

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PARISH OFFICE, 1 WINDSOR PARADE
ON 26TH JANUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors A Vale (Vice-Chair), W Rudd, A Tebb, S Laycock,

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

Minutes: S Cowie

25/405 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Selley, Paxton and Mikkelson.

25/406 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – there were no declarations of interest made.

25/407 MATTERS ARISING

Minute point 25/354.3. SJB Electrical relocated the defibrillator at the Pavilion on 26th January 2026.

Damage has been caused to the grass verge close to Unity Hall due to vehicles driving across it to avoid the speed hump. It has been suggested that bollards should be installed on the verge by the speed hump to prevent further damage. Examples of bollards which could be suitable were shared with members. It was agreed to look into this further, as funds allow.

Barton Rovers Youth FC have secured additional youth pitches for the 2026/27 season at Arnold Academy. They asked if the Parish Council could help them by marking out pitches at the Academy. Members considered the request and the availability of staff to carry out the additional work. Following discussion, it was agreed, unanimously, that the Parish Council could not help the Club due to the availability of the staff and the impact this additional work would have on Parish Council duties. It was also noted that the Academy is outside of the Parish Councils remit as the site is neither owned by or the responsibility of the Parish Council. Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** that the regretfully, the request should be declined, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tebb and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/408 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 24th NOVEMBER 2025

There were no queries. Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 24th November 2025, **SECONDED** by Councillor Rudd and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/409 TO CONSIDER MAINTENANCE WORK REQUIRED ON THE PAVILION BUILDING AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD

Following discussion Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** the approval of a budget of up to £300 + VAT to purchase materials to replace the guttering on the front of the building. Councillor Laycock **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/410 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HEDGE CUTTING ALONG THE ACCESS ROAD

Members received an update on recent hedge cutting along the access road. Following review, it was agreed that the hedge will be left to regenerate over the summer and it will be reviewed again later in the year.

Councillor Qureshi arrived at 7.50pm

25/411 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2026/27 FOR THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE

Members reviewed the committees Action Plan for 2026/27. In addition to the annual pitch maintenance programme and routine grounds maintenance the following projects were added to the Action Plan. Annual jetting of all drains on the Luton Road site in conjunction with Barton Rovers FC and Unity Hall, to progress onsite storage options for Barton Rovers Youth FC and the Parish Council and improvements to security at the Luton Road entrance.

Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** the approval of the Sports Field Action Plan for 2026/27 as discussed, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tebb and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/321 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only. None.

There was nothing further and the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.