

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillors Mr J Selley (Chair), Mr J Paxton (Vice-Chair), Mr J Roberts, 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

Councillor Selley welcomed Councillor Taylor to his first meeting of the Sports Field committee.

19/303 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

19/304 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none.

19/305 MATTERS ARISING - none

19/306 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2019
Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April be approved, this was **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts with 6 in favour and 1 abstention. The minutes were approved.

19/307 TO REVIEW THE RISK ASSESSMENTS AND AGREE ACTION PLAN
The Risk Assessment and Action Plan was reviewed by members. The only outstanding matter related to COSHH Assessment training for staff. Members were advised that the Clerk is meeting with Peninsula to undertake hazardous substance inventory and training on 30th October.

19/308 RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL FOR EMERGENCY CALL OUT FOR ALARM AT THE PAVILION
Councillor Davison-Williams reported that the alarm at the Pavilion had gone off twice, once during the week the other on a Saturday afternoon. KBC Security Systems attended site and it was found that the detector in zone 4 needed to be replaced. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** retrospective approval of the cost to replace the faulty detector at a cost of £74.00, **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

19/309 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE QUOTATION FOR DRAIN CLEARANCE AT THE PAVILION
A quotation to clear and flush through the 4 drains outside the Pavilion was considered. The last drain clearance was undertaken in 2016, it is recommended that the clearance takes place every 2 years to prevent silt and blockages building up and causing flooding. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** the quotation from Drainclear to clear the four gullies in front of the changing rooms and HP jet the foul and surface water drainage at a maximum cost of £450.00 (to include the disposal) be accepted. The proposal was **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

19/310 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE REQUEST FROM BARTON BOWLS CLUB TO ERECT ADVERTISING BANNER AT ENTRANCE TO THE SPORTS FIELD
Members considered a request from Barton Bowling Club to display a recruitment banner from April to August each year. Two locations were discussed, it was agreed that an appropriate position would be to the left hand side of the entrance to Barton Rovers. Members agreed to grant consent subject to viewing the proposed sign. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to ask Bowling Club to provide the sign for inspection.**

19/311

TO CONSIDER THE WAY FORWARD WITH THE SHOWER FACILITIES IN THE PAVILION

The current hot water system and boilers are very costly to run and the system will need fully replacing in the next 2-3 years (approximately). Currently the hot water system is only turned on at weekends when changing/shower facilities are needed, often the hot water is not used and it is very costly system. The cost of a new boiler system has been quoted at £36,000, members considered alternatives to the current system. To move forward with this it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Steve Randall of SMRHS, to look at all the options available. In addition it may be possible to gain a grant for the project, this would be looked into further.

19/312

TO CONSIDER ERECTING FENCING TO SECURE THE SIGHT

Members considered a suggestion that fencing should be erected along the whole length of the access road to enclose and secure the Sports Field. Earlier in the year the wooden fencing along the access road was vandalised, the cost to replace the vandalised fence was £3,500 and insurance premiums are likely rise due to the claim. The office has also received reports that motorbikes are gaining access to the pitches and driving over them and there are weekly reports of dog walkers allowing their pets off lead and not picking up their mess. The suggestion was discussed at great length. It was noted that planning permission would be required to erect fencing and the Assets team at Central Bedfordshire Council have previously stated that they were not in favour of closing off a community field. In addition concerns were raised that closing off the area would likely alienate residents and it was agreed not to be progress the project further at this stage.

19/313

TO CONSIDER DRAINAGE AND CLEARANCE OF TREES/ROOTS IN SOUTH WEST CORNER OF THE LUTON ROAD SPORTSFIELD

The committee previously discussed the need to clear trees and roots in the south west corner (adjacent to the A6 ditch) however work was put on hold due to the uncertainty of building development on the land. The drain and inspection pit which runs out to the A6 is now very clogged with roots and shrubs which have blocked and damaged the drains. Councillor Selley met with Mr Horner some months ago to assess the problem, it will be necessary to remove all shrubs, trees but the main feeder drain and inspection pit will be destroyed during the clearance process and will therefore need replacing. Members agreed the work should be done as soon as possible as the blockages are causing flooding to the football pitches. It was also agreed that the replacement drains should be non-porous to stop the problem recurring. It may be possible to gain a grant for the work, the FA no longer offer grants for such work so we will need to look for other grants.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to provide quotations for the works to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

19/314

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

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm