

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE
ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.32 PM**

Present: Councillors Mr J Selley (Chair), Mr J Roberts, Mrs B Thomas (ex-officio)

In attendance: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs S Cowie

20/463 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mr L Davison-Williams, Mr A Channon, Mr J Paxton

20/464 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

20/465 MATTERS ARISING

Repairs to the main gates on the access road have been completed. Councillor Selley inspected the gates and reported that they are now opening and closing freely and easily.

The felling of trees/hedge along the access road has been scheduled to take place week commencing 8th February. Barton Rovers Football Club advise that they will wish to replant the hedge as soon as possible, grant funding for this may be available from Central Bedfordshire Council. A meeting will be arranged with the Football Club as soon as possible.

20/466 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2020

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2020, **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

20/467 TO AGREE COVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PAVILION ON MATCH DAYS, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE GROUNDSMAN

Following discussion, members did not feel that they could commit to provide cover due to family and other commitments, particularly as the cover would involve several hours on site. It was agreed that a better option would be to seek someone for ad hoc paid cover, alternatively teams would be advised that the Pavilion will not be open when the groundsman is unavailable.

20/468 UPDATE ON REPAIRS TO THE PAVILIONS CHANGING ROOM TAPS AND SHOWERS

The onsite meeting to investigate broken taps and showers had not yet taken place due to Covid. The Pavilion and sports pitches are not in use currently so the urgency for the project is not an issue at present. The meeting will be arranged as soon as it is safe to do so, findings and costs for repairs will then be brought back to the committee for consideration.

20/469 TO REVIEW THE PAVILIONS OUTSIDE LIGHTING AND TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE COSTS INVOLVED

Councillor Selley met with the contractor to check the existing outside lights following concerns over incidents of gatherings and the appeal of the area due to it being unlit and hidden. The lights have not been used for several years and it was found that they do not work, one fitting fell apart on investigation. The contractor concluded that the existing lights would emit very little light and act as little deterrent to people gathering in the area and the costs involved to repair to a sufficient level would be high. Street lights would offer the best solution however the cost of groundworks and installation would require significant expenditure, making the installation unaffordable. Due to the committees unexpected costs for essential urgent tree works along the access road Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** that no action should be taken at this time however the area should be regularly monitored. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

20/470 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2021/22 FOR THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE

The Action Plan for 2021/22 was reviewed and minor amendments made. Due to the lack of matches this season reseeding of all pitches is unlikely to be required. The Groundsman will reseed the goal

mouths/areas which have suffered the most wear. The fertilising of the pitches should take place as usual, quote to be sought in the coming months. The access roadway is in good condition, it was felt that no action would be needed this year and it should be reviewed again in 2022. The Action Plan for the Sports Field Committee for 2021/22 was agreed.

204714 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 8.06 pm