

BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE BARROWBY PAVILION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH JULY AT THE READING ROOM

PUBLIC FORUM (7.15pm):

No members of the public attended the Public Forum.

MEETING OPENED: 7.20pm

1. WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN (25/011)

- 1.1. Councillor Tim Lees opened the meeting and welcomed Committee members. Those in attendance: Cllr Tim Lees, Cllr Nigel Eaton, Mr. Dave Pearce, Mr Joe Clarke, Mrs Anna McConnell-Good, Mrs Marj Spendlow and Assistant Clerk, Mrs Claire Dring.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS GIVEN (25/012)

- 2.1. Apologies were received from Mrs Louise Ritchie. Councillor Rorie Beswick-Parsons has left the committee.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 (25/013)

- 3.1. None received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (25/014)

- 4.1. Minutes of the Pavilion Committee meeting held on 9th April 2025 were agreed by the Committee to be a true and accurate record.

5. ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT (25/015)

- 5.1. The contents of the Assistant Clerk's Report with regards to actions from previous minutes were noted, and follow-up actions were recorded.

6. MAINTENANCE (25/016)

- 6.1. The minor works and defects spreadsheet was reviewed; records have been updated with repairs carried out since the last meeting and progress reports were given on outstanding repairs. The following was completed:
 - Gas meter housing repaired.
 - Fire extinguishers replaced.
 - Replacement shutters to the rear entrance had to be fixed as an emergency – the cost was retrospectively approved by the committee.
 - Guttering replaced.
- 6.2. Outdoor Lighting - the Committee agreed to replace the outside lighting with LED, this will now go to the PC for final approval. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to inform the Parish Clerk to put on PC Agenda for approval.
- 6.3. Inside lighting – Committee agreed to replace all the inside fluorescent tubes in the hallway. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to inform contractors to proceed.
- 6.4. The pathway with the new light bollards needs re-gravelling, and a broken slab on the diagonal footpath needs replacing. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to arrange a date with the grave digger who has the equipment to spread the gravel along the path and inform Cllr Lees. **Action: Cllr Lees** to order gravel, arrange delivery and replace broken slab.
- 6.5. Dog poo bag dispensers are working well, and it was agreed there is no need to install any more currently.
- 6.6. Septic tank repairs – the report was reviewed, due to high costs, the committee discussed splitting the work over 2 financial years. **Action: Cllr Lees** will contact contractors to discuss the report and ask if any

other options are available and what the priorities are. **Action: Assistant Clerk** will investigate another quote.

- 6.7. Hot water boilers – The Pavilion gas bill is still too high and needs further investigation. A quote has been received to de-commission one of the hot water boilers. The Committee will do some tests over the summer when Pavilion is not used, to turn the hot water off and check meter readings. A discussion was held around the options of having a combi boiler installed. **Action: Cllr Lees** to speak to contractors for advice and options on improving efficiencies to gas heating and hot water. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to investigate further quotes for a combi boiler.
- 6.8. WIFI – The WIFI code needs to be made more available. **Action: Cllr Eaton** to create a QR code to be displayed.

7. USER GROUP REPORTS (25/017)

7.1. Update from the Football Club:

- 7.1.1. A new veteran team will start next season, keeping numbers stable after under 16's and 18's are folding.
- 7.1.2. The Chairman is in discussion with Lincs FA regarding the developments planned for Rectory Farm, and related additional facilities.
- 7.1.3. The large goal posts on the pitch nearest to the far car park were taken down for the summer, this has led to other football pitches being used over the whole of Low fields, affecting seasonal repairs to goal mouths and some disruption. **Action: Mr. Clarke** will investigate if the goal posts can be put back up for the rest of the summer. Storage of the small goal posts in the garage needs to be reviewed. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to speak to Mr Clark regarding storage of goal posts in garage and look at other options.

7.2. Update from the Cricket Club:

- 7.2.1. Club doing well this season.
- 7.2.2. 20 new juniors joined the ECB All stars and Dynamos programme hosted by Barrowby CC.
- 7.2.3. Mr Pearce has invited the fire brigade to do their water drill on the square to help with the current dry weather.
- 7.2.4. The condition of the outfield surface is very poor and potentially dangerous to play where Junior football pitches overlap, the repairs to the goal mouths have been inadequate, with the risk of the cricket pitch becoming unsustainable for future seasons if this gets progressively worse. **Action: Mr Pearce** will consult green specialist for advice. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to meet Mr Pearce on Pitch to inspect areas concerned.
- 7.2.5. Post season pitch works to the surface of the Cricket square are planned, to include a thorough scarifying and dethatching, resurfacing with loam, re-seeding with Grass seed and fertilizer.
- 7.2.6. The Cricket club are exploring an opportunity to host 1-2 Holiday club days subject to volunteers, and Venue availability.
- 7.2.7. An application for funding was submitted for an artificial track adjacent to the square – this was not successful and other funding opportunities are being investigated.

7.3. Update from the Pre-school:

- 7.3.1. The pre-school are pro-actively working on increasing child places for September, with 15 leaving for school this year. An open day was organised to help with recruitment. A Tombola at Asda has been organised to help raise funds. **Action: Cllr Eaton** to ask Parish Clerk to ask Barrowby school to advertise pre-school places.

- 7.4. Quotes for repairs and replacement to the picket fence have been received, but exact requirements still need confirming. An opportunity to apply for a grant to cover this work is being investigated. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to circulate to Committee the 2 quotes received and source another quote.

7.5. Update on Pavilion hiring:

- 7.5.1. The Pavilion will be hired by children's physio for 4 weeks in the summer, 28 July – 8 Aug and 18 Aug – 29 Aug (weekdays). It has been agreed by the PC that the car park will remain open during weekdays of the school holidays from 9am – 5pm, managed by the Caretaker. A hiring event was also agreed on 11th July.

7.6. Update from Barrowby Events Team:

- 7.6.1. The spring Fayre went well on 3-4th May. There is no large event next year, **Action: Assistant Clerk** to inform Mr Clarke and Football Club of this and determine a date for 2027 to work with them again.

- 7.6.2.Storage - Gazebos and books are stored in changing room 3, this is not ideal. The committee talked about re-purposing the changing room specifically for storage, creating an entrance to the car park for direct access. This will be discussed further in the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Lees and Cllr Eaton** to look at what is currently stored in the Legion garage and confirm if this facility is still required.
- 7.6.3.Some gazebo sides have been damaged and need replacing. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to arrange a day the Committee can check the gazebos and what needs fixing / replacing.

8. UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS (25/018)

- 8.1. Car-park improvements – quotes for re-used road planings have been received, but we are looking at trying to source them nearer to Barrowby. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to ask Balfour Beatty if they have provided this service or who have contacts who can provide road plannings.
- 8.2. Drainage – a site visit took place, but a report and quotes have not been received. **Action: Assistant clerk** to follow up.
- 8.3. Solar Panels – an opportunity to apply for a grant was taken up, but although the application was accepted to the next stage, the committee decided there was not enough time to prepare the application by the deadline. The committee decided to not continue but prepare fully for the next opportunity of a solar panel grant, including arranging a roof survey. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to work with Parish Clerk to arrange a quotation and a survey.

9. FINANCES (25/019)

- 9.1. Budget to date was noted and reports made available. **Action: Assistant Clerk** to circulate financial report to Committee monthly.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS (25/020) Meeting closed at 20.50.

6 October
14 January
25 March

