

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.53PM**

Present: Councillors Mr J Selley (Chair), Mr J Paxton (Vice-Chair), Mr J Roberts, Mr K Taylor and Mr A Channon

In attendance: Mrs C Callen (Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs C Callen

19/401 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Mr L Davison-Williams and Mrs B Thomas

19/402 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

19/403 MATTERS ARISING

Barton Rovers FC have provided plans for landscaping the car park at a cost of c.£2k, and have requested some financial support from the Parish Council. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

19/404 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st OCTOBER 2019

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Sports Field meeting held on 21st October, this was **SECONDED** by Councillor Channon and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

19/405 REVIEW OF PITCH HIRE FEES FOR 2020/21

Following discussion, Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of a 5% increase on Pitch hire fees for 2020/21, rounded to the nearest 50p, **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

19/406 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2019/20 AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DRAFT BUDGETS FOR 2020/21

The expenditure to date and draft budget for 2020/21 were discussed by members. It was acknowledged that there had been an under-provision in recent years, due to the uncertainty on the future of the Sports Field for development. It was noted that the drainage work on the pitches will be needed in June 2020. The boiler will also require replacing in the next few years. Councillors suggested a strategy for the building be agreed, including exploring the formation of a charitable trust to manage the Pavilion. They also requested that a letter be sent to Central Bedfordshire Council to question the high business rates payable, copying in the Bedfordshire FA.

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2020/21 Sports Field budget, with a £10,630 committee precept. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

19/407 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There were none.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm