

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HEXTON ROAD, BARTON-LE-CLAY AT 7.34PM

Present: Councillors Mr L Davison-Williams (Vice-Chair), Mrs G Gardner, Mrs B Thomas, Mr J Paxton and Mr A Channon

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

18/562 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr D Gunter, Mr J Selley, Mr J Roberts and Mr N Day

18/563 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none.

18/564 POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE

564.1 To consider and approve additional Ear-marked Reserve Allocation

Members were provided with a summary of the Ear-Marked Reserve balances, including the amounts previously put forward for consideration from each committee and the amounts agreed from next year's Precept. In addition, Councillor Davison-Williams summarised the expected year-end balances from each committee calculated by the Clerk, which gives an underspend of £19,500. This is mainly from the savings in salaries due to not having a Clerk in post for several months over the Summer and also the additional income received from the O2 telemast, plus savings on the budgets for maintenance and rates at the Sports Field. Each Chair of Committee then confirmed their requests. Councillor Thomas put forward a reduction in her request for play equipment to £4000, following the successful Grant application for Arnold Recreation Ground. Councillor Gardner requested an additional £1000 for Planning towards the expected costs for professional advice regarding the Local Plan.

Councillor Davison-Williams **PROPOSED** the approval of the additional Ear-Marked Reserve allocation totaling £19,500, as detailed below. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Committee Account	Proposed additional EMR
Policies & Resources Baileys Piece Land	2500
Burial Ground St Nicholas Churchyard	2000
Burial Ground Hedge Cutting	1000
Highways & Environment Trees & Shrubs	2000
Leisure Play Equipment	4000
Leisure Allotment Security	5000
Planning	3000
	19500

564.2 To approve transfer of any nominal underspend from committees to Ear-Marked Reserve at Year End

In view of the financial deficit seen on several of the committees, Councillor Davison-Williams **PROPOSED** no further transfers be made to the Ear-Marked Reserves. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Channon and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

564.3 **To consider and approve transfer of funds to Savings Account**

The current banking funds with the TSB are in excess of the £85,000 FSCS guaranteed amount collectively. The Clerk has looked at transferring funds to a separate financial institution that still provides FSCS cover and is suitable for Parish Council deposits. Details of the Unity Trust Bank and Nationwide Savings accounts were reviewed by members. Councillor Davison-Williams **PROPOSED** the approval of transferring an initial deposit of £15,000 into the Nationwide Business 45-Day Saver Issue 1 account. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

564.4 **To consider lighting on access road and car park behind Village Hall**

Members went outside the Village Hall to view the current lighting provision. From an initial assessment, they felt it would be advantageous if the lights to the rear of the Village Hall be put on a timer, to match those at the side of the building, and possibly replace the existing bulbs with LED ones which have a lower operating cost. At the far end of the car park, Members suggested that the Doctors Surgery install additional lamp poles on the green area.

18/565 ITEMS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Councillor Paxton requested lighting on the footpath between Sharpenhoe Road and Grange Road estate be investigated with Central Bedfordshire Council and reported back to Highways & Environment Committee.

Councillor Gardner requested the Office investigate the property at 2 Windsor Road to see if they have approval for business usage.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

I certify these minutes are a true and correct record of the Parish Council Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 4th March 2019

Dated this the 11th March 2019

**COUNCILLOR L DAVISON-WILLIAMS
VICE-CHAIRMAN**