

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE  
ON 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors J Selley (Chair), A Vale (Vice-Chair), W Rudd, A Tebb

**In attendance:** S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Councillors G Gardner, B Thomas, K Qureshi

**Minutes:** S Cowie

**24/392 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – were received from Councillors J Paxton and J Mikkelson.

**24/393 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members were reminded of the procedures, there were no declarations of interest made.

**24/394 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**24/395 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

There were no queries. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024, **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

**24/396 TO CONSIDER FEEDBACK REGARDING KICK OFF TIME FOR SATURDAY MORNING GAMES**

Members considered correspondence from an opposition football team to reconsider the early kick off time on Saturday mornings. Staggered kick-offs were introduced following the increase in demand for youth pitches on Saturdays and to alleviate issues with onsite parking for hirers and users of the Football Club and Unity Hall. Since its introduction, parking issues have reduced, and the site has been able to accommodate more matches.

Although the reasons for the request for later kick off times were understood, members agreed that they should remain as agreed with Barton Rovers Youth Football Club - 9am and 11am.

**24/397 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PITCH HIRE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS**

The request for pitch hire on Saturday afternoons was considered. Members discussed the potential clash with Barton Rovers FC home matches and the parking issues this could cause. Additional hours to cover the Pavilion would also be needed which would affect the Groundsmen's working hours. Although members would like to accommodate the team, it was agreed that Saturday afternoons are not possible however if the team were to play on Sunday afternoons the request would be reconsidered as there is already Groundsman cover and parking would not be an issue.

**ACTION: Assistant Clerk to contact the hirer to see if Sunday afternoons are an option.**

Councillor Qureshi arrived at 7.50pm

**24/398 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE COST FOR MATERIALS TO REPAIR THE SPEED HUMPS ON THE ACCESS ROAD**

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** the approval of the purchase of materials to replace 1 speed hump and new bolts for the existing humps at a total cost of £901.26 + VAT from Barriers Direct. Councillor Rudd **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**24/399 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2025/26 FOR THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE**

Members reviewed the Committees Action Plan for 2025/26. In addition to the annual pitch maintenance, access road maintenance, explore grant opportunities and costs for electric shutters

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and the progression of Barton Rovers FC lease, the following projects were added to the Action Plan. To consider Pitchpower grant funding to improve pitch conditions, to explore secure fencing and onsite parking, new leases for the telemasts and now that the S106 agreement has been finalised, to progress the 3G pitch and Pavilion grant once funds are available.

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the Sports Field Action Plan for 2025/26, **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**24/400 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only**

Councillor Selley provided an update on the S106 agreement for development land east of Barton-le-clay and the funding which will be available for use at the Luton Road Sports Field. The scheme will include the use of the Pavilion, and this will be discussed at the February Full Council meeting.

There was no further business, and the meeting closed at 8.27pm