

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE  
ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.32 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Mr J Selley (Chair), Mr J Paxton, Mr A Channon, Mrs B Thomas (ex-officio)

**In attendance:** Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Mrs C Callen (Clerk)

**Minutes:** Mrs S Cowie

**20/614 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Davison-Williams and Roberts.

**20/615 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

**20/616 MATTERS ARISING**

The Football Foundation have launched various grants offering funding for clubs and venues. The Parish Council is not eligible for all the schemes offered however there may be an opportunity to apply for funding to help with the costs of necessary repairs and upgrades to the Pavilion and fencing. Councillor Selley and the Assistant Clerk will identify suitable projects which meet the criteria and bring their findings back to the committee for discussion before an application is submitted.

Barton Youth Football Club were advised of the agreed opening and closing dates for the sports field. They have passed the information onto their leagues and await notification of their match schedule.

**20/617 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

**20/618 TO APPROVE THE COST OF ROAD MARKING PAINT**

As advised at the Full Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March the road markings (parking keep clear notices at the entrance to Barton Rovers Football Club and the Sharpenhoe entrance have worn and need repainting. The Groundsman is able to carry out the work at minimum cost. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval for the purchase of a 5 litre tin of reflective road marking paint from Paints4Trade at a cost of £41.66 + VAT. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Channon joined the meeting at 7.36 pm

**20/619 TO CONSIDER CORDON OF SPORTS PITCHES DURING THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**

The continuous problem of unauthorised access to the sports pitches and the damage caused was discussed. The annual maintenance programme is due to start on 1<sup>st</sup> June and during this time the new grass seed will need to be protected so it is able to germinate and grow ready for the new football season in September. Following discussion members agreed that mesh fencing should be secured to the existing wooden fence to prevent access and to protect the fields from further damage. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval to purchase two rolls of 1m x 50m length mesh fencing at a cost of £29.40, delivery charge of £10.00 + VAT from FH Brundle. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. Mesh fencing to be used to close off the 3 pedestrian access points and across the emergency gate. Signage advising that no admittance to the field to be displayed along the length of the sports field and on social media.

**20/620 TO CONSIDER ON SITE MEETINGS**

It was suggested that all committees should hold an onsite meeting, once a year, to help Councillors familiarise themselves with each committees areas of responsibility. The meetings, to include all councillors, could take place over the summer months. Members agreed that it was a good idea and it would help everyone in the decision making process as they would be able to visualise each facility. The subject would be discussed further with a view to organising meetings after Covid restrictions are lifted.

**20/595 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only.** There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 7.56 pm