

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.31 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Mr J Selley (Chair), Mrs A Vale (Vice-Chair), Mr N Day, Mr J Roberts, Mr J Paxton, Mrs B Thomas (ex-officio), Miss G Widdowfield (ex-officio)

**In attendance:** Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Mrs C Callen (Clerk), Councillors Gardner and Fletcher

**Minutes:** Mrs S Cowie

**22/302 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** None, all present.

**22/303 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** None declared

**22/304 MATTERS ARISING**

**Minute point 277.3** The Clerks has written to Barton Rovers FC regarding their ongoing drainage problems, they will respond in writing.

Councillor Paxton joined the meeting at 7.33pm.

The Football Foundation grant application for upgrades to the Pavilion's plumbing has been submitted. Boxfit have indicated that wish to use the sports field for personal training. The Clerk will update the Hire Agreement, previously issued, and agree a start date.

**22/305 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022**

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

**22/306 TO RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVE THE COST TO REPAIR PAVILION HOT WATER FAULT**

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** retrospective approval for the cost of £175 + VAT to repair the hot water fault, work carried out by SMRHS. Councillor Day **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/307 TO CONSIDER THE PITCH FEES FOR THE 2023/24 SEASON**

The draft pitch fees were reviewed. The fees take into account contractor costs for fertiliser, grass cutting, and reseeding which will all see a rise in 2023. Following discussion Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** that the fees for Barton Rovers Youth should be increased by 5%, commercial hirers by 10% and the cleaning fee by 10%. Councillor Paxton **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Gardner arrived at 7.55pm.

**22/308 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CHILTERN YOUTH LEAGUE TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT THE SPORTS FIELD AND AGREE THE FEE**

Members discussed the request from the Chiltern Youth League to hold their annual tournament on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023. It was noted that the League had not been able to provide any stewards to assist with parking at this year's tournament and that cover had been provided by the Parish Councils staff and one helper at no additional cost to the League.

Following discussion, Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the request to use the Sports Pitches and Pavilion for the tournament on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at a fee of £750 + VAT. A further £250.00 will be charged should a food outlet be onsite, and the League must provide sufficient stewards to assist with parking. Councillor Widdowfield **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Fletcher arrived at 8.01pm

**22/309 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2022/23 AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DRAFT BUDGETS FOR 2023/24**

The expenditure for 2022/23 was reviewed. The annual maintenance programme had included an application of fertiliser and weed selective. Pitch reseeding had been completed over the summer months and additional watering had been required due to the prolonged hot dry spell.

Budgets for 2023/24 allow for an increase of 10% for the Council's Grounds Maintenance Contract for grass cutting, a 4% increase in the weed and feed costs and increase in the cost of grass seed and machinery costs. The utility contract for gas supply is fixed until October 2023 however early indications are that there will be a significant rise, in excess of 400%.

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2023/24 Sports Field Income and Expenditure budgets, with a £17,480 committee precept. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/310 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only - Nothing further.**

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm