

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.31 PM**

Present: Councillors Mr J Selley (Chair), Mr K Taylor, Mr A Channon, Mr L Davison-Williams (ex-officio) and Mrs B Thomas (ex-officio)

In attendance: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs S Cowie

19/535 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Councillor Mr J Paxton and Mr J Roberts

19/536 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

19/537 MATTERS ARISING - None

19/538 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER 2019

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November be approved, this was **SECONDED** by Councillor Davison-Williams with 3 in favour and 1 abstention. The minutes were approved.

19/539 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO FLY MODEL AEROPLANE ON THE SPORTS FIELD

The annual request from a resident of Harlington to fly his control line model aeroplanes at the Luton Road Sports Field had been received. A copy of his insurance certificate to 31/12/2020 was provided. As there have been no issues in previous years Councillor Thomas **PROPOSED** that permission be granted for the model aeroplane flight at the Sports Field for 2020, **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Channon arrived at 7.42 pm

19/540 TO CONSIDER THE DEMAND ON FOOTBALL PITCHES

To date the season has been particularly wet with many pitches being unplayable due to water logging. A combination of bad weather and the large number of teams, particularly adult teams has meant that the facility has been unable to meet the demand for matches. Councillor Selley advised members that he plans to meet with the Groundsman and Barton Youth to discuss the adult team usage/capacity for the upcoming season. Meeting to be arranged in April.

19/541 TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION TO BARTON ROVERS CAR PARK WORKS

The proposal from Barton Rovers to refurbish their car park was considered by members. The committee were supportive of the scheme and felt that a contribution of £1,000 could be considered however asked that a meeting be arranged with Barton Rovers to discuss the car park project and necessary repairs to the access road further. **ACTION: meeting with Barton Rovers to be arranged as soon as possible.**

19/542 TO CONSIDER COSTS FOR NEW HOT WATER SYSTEM IN THE PAVILION AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD

Members considered the estimate from SMRHS for a new hot water system, the approximate cost was quoted at £30,000. Councillor Selley reported that he is liaising with a second contractor and will arranging an on-site meeting with them. He will report back to the committee as soon as possible.

19/543 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA -

Over the Christmas period motorbikes accessed the sports pitches and have damaged the surface. The current low level fence along the access road has numerous gaps which are wide enough to allow motorbikes to enter the pitches. One solution could be to close off the gaps and install lockable gates at various points. Members felt this should be looked into further and asked the Assistant Clerk to obtain quotes for the work.

Meeting closed at 8.12 pm