

**MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairman: Richard Leech (Silkstone PC) Richard Bell (Silkstone PC Clerk & RFO) Ron Stier (Silkstone PC)

Andy Horsfield (SUFC), Jon Dale (SUJFC under 18's), Jim McGuinness (Penistone Church U12's) Tony Clegg (SUCC) Steve Fletcher (SUJFC).

#### **19-026 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Richard Leech proposed to continue as Chairman by Ron Stier, seconded by Steve Fletcher. There were no other nominations or expressions of interest.

**RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Richard Leech as Chairman for a period of 12 months.

**RESOLVED** to appoint Parish Council Clerk in all Officer Roles.

#### **19-027 RECORD AND APPROVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

**RESOLVED** to appoint members of Cricket and Football user groups to the Committee.

#### **19-028 ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIR.**

Richard Leech reported to the Committee that everything was going well. Cricket have one point of contact for all age groups whereas Football have distinct separate points of contact, however, there is regular attendance at meetings. Teams have reduced during the year but it is pleasing to hear of a new junior team starting next season run by Steve Fletcher and the possibility of a new senior team.

Financially, the budget for 2019/2020 is the same as the previous year but all seems to be on track. The Chair thanked all user groups for their endeavours.

#### **19-029 APOLOGIES**

None received.

#### **19-030 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None made.

#### **19-031 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on Monday 11th March 2019 as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Minute number **19-015** Cllr Stier confirmed that the key is now in the Kitchen drawer.

Minute **19-016** the Legionella contractor is to be asked for his opinion during his next visit concerning the suitability of water on the ground floor for drinking.

#### **19-032 PAVILION**

##### Health and Safety & Comments book

**RESOLVED** to note the following comments from Cllr. Stier:-

15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – litter bin not emptied. Electric heaters left plugged in and switch 'on'.

Refrigerator temperature set to full – items in 'fridge frozen.

Wire mesh gate belonging to the homeowner neighbouring the Pavilion – the tie has been broken.

The resident appreciates that the ball will occasionally go over but asks for consideration.

Reports of youths jumping on top of the containers; this is a potentially dangerous activity and there are concerns that serious injury may occur.

Water heater being repaired – plumber waiting for parts. Radiators have been fixed.

Query about the Disabled toilet and access from outside if user pulls emergency cord – is there a Specific key?

### **19-033 RECREATION GROUND AND GROUNDS MAN**

#### **Cricket**

**RESOLVED** to note that there has been an incident of vandalism to the covers, can be repaired. The outfield looks fabulous; may have been a breakdown in communication with the Groundsman but Botham's now taken on a cricket 'expert' so may resolve issue with which square to use.

#### **Football**

Jim McGuinness asked when the invoice for 2019/2020 season can be issued; he is keen to pay as soon as possible. When is the expected date for getting back on the pitches prior to the new season starting? Hopefully mid-August but will depend on the Groundsman. Clerk to arrange site visit by Groundsman to work out remedial works. Steve Fletcher asked if it would be possible to get a quotation to 'sort out' the goalmouths; re-turfing not an option as no access to daily watering same issues with seeding.

Need to arrange date for removal of existing goalposts and storage down side of container.

U15's finished for the season.

Andy Horsfield confirmed that he is going to enter a senior team into the County League. Also reported that a team from Penistone Church may relocate to play and change name.

Decision to hopefully be made as to the date for going back on pitches at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** to note that Penistone Church over 45's team still owe £190 for pitch hire.

### **19-034 PAVILION /RECREATION GROUND BOOKINGS/HIRE**

No bookings to report.

### **19-035 ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVED** to note the end of year accounts summary.

**RESOLVED** to note that £190 is still outstanding from PCFC over 45's.

### **19-036 CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence received.

### **19-037 NEW FLOODLIGHTS UPDATE**

**RESOLVED** to note an update from Steve Fletcher that whilst they have enough funds to buy temporary floodlights; the view is that they may as well wait for a permanent solution. The cost of floodlights without installation is £20,000. Football could provide about £5,000 plus the grant received so looking for alternative suggestions or funding streams. Richard Leech suggested an approach to the Ward Councillors – Clerk to forward contact details to Steve Fletcher.

A permanent floodlight solution would give the Parish Council the potential for income generation, whilst mindful of protecting the playing surface. Richard Leech cautious about the costs of site management during the evenings etc.

### **19-038 NEW GOAL POSTS UPDATE**

**RESOLVED** to note an update from Steve Fletcher that they the new goalposts will arrive next week and consideration needs to be given to how they are stored during the close season. Discussion amongst the Committee as to whether the goals should be made available for community use

during the close season. The inability to secure them and potential theft were major considerations and it was decided that they would not be made available this year.

Insurance of the goalposts was also discussed given their value. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council could not insure them unless they had "insurable interest" – Steve Fletcher suggested that the goalposts could be 'gifted' to the Council. Clerk to obtain quotation to add to the Parish Council insurance schedule.

Football to obtain heavy duty chains and padlocks. Consideration given as to whether the goalposts can be secure against mature trees at the back of the cricket outfield.

#### **19-039 CONTAINER UPDATE**

**RESOLVED** to note an update from Steve Fletcher that a contractor has concluded that the roof is chipboard and unsafe, a solution is to cover with hardboard, new fascia and then felted. Work can commence immediately.

**RESOLVED** to agree to works being carried out but maybe consider any other strengthening of the roof structure.

#### **19-040 ANY OTHER PAVILION OR PLAYING FIELDS BUSINESS**

Tony Clegg asked if consideration had been given to installing CCTV around the Pavilion. Richard Leech will raise the issue at the next Parish Council meeting.

Steve Fletcher asked if the football pitch could be rolled in the close season, football willing to pay. Cricket evening summer event confirmed as taking place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 – only 100 tickets to be issued. Grant from the Cricket World Cup received. Tony Clegg will circulate details of the event.

**19-041 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The Annual General Meeting will take place at 7PM on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Silkstone sports pavilion.**

**Meeting Closed at 8.15PM**

<b>Signed by the Chairman</b>
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