

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.33 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Mr J Selley (Chair), Mr N Day (Vice-chair), Mrs A Vale, Mrs B Thomas (ex-officio), Mr J Paxton (ex-officio)

**In attendance:** Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Mrs C Callen (Clerk), Councillor Ms A Miller

**Minutes:** Mrs S Cowie

**21/353 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – apologies were received from Councillors Roberts and Channon.

**21/354 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.

**21/355 MATTERS ARISING**

The condition survey of the Pavilion is due to take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The findings will be shared with Council as soon as they are available.

**21/356 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2021**

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021, **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale with 4 **in favour and 1 abstention**. The minutes were approved.

**21/357 TO APPROVE THE COST FOR DITCH CLEARANCE WORK AT THE SPORTS FIELD**

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** approval of the cost of up to £2,200 plus VAT for ditch clearance work, **SECONDED** by Councillor Day and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**. Work to be undertaken by Mr Horner.

**21/358 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PITCH FEES FOR THE 2022/23 SEASON**

A review of the current fees and expenditure took place. Following discussion Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** that the pitch fees should be increased by 5% rounded to the nearest 50p across the board to allow for the increases in contractor costs next season. Councillor Paxton **SECONDED** the proposal and it was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Miller arrived at 7.44 pm

**21/359 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2021/22 AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT BUDGETS FOR 2022/23**

The expenditure for 2021/22 was reviewed. The annual maintenance programme had included an application of fertiliser and weed selective this year. Pitch reseeding had been completed over the summer months and the inside and outside hedge had been flailed. There had been savings on gas and water usage due to the changing rooms being closed, however the income received in the past two years had been significantly reduced due to the pandemic. The Restart Grant had made it possible for a new white lining machine to be purchased along with replacement speed humps for the access road and new, more cost-effective outside lighting was due to be installed on the Pavilion shortly. The cost of the Pavilions condition survey would also be taken from the restart grant fund. Other works planned or undertaken was the ditch clearance which is in progress.

It was suggested that any underspend is reviewed in March 2022 and funds transferred to Ear Marked Reserves (EMR) as appropriate to save for future years work.

Budgets for 2022/23 allow for an increase of 4.9% for the Council's Grounds Maintenance Contract for grass cutting and a 5% increase in the weed and feed cost.

Councillor Selley **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2022/23 Sports Field Income and Expenditure budgets, with a £12,385 committee precept. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Vale and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**20/360 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA – for information only.** There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm