

DRAFT MINUTES of the **REMOTE MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 9th November 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: Dan Walker, Andy Horsfield, Jim McGuinness, Ian Wrightson, Steve Fletcher, Melanie Ives.

20-144 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies from Cllr Ron Stier.

20-145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest.

20-146 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes. The signed document will be collected by the Clerk within 7 days.

20-147 INVOICES FOR USE OF PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk confirmed that a cheque had been received from Silkstone United FC. Steve Fletcher will chase the Treasurer. In relation to Cricket, the Parish Council have agreed to waive the fee for Juniors and reduce the fee for Adults by 50% due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Cricket can't trace the invoice which were sent 1st November – the Clerk will resend.

20-148 PAVILION & RECREATION GROUND

Richard Leech thinks it prudent to move the sight screens back behind the cricket field and chain the portable football goalposts 'face to face' in view of HM Government regulations.

There has been an increased number of criminal incidents in the villages; also damage to fencing in the Recreation Ground and damage to the bridge in Conroyd Wood.

Dan Walker said that at the end of the Cricket season the sight screens were secured; Steve Fletcher said that they would move them back and make sure they are secured. The floodlights attached to the screens are proving useful and Steve Fletcher would like to thank the Cricket Club for agreeing to their use.

Richard Leech asked that the tractor is moved closure to the boiler side and driven in rather than reversed.

Litter picking of the Recreation Ground is continuing, the weekly Legionella monitoring is continuing, and the heating is on low.

Dan Walker asked if the cleaning had been progressed, the Clerk said not in view of lockdown.

The Clerk asked about the Committee views on drainage on the Football pitch, Botham's have asked about doing verti-drainage works during lockdown; the initial view is to leave it for this season given the lack of use and finances. Any authorisation will need to be obtained from the Parish Council. Andy Horsfield and Steve Fletcher agreed it is probably not money well spent. However, Steve Fletcher said that there is a part of the pitch that needs additional sanding before the start of the new season.

20-149 REOPENING OF SPORTS PAVILION FACILITIES

(a) Cricket

Ian Wrightson said the new wicket had been a lot better, but nothing else to report.

Football

Steve Fletcher confirmed that their teams had changed name from HD Select to Yorkshire (RTC) Regional Talent Centre under the Junior Premier League. They presently have 3 teams but are looking to increase. They have secured training at Darton so one team is training their and there are 2 teams under development; Steve Fletcher said they were conscious of the potential damage to the pitch so are looking at more training being held in Darton.

The Clerk asked about electricity consumption following the installation of floodlights. Steve Fletcher said for the last 3 weeks they had been using the Pavilion electricity supply. They are more than happy to pay for the additional cost of electricity. The plan is to move to using a generator later in the year.

Melanie Ives said she was grateful for the opportunity to play on the Recreation Ground.

20-150 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported nothing to note.

20-151 ANY OTHER PAVILION OR PLAYING FIELDS BUSINESS

Richard Leech said that the low-level wooden fence around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground still needs to be looked at. Dan Walker said he would take a note to have a look.

20-152 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next remote meeting of Silkstone Playing Fields Committee will be held on Monday 14th December 2020 via Zoom conferencing facilities commencing at 6.30 pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.10pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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