

**MINUTES OF POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF  
BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE  
ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 9.12PM**

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

In attendance: Mrs C Callen (Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

**19/524 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Mr J Selley and Mr J Paxton

**19/525 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Councillor Gardner declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19/531.

**19/526 MATTERS ARISING**

The skip at the Allotments has not been emptied since November. The Clerk has been liaising with Direct365 for an update on this and has cancelled the direct debit at present, until the situation is resolved. In the meantime, notice to cancel the contract has been served from the end of March and Cawleys are ready to start the new contract thereafter. The Cawleys recycling waste bin is already in use at the Office.

The work to migrate the Office IT to the new support provider has started, with the domain name moved from Names.co.uk and the Website now moved across. Further details will be provided to Councillors once the new email accounts are established.

The review of the Online Engagement & Communication Policy and Website Accessibility is still to be actioned. Given that the deadline for the new legislation is September 2020 and the new IT system is currently being progressed, Councillors Davison-Williams and Channon agreed to meet with the Clerk to discuss these items on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 8.30am.

The Clerk advised that the pads in the defibrillators at the Village Hall and Parish Office are due to expire. New ones were ordered in December but due to a worldwide shortage, delivery has been delayed. Replacement pads have now been confirmed and should be received this week.

**19/527 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

Councillor Davison-Williams **PROPOSED** the approval of the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas **with 2 in favour and 2 abstentions**.

**19/528 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ‘ACTION AGAINST CRIME IN BARTON-LE-CLAY’ FOR SUPPORT AND AGREE WAY FORWARD**

At the Full Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January, representatives from the group attended to update the Council on their activities. They are looking for support with advertising the individual street Whats App Groups and also hosting the recorded CCTV data. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillors Davison-Williams and Channon would attend the next meeting at The Bull on 30<sup>th</sup> January to find out more about what is required and costings.

**19/529 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONSULTATION FROM THE PYRAMID SCHOOLS TRUST ON FORMING A MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND CONSIDER ANY RESPONSE**

Information was provided to members ahead of the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillors Davison-Williams and Gardner would attend the Consultation Event at Arnold Academy on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm.

**19/530 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON WARD BOUNDARIES FOR CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE**

After discussion and consideration, it was agreed that no further comment was required as none of the proposed changes impacted Barton-le-Clay.

**19/531 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ANY SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED TO BARTON-LE-CLAY BOWLING CLUB**

Last year Councillor Davison-Williams met with the Chairman of the Bowling Club to discuss the impact on the Club’s finances as a result of the damage to the green, making it unplayable for last season. A copy of the financial accounts for the Club, as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, were made available. The Club has c.90 members and have been undertaking fund raising activities. Following discussion, Councillor Davison-Williams **PROPOSED** approval of a donation of £1,000

be given to the Bowling Club from the Community Fund EMR, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas with **3 in favour and 1 abstention**.

**19/532 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE COST FOR INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2019/20 YEAR END**  
The Clerk has contacted 4 independent Internal Auditors, as recommended by BATPC. All have accountancy qualifications and experience of working with larger Parish Councils. Only two quotes have been received and the other two declined to quote for this year. Following discussion, Councillor Davison-Williams **PROPOSED** approval of the quote from L Bains to undertake the Internal Audit at £130 for a 3 year contract, **SECONDED** by Councillor Channon and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**19/533 TO CONSIDER HOSTING A PARISH COUNCILLOR 'MEET AND GREET' SURGERY**  
The idea of an informal surgery was suggested to raise the profile of the Parish Council and encourage residents to discuss any concerns. It was agreed to look at suitable events, locations and dates to hold a surgery. Further discussion on this item is to be held at the next Committee meeting.

**19/534 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**  
There was none.

The meeting closed at 10.16pm.