

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 30th OCTOBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 8.35PM**

Present: Councillors N Day (Vice-Chairman), J Selley, S Laycock, A Fletcher and B Thomas

In attendance: C Callen (Clerk)

Minutes: C Callen

23/260 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – These were received from Councillor J Paxton.

23/261 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*) – There were none.

23/262 MATTERS ARISING

The Village Hall have been successful in obtaining a Community Asset Grant of £8k toward the replacement of chairs and tables at the hall and the refurbishment of the flooring. The Parish Council were, therefore, unsuccessful in obtaining the grant towards the Community Garden project. A new application will be submitted by the 3rd November deadline for the Community Garden project.

The Parish Council have received a negligence claim from a solicitor acting on behalf of a child who is alleged to have been injured in the Arnold Recreation Ground Play Area over the Summer. It has been referred to the Parish Council's Insurance company and they have engaged a suitable solicitor to represent the Council. A meeting will be arranged shortly with the Parish Council to review the RoSPA and weekly inspection sheets. Councillor Fletcher agreed to attend the meeting with the Clerk.

23/263 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th SEPTEMBER 2023

A copy of the minutes was provided to members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Fletcher **PROPOSED** the approval of the minutes of 25th September, **SECONDED** by Councillor Laycock with **3 in favour and 2 abstentions**.

23/264 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE S137 GRANTS FOR 2023/2024

A summary of the grant applications was provided to all committee members prior to the meeting. The 2023/24 budget for small grants had been set at £3,500. Councillor Fletcher declared a non-pecuniary interest in the 1st Barton Rangers application as it is run by a member of their family. The committee reviewed all grant applications received and reached a consensus on the proposed 2023/24 grants as shown below:

ORGANISATION	ORGANISATIONS ACTIVITIES	GRANT REQUIRED FOR	COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT SOUGHT	LAST YEAR AMOUNT GRANTED	PROPOSED GRANT 2023/24
Barton Helping Hands	Local volunteers who provide time and transport to any residents of the village in need	Annual Public Liability Insurance	£138.84	£138.84	£125.00	£138.84
Barton-le-Clay Village Hall	Multi-Functional Village Hall run for the benefit of local groups and organisations	Installation of CCTV internally & externally	£334.93	£334.93	£250.00	£200.00
The Barton Players	Community theatre and AmDram Society	Purchase 4x hand-held microphones to enhance sound during summer school.	£390.00	£290.00	Nil	£100.00

Barton-le-Clay Bowling Club	Outdoor bowling club, providing coaching and bowling from club to county level and social activities for members	Purchase materials to repair pathway from entrance to Club House (damaged due to weather extremes)	£481.00	£481.00	£350.00	£350.00
Barton Rovers Football Club	Community Football and Social Club	Soft landscaping for the newly developed car park	£2000.00	£500.00	Nil	£250.00
1st Barton-le-Clay Rangers	A space for girls aged 14-18 to have fun, learn more, give back, hangout and just be themselves.	Purchase Flag, pole and banner	£250.00	£250.00	Nil	£250.00
Barton-le-Clay Beavers & Cubs (Barton Scout Group Exec)	Group with an active programme, following Scouting Values. Aimed at young people in the village from 6yrs to 11yrs	Purchase STEM educational games to build team-working, problem solving and creativity skills	£500.00	£500.00	Nil	£250.00
Noah's Ark	Non-profit making group offering a weekly get-together for parents/carers and pre-school aged children.	Purchase of children's books to give to families	£80.00	£60.00	£100.00	£60.00
Barton Kids Club	Wraparound childcare for 4-11 year old children attending Ramsey Manor Lower School and Arnold Academy, including Holiday Club. Run by Parent Volunteers	Purchase table-top / hand-held arcade-style games to expand play equipment	£100.00	£100.00	£165.00	£100.00
Little Rovers Pre-School	Village Community preschool	Pre-school makeover to improve resources and entice residents to enrol their children	£1700.00	£500.00	Nil	£125.00
Arnold Academy PTA	Parents/carers and teachers working together to raise money from organised events to improve the school	Purchase and install outdoor Activity Trail	£16,971 + VAT	£971.00	Nil	£500.00
Harlington Upper School	Educational establishment for children aged between 13 and 18	Prizes for annual awards evening	£125.00	£125.00	£125.00	£125.00
Arnold Academy	Educational establishment for children aged between 9 and 13	Prizes for annual Year 8 leavers award evening	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
TOTAL						£2,498.84

Councillor Fletcher **PROPOSED** the approval to allocate grants totalling £2,498.84 as per the schedule of S137 grants above, **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. This will leave £1k for any further requests for funding, particularly over the winter, with the current cost of living crisis.

23/265 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION POLICY
The Clerk has reviewed the current policy and recommended no further changes were required. Councillor Laycock **PROPOSED** approval of the Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy v2, **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

23/266 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
Councillor Selley requested a meeting be arranged to progress the revised lease to Barton Rovers Football Club and the draft telemast lease. Members agreed to meet at the Parish Office on Thursday 9th November at 4pm.
ACTION – Clerk to forward copies of the current lease to members ahead of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm