

DRAFT MINUTES of the **REMOTE MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 13th July 2020** via Zoom Conferencing facilities as permitted by paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972.

On 2nd April 2020 HM Government published 'The Local Authorities and Police and Crime panels (Coronavirus) Regulations which allows Silkstone Parish Council to hold remote meetings until 7th May 2021. The Council's Standing Orders have been amended by the Clerk using delegated powers to confirm the procedures for holding a lawful and effective meeting, including voting rights, how members of the public can access documents and allows remote access for members of the public and press.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Richard Leech

Zoom Host: Richard Bell, Parish Clerk

In attendance: Kevin Taylor, Tony Clegg, Andy Horsfield, Jill Hall, Steve Fletcher.

20-124 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies from Ian Wrightson, Dan Walker and Cllr Ron Stier.

20-125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest.

20-126 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Monday 9th March 2020 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes. The signed document will be collected by the Clerk within 7 days.

20-127 SRG HEALTH & SAFETY

Richard Leech reported that the Pavilion remains closed, the heating is turned off and no access allowed other than by himself and The Clerk. A new roller shutter lock has been installed as the old one was becoming troublesome and the padlock number has changed.

The Clerk has had enough keys cut, so we can take this opportunity of establishing key holders as over the years we have lost control of access to the Pavilion. As we begin to move towards opening the Pavilion members need to contact the Clerk for the new key.

Richard Leech advised members that there will be a programme of lighting replacement and that currently one of the two strip lights in the entrance hall, which is also the emergency lighting is broken so exercise caution.

There has been some low level 'anti-social behaviour'; broken glass behind the Pavilion, littering etc. However, Richard Leech thanked cricket for not leaving any litter after the game on Saturday. Kevin Taylor confirmed that they had also cleared broken glass prior to the commencement of the match.

20-128 REOPENING OF SPORTS PAVILION FACILITIES

(a) Cricket

Kevin Taylor gave an update on the resumption of cricket; the 'mini League fixtures are out with games supposedly starting on Saturday 11th July but that was deemed to be too early so the first competitive fixture will be Saturday 18th July. The format is different, adhering to Covid-19 restrictions including 'Social distancing' Access to the Pavilion is via the cricket side door 'one in, one out' and marshalled, with the only toilet in use being the disabled one. The stairs have been closed using the 'child gate'. No entry signs to kitchen and multi-purpose room. The system worked during the last inter-club game.

The Clerk suggested that an ideal scenario would be to have a one-way system so going out through the multi-use room as the risk is using the same door as entrance/exit. The only problem is that the room has been used as a food storage/distribution area.

Tony Clegg suggested that the food could be moved to the football changing rooms as they will not be used for some considerable time. Richard Leech has discussed recently with Steve Fletcher and he is of the opinion that we should continue to say that the changing rooms are closed. Andy Horsfield agreed with this view supported by Kevin Taylor.

The only issue for Richard Leech would be if cricket were able to serve refreshments at some stage in the next few weeks and that a table across the fire exit door of the multi-purposes room would be ideal as a service point. Kevin Taylor stated that getting funds into the club via refreshment sales was not important for the moment; he thinks that the system of toilet queue outside and one door in and out worked well so would not like to complicate things. Richard Leech will liaise with Keven Taylor about moving the food downstairs in any event.

Kevin Taylor confirmed that the final game is scheduled for 12th September; but cricket will be as flexible as possible to accommodate football matches. Games are scheduled for Saturdays and there will be a home game every week as both first team and second team are playing. Andy Horsfield asked if there would be any mid-week games and/or junior cricket; Kevin Taylor said there had been limited discussions with the junior cricket league.

Tony Clegg said that they had a message from Barnsley junior cricket League yesterday and there is not much appetite for any games, they would usually end at the end of July in any event, so he doubts there will be any junior games. Keven Taylor said there may be one mid-week game, but he'll keep everyone updated so as to avoid a clash with football training.

(b) Football

Jill Hall said that at the moment, Penistone Church Whites were not able to play, however, the League have suggested that competitive sports may commence 25th July. No friendlies have been arranged, just training at Penistone Church.

Richard Leech confirmed that in his view training can commence away from the seeded areas of the football pitch. Andy Horsfield said that he and Steve Fletcher are keen to start

training, subject to Covid-19 restrictions. There are rumours of all levels of football commencing in mid-September but there have been no decisions. Richard Leech asked for thoughts on allowing the football pitch to be used for training; there was a unanimous decision to commence for 3 nights per week. There is no desire to reopen the Pavilion for any other purposes or to turn on the heating.

