

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PARISH OFFICE, 1 WINDSOR PARADE
ON 16TH MARCH 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors A Vale (Vice-Chair), W Rudd, A Tebb, J Mikkelson (ex-officio)

In attendance: S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Councillor B Thomas

Minutes: S Cowie

25/522 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors J Selley, S Laycock & J Paxton.

25/523 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – there were no declarations of interest made.

25/524 MATTERS ARISING

Small areas of the pitches need cutting but the contractor is not due to resume until the end of the March. Barton Rovers FC kindly loaned their mower, and the Groundsman has been able to cut the urgent areas for the time being.

25/525 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 26th JANUARY 2026

There were no queries. Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 26th January 2026, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tebb with **3 IN FAVOUR AND 1 ABSTENTION** as they were not present.

25/526 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE QUOTE FOR ONE APPLICATION OF FERTILISER AND WEED SELECTIVE ON THE SPORTS FIELD

Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** the approval of the quotation from Complete Weed Control for one application of fertiliser and weed selective at a total cost of £1,110.00 + VAT. Councillor Tebb **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/527 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH BARTON ROVERS YOUTH FC AND AGREE ACTIONS

The notes from the meeting were provided ahead of the meeting. The Assistant Clerk provided a summary of the items discussed, including the changes to youth football and predicted pitch requirement for Barton Rovers Youth FC next season. Flooding on the pitches has continued to be an issue, particularly on the 9v9 pitch which has been unplayable for weeks. In order to tackle this, it is suggested that the pitch configuration be reviewed. Barton Rovers Youth FC are willing to fund new goal sockets for the affected pitches. Members agreed with the suggestion, subject to sufficient space to include run off areas. Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** approval to investigate the pitch configuration, to avoid the wet areas of the field, to be actioned before the annual maintenance programme begins. Councillor Mikkelson **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/528 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only. Review of the Committees Risk Assessment.

There was nothing further and the meeting closed at 7.52 pm.