

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 16th JANUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

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

In attendance: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Councillors Mrs G Gardner, Mr S Laycock

Minutes: Mrs S Cowie

22/382 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Roberts and Widdowfield.

22/383 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.

22/384 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Vale joined the meeting at 7.34pm

The Chiltern Youth League advised that they are unsure whether the Tournament, scheduled to take place on 14th May 2023 will be financially viable due to the increase in the hire fee. The decision to increase the fee for 2023 was made due to the loss of income incurred last year, lack of marshals/volunteers supplied by The League and the increases in running costs. Members understood the difficulties the League is facing and are keen to support the League however all agreed that the fee charged must cover all costs including staffing, additional cleaning required and the running costs and should not be a burden to the village precept.

Following discussion Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** a fee reduction of £200 should be offered, providing that the League can guarantee that they will have sufficient stewards available to supervise parking and the event. He further **PROPOSED** that the previously agreed charge of £250.00 if a commercial food vendor is appointed, should be upheld. Councillor Paxton **SECONDED** the proposals, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to advise the League of the fee reduction, subject to the conditions being met.

Re: Minute point: 377.3. The Assistant Clerk is progressing the Pavilions plumbing work and has arranged an onsite meeting with the appointed contractor to discuss the project.

The six-month check of the Pavilion Emergency Lighting was carried out on 6th January by Knight Sheild Fire & Security. Everything was in order.

22/385 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 28th NOVEMBER 2022

It was noted that minute point 22/304 should read clerk and not clerks. There were no other amendments. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 28th November 2022, with amendment as discussed. Councillor Paxton **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

22/386 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PITCH CONDITION SURVEY (PITCHPOWER)

The Survey was acknowledged by members. The Local Authority Grass Pitch Project is being led by the Football Foundation who will be assessing where funding is needed to improve grass pitch conditions. Due to the scale of the project and number of grass pitches involved, it is unclear at present what funding will be available and where and how it will be distributed. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that she would keep the Committee up to date with progress.

Councillor Laycock joined the meeting at 7.52pm

22/387 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2023/24 FOR THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE

The draft Action Plan for the committee was reviewed and agreed. In addition to routine grass and hedge cutting and the annual maintenance of the field, the projects for the coming year were agreed as follows. To complete the Pavilions plumbing upgrades, obtain costs for repairs to the access road

and to complete the review of Barton Rovers Football Club lease. The Assistant Clerk advised that following the installation of the new defibrillator, it will be necessary to extend the post and rail fencing and relocate the pedestrian gate. Work will be carried out in 2023/24 and it was added to the Committees Action Plan.

22/388 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only - Nothing further.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm