

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE PARISH OFFICE, 1 WINDSOR PARADE
ON 29th JUNE 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.31pm

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

In attendance: S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Councillor K Qureshi, representative Barton Rovers Youth FC

Minutes: S Cowie

26/091 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors J Selley, A Tebb, J Mikkelson and S Lupata.

26/092 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – there were no declarations of interest made.

26/093 MATTERS ARISING

Following the annual lightning protection inspection last month a quote has been received to supply and fit surge protection to the Pavilion. The cost will be included in the budgets for 2027/28.

Barton Scouts requested permission to use the Sports Field for rounders sessions during the summer months, as previous years. Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** the approval of the request, **SECONDED** by Councillor Rudd and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. A suitable area off of the pitches will be allocated and arrangements for access will be discussed with the Scout Leader.

Barton Rovers First Team have held pre-season training sessions at the Sports Field, as previous years.

The Assistant Clerk provided an update regarding payment of S106 money, for use on the 3g project. A meeting has been arranged with CBC's Planning Officer to discuss the S106 agreement further and an update will be provided.

26/094 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 20th APRIL 2026

There were no queries. Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 20th April 2026, **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

26/095 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FOLLOWING BARTON ROVERS YOUTH FC AGM AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS

Councillors J Selley, J Paxton, A Vale, the Full Time Groundsman and Assistant Clerk attended the AGM on 10th June. The Assistant Clerk provided an update on the reseeding programme and 3g project/S106 funding. A copy of the notes taken at the AGM were provided to members prior to the committee meeting, together with the Parish Councils Sports Field report.

Barton Rovers Youth FC Welfare Officer was present and provided an update on the proposed teams for next season. The teams for next season will be approved at the July Full Council/Extra-ordinary Council meeting.

Regarding the purchase of new goal sockets for the reconfigured pitches, the Welfare Officer confirmed that he will order them once the sizes are known. **ACTION: goal socket sizes to be confirmed.**

Work has begun to clear a suitable area to house Barton Rovers Youth FC storage container.

At the AGM it was reported that Wildcats (girls' football) will move over to Barton Youth this season. They will train at Arnold Academy rather than use the Sports Field which will alleviate pressure on car parking spaces on a Saturday morning.

The banner for the 'Greater Game' will be displayed on the Sports Field fence, as agreed, before the start of the new season.

26/096 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE COST FOR THE ANNUAL BOILER SERVICE AND CONSIDER ADDITIONAL WORK TO THE CALORIFIERS

Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** the approval of the quotation of £560.00 + VAT from SMRHS to carry out the annual boiler service. Councillor Paxton **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

A quotation for additional work to the calorifiers was considered. It was agreed that a decision could not be made until more information on the requirements is available. The Clerk is seeking advice to confirm the work that must be carried out, and the Parish Rangers have been booked to attend a legionella training course. Once more information is available it will be considered by the Full Council.

Councillor K Qureshi arrived at 8.02pm

26/097 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE COST OF SIGNAGE FOR THE SPORTS FIELD

Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** the approval to purchase of 2 signs for use on the pedestrian gate into the field from Your Parking Sign at a cost of £62.86 + VAT. Councillor Rudd **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

26/098 TO CONSIDER THE COST TO PURCHASE BOLLARDS FOR USE ON THE ACCESS ROAD

Following discussion, Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** a budget of no more than £300 to purchase bollards for use along the access road to prevent further damage to the verges. Councillor Paxton **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

26/099 TO CONSIDER QUOTATION FOR DRAIN MAINTENANCE AT THE LUTON ROAD SITE AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD

The site is prone to drainage issues, and currently all 3 facilities (The Pavilion, Unity Hall and Barton Rovers FC) undertake their own drain clearance and maintenance. A quote to clear all drains on the site was provided for consideration, the cost to be split between the 3 facilities.

Following discussion, Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** the approval of the quotation from Draincare for £995.00 plus approx. £90.00 for the disposal of gully waste plus VAT for drain maintenance on the Luton Road site. The approval is subject to contribution of £300 each from Unity Hall and Barton Rovers FC and the Parish Council to pay the remainder. Councillor Rudd **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to speak to Unity Hall and Barton Rovers FC regarding their contribution to the cost.

26/100 TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A STORAGE CONTAINER FOR THE SPORTS FIELD

Following discussion, Councillor Vale **PROPOSED** approval of a budget up to £2,700 to purchase a storage container for Parish Council use. Councillor Paxton **SECONDED** the proposal, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

26/101 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only.

The hirers for the 2026/27 season will be approved at the July Full Council meeting.

There was nothing further and the meeting closed at 8.19 pm.