RESOLVED to allow football training to commence without use of the changing rooms or showers.

20-129 KEYHOLDERS AUDIT & MONITORING

Richard Leech said that as part of an audit, we need to have keys returned by the Penistone Church over 45's team. The Clerk thought that Jon Dale may have the set of keys for that team. Kevin Taylor mentioned that Jon Dale may be becoming involved with coaching for the Silkstone United open age team.

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk will create a new register.

20-130 PAVILION STORAGE, CLEANING & REFURBISHMENT

The Clerk explained a programme of replacement lighting in the Pavilion, from traditional fluorescent to low energy LED commencing in stages with the priority being the entrance hallway emergency lighting that is inoperative and then the multi-purpose room and upstairs landing. The light above the garage offers no security or visitor safety so a new brighter light will be considered.

To compliment this work, it would be good to have a full clear out of the garage and other areas. Broadband is now installed in the Pavilion and working with a view to installing remote management of the heating and possibly CCTV.

Richard Leech said that the Broadband could also allow connectivity for residents without access at home or to run training sessions.

20-131 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported an email from Leigh Helliwell enquiring about using the fields for small personal training sessions. Jill Hall confirmed it was outdoor personal trainer; Tony Clegg thought yoga. She has contacted BMBC with a view to using Silkstone Common Recreation ground.

20-132 ANY OTHER PAVILION OR PLAYING FIELDS BUSINESS

Jill Hall asked what the fees were for 2020/2021 season and when is payment due?

The Clerk's view is that the Committee should be making a recommendation to the Parish Council about the level of fees given the Covid-19 situation and limited sporting activity so far this year. It may be unreasonable to collect a full season fee as it previous years and in the case of junior cricket not even playing, it may be inappropriate to charge anything.

Richard Leech agreed that it will depend on how things progress in terms of football in particularly so a matter of being sensible.

Jill Hall further asked about the new combination lock and the mobile goalpost locks; when the pitch will be marked out and when football does commence will they still have the Sunday kick-off time?

Richard Leech and Steve Fletcher confirmed the new combination and that the locks for the posts are the same.

The Clerk will liaise with Botham's once more is known about the date for commencement of competitive matches. Committee members to use the What's App group to communicate.

Penistone Church Whites still have the Sunday kick-off slot and training on a Tuesday 6-7.30pm.

Kevin Taylor having a new combination lock for the container and will advise the code in due course. Steve Fletcher wants to agree to a date for installing the new nets to the posts and storage in view of social distancing guidelines and will liaise with Andy Horsfield.

Steve Fletcher further reported that planning permission for floodlights has been granted and quotes have been obtained starting from £20,000. They have had one quote for about £12,000 for supply only, with installation being done by the Club. Discussions have been had about possibly installing on a phased basis so that one or two a season, this would then enable training to be floodlit if not games for a while. Richard Leech asked if any grant funding is available'; Steve Fletcher said that the 'Football Foundation' have two pots of grant funding, one they have already used for the temporary floodlights.

Steve Fletcher said that HD Select would also like to train on Tuesday evenings, but he does not see that it creates a problem with Penistone Church Whites. Richard Leech asked that they liaise between themselves.

Andy Horsfield confirmed that their training is on Wednesday's like last season. He also asked if other football teams were aware if there is a maximum number for training. Jill Hall said the guidance is one coach to five children, Steve Fletcher agreed and said that they are also sanitizing the ball several times an hour and monitoring players body temperature. Jill Hall said that they are using the Risk Assessments provided by Penistone Church FC; there is one ball issued per player, kicking only and no shots on goal. Sanitizing hands every 15 minutes and no personal contact.

Andy Horsfield said that he had been approached by a team in Dodworth about the possibility of training on our pitch on Monday's and were willing to pay. He thought it was probably only short term whilst their pitch is undergoing some works. The Clerk raised the issue of access to the pitch and whether someone would have to let them in to the grounds.

RESOLVED to leave this as they are presently in view of Covid-19 uncertainties.

20-133 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next remote meeting of Silkstone Playing Fields Committee will be held on Monday 21st September 2020 via Zoom conferencing facilities commencing at 6.30 pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.44pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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