

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HEXTON ROAD, BARTON-LE-CLAY AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors Mrs B Thomas (Chairman), Mrs G Gardner, Mr N Day, Mrs A Fletcher, Mrs A Vale, Mr W Rudd, Mrs J Mikkelson and Mr J Paxton

In Attendance: Mrs C Callen (Clerk), Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Councillor Mrs A French & 1 member of public

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – These were received from Councillors Mr J Selley, Mr S Laycock and Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillor Mrs E Childs.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th MAY 2022**
Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of 9th May 2022, **SECONDED** by Councillor Fletcher with **5 in favour and 3 abstentions**.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** – There were none.
4. **REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR (2022/23)**
The Parish Council's Chairman thanked the Assistant Clerk for producing the Annual Report 2022-23 document for presentation. The Chairman's report was included in the Annual Report document, page 3. A copy of the full report was previously circulated to Members and copies given to those present at the meeting. It will be published on the Council Website, and paper copies will be made available from the Library and several local shops, following the meeting. There were no questions and no further comments made.
5. **COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORTS FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR (2022/23)**
Those present were advised that the committee reports, summarising what each committee had achieved over the previous year, were included in the Annual Report: Planning, *page 6*; Neighbourhood Plan, *page 7*; Leisure, *page 8*; Horticultural Show, *page 7*; Burial Grounds, *page 10*; Highways & Environment, *page 11*; Sports Field, *page 14*; Policies & Resources, *page 15* and Pay & Personnel on *page 17*. It was noted that, unfortunately, the Horticultural Show did not go ahead in September due to the period of public mourning following the death of the Queen. There were no questions and no further comments made.
6. **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**
The reports from the local organisations were summarised, as included within the Annual Report. There were no questions and no further comments made.
Barton-le-Clay Educational Trust – the report for the Trust as detailed on page 20.
Barton-le-Clay Village Hall Committee – the report for the Committee as detailed on page 21.
Schools Liaison – the report was detailed on page 22.
Barton Tennis Club Report – the report was detailed on page 22.
7. **PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2022/2023**
The Clerk presented the preliminary financial figures for the last financial year. The Financial Summary was included in the Council's Annual Report 2022/23, pages 18 and 19. There were no questions and no further comments made.
8. **OPEN FORUM**
No further questions or comments were made.
9. **CLOSE OF MEETING**
As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.41pm

I certify these minutes are a true and correct record of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023.

Dated this 13th May 2024

COUNCILLOR J PAXTON
Chairman