

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 20th JULY 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.35 PM**

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

In attendance: Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

Minutes: Mrs S Cowie

20/121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Councillor Mr J Paxton & Mr L Davison-Williams

20/122 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

20/123 MATTERS ARISING

The Jolly Toppers Football team have disbanded and no longer wish to hire a pitch on Sunday mornings. Their outstanding invoice has been paid. Barton Rovers will only have one EJA team this season and will play the majority of matches on Rovers pitch. The office has received a number of enquiries from Sunday league teams wishing to use the facility, members were in favour of offering a pitch to a Sunday league team.

Some months ago the committee spoke about the need to clear shrubs and replace damaged drain pipes at the far end of the sports field. The project was delayed due to the playing season and then Covid-19 but a meeting is now arranged for Thursday 23rd July. Councillor Selley, the Groundsman and Assistant Clerk will attend. It is hoped that a quote for the work will be considered at the Extraordinary meeting on 27th July.

20/124 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY 2020

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February, **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. The minutes were approved.

20/125 UPDATE ON MEETING WITH BARTON YOUTH REGARDING THE NEXT SEASON

Councillor Selley and the Assistant Clerk met with Barton Youth Football Club earlier that morning to discuss the teams and pitch requirements for the coming season. A copy of the notes taken at the meeting was emailed to members prior to the committee meeting.

Despite indications that the season would not begin until October (at the earliest) The Football Association have advised Clubs that the season will begin as usual, on the second week of September.

Councillor Selley advised that additional fencing and gates had been installed along the access road. The two new gates by the Pavilion will provide access to the pitches and also provide disabled access. In addition there are two areas whereby fencing has been offset to allow access to retrieve balls during play but also offer additional security for younger players who may run out into the road.

The Groundsman reseeded the goal mouths and centre spots some months ago and has been regularly watering however the main drill seeding of pitches was delayed as the machinery was not available to hire and the prolonged dry weather which made drilling impossible. It was hoped that the seed will begin to come through before the season begins. Councillor Roberts asked whether the local farmer would have an irrigation spray available for our use, Councillor Selley to check when they meet later in the week.

Barton Youth have now registered their teams; Saturdays – three minis, five 9v9, two juniors and four adults. On Sundays – one 9v9, one junior and three adult teams. In addition they have one under 8's team on Saturday mornings, Barton Rovers are providing a pitch for them and there will be an under 21s team but it was unknown whether they will play at Barton Rovers or will require a pitch. Concerns regarding the high demand for 9v9 and adult pitches were raised, the Youth team were asked to consider whether one of the 9v9 teams could move to a Sunday, alternatively a junior pitch could

be used to help ease demand. There will need to be flexibility over fixtures, Barton Youth are looking to block book pitches at another facility which would ease the situation and will offer teams a pitch elsewhere when demand is high or our own pitches are unplayable.

Councillor Selley advised that Government Guidelines do not allow changing rooms or showers to be used and all players should arrive and leave in their kit. The committee would look into other provisions it should take to safely open the facility.

Lastly it was agreed that the decision on whether a pitch can be played will be made on Friday mornings by the Groundsmen.

Councillor Channon arrived at 7.57 pm

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TO CONSIDER AND AGREE ACTION NECESSARY TO REOPEN THE PAVILION TO HIRERS

A copy of the Football Association Covid-19 Guidance on Re-starting Football Activity for Providers of Outdoor Football Facilities and Clubs was reviewed by committee members. A number of actions would be necessary before the facility could re-open including; applying a one way system in and out of the Pavilion, provision of hand gel dispensers (to be placed at entrance and exit of Pavilion), floor stickers indicating one way system, signage and providing paper towels in the toilets rather than hand driers. It will be necessary for touch points to be correctly cleaned by the caretaker/groundsmen. With regard to spectators the Council is unable to police this and common sense should be used over social distancing.

Following discussion members requested costs for two anti-bac hand gel dispensers, one way floor stickers and social distancing signs for outside. Other signage to be provided by the office. Costs to be considered/approved at the Extra-ordinary meeting on 27th July. A risk assessment should also be carried out prior to opening. **ACTION: Item to be included on Extra-ordinary Council meeting, 27th July.**

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA - None

Meeting closed at 8.09 pm