi-play ladder.

20/390 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING ATTENDANCE ON TRAINING COURSE

Following attendance at two online allotment management courses which were run by the Allotment Society, the Assistant Clerk provided members with a report detailing the topics covered. Members commented that lots of useful information had arisen from the course which would be useful when reviewing the tenancy agreement and the Council's policies and it should be discussed fully at a later date. The Assistant Clerk was thanked for attending and for providing the report to the committee.

20/391 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2020/21 AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DRAFT BUDGETS FOR 2021/22

The expenditure to date and draft budget for 2021/22 was reviewed by members. It was noted that the Council had waived the tennis club payment for this year as a goodwill gesture and that the water usage at the allotments was higher than budgeted due to the dry warm weather and the increase in the number of allotment plots now being worked. Budgeting for water usage is an unknown each year as it is weather dependant, the committee will need to look at alternative water solutions in the future. The basket swing and zip wire have both been installed in the current financial year, the committee would need to look at building funds for surfacing replacement of Norman Road Play space in the coming years. Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2021/22 Leisure budget, with

a £12,390.00 committee precept. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**19/392 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
– for information only
None**

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm.