

**DRAFT MINUTES** of the **REMOTE MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021** 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:** Andy Horsfield, Jim McGuinness, Ian Wrightson, Melanie Shaw.

## **20-153 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED** to note apologies from Cllr Ron Stier, Steve Fletcher, and Dan Walker.

## **20-154 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note no declarations of interest.

## **20-155 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes. The signed document will be collected by the Clerk within 7 days.

## **20-156 RESUMPTION OF GRASSROOTS SPORT**

The Clerk reported that the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) guidance is a little basic, the Football Association (FA) guidance is the same as previously with the exception that toilets may open 30 minutes before and after games. Amended Risk Assessments will allow toilet use in the same way as previously utilised by cricket.

Andy Horsfield said that no spectators are allowed for adult games and only one parent allowed for junior games. No matches will be advertised on any medium. There is no change in relation to the use of Changing Rooms and showers which will remain closed.

The Clerk asked user groups to look at their Risk Assessments in relation to equipment stored around the recreation ground, such as football goal posts/nets, generators, football floodlights, containers, cricket practice nets and sight screens etc.

Ian Wrightson said they were arranging a practice session tomorrow if the wicket can be prepared. He did say that the cricket practice nets were not, in his view, in a great condition and so may need to be looked at. They are looking at ECB funding streams post April for

improvement to grounds but junior and women's cricket are being prioritised; however, cricket is struggling in both these areas for the first time in years.

The Clerk reminded members that the parish council hold a ring-fenced budget for the promotion or setting up of sports teams or activities.

Ian Wrightson said that whilst U15's and U17's teams were potentially able to have enough players, the U13's and U11's teams were struggling for players and coaches to run the teams. They have had an approach from Elsecar Cricket Club U15's to pair up.

Mel Shaw said that at Penistone there may be players who want to join the Silkstone teams as they are oversubscribed. She may also know of a level 3 cricket coach who may be free and will make enquiries.

## **20-157 REOPENING OF SPORTS PAVILION FACILITIES**

### **(a) Cricket**

Ian Wrightson said it looks like there will be a full season subject to any future Covid-19 restrictions. Not likely to be playing Sundays unless it's a cup game. Richard Leech said that if teams can please communicate to avoid both cricket and football clashes.

### **(b) Football**

Mel Shaw said that she had put their team's fixtures on the What's App group, kicking off at 2PM on Sundays but would continue to liaise with other teams.

Jim McGuinness referred to the message he had put on the What's App group about 'mini leagues' that the local FA are running between 11<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> May following the cancellation of the league competition and was not sure how this would affect cricket.

Ian Wrightson confirmed that it will be every Saturday from 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021. He also asked when organised football training is currently taking place; Andy Horsfield said that training takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesday with Thursday potentially for any mid-week games.

At the moment Jim McGuinness said there were no midweek games planned. However, Richard Leech said that if there was a mid-week game that he expected that teams would be flexible in moving their training.

Andy Horsfield said that they are currently in a mini Cup competition with 3 games at home and 3 away. They have asked if the 3 home games can be played first. The first two Saturday's are before the cricket season starts so not an issue but the third clashes, so it is potentially going to be played Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> or Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – he is liaising with Steve Fletcher.

Andy Horsfield thinks that all football will be finished by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021, so consideration needs to be given to pre-season works. Whilst we need to consider costs, he wondered if we should be asking Botham's for a recommendation on what works need to be done in preparation for the new season.

## 20-158 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported there is nothing to report.

## 20-159 ANY OTHER PAVILION OR PLAYING FIELDS BUSINESS

Richard Leech said that hedging had been planted where the low-level wooden fence around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground has been damaged. There is also ongoing anti-social behaviour near the MUGA so asked users to be mindful. Also, make sure pitches are walked prior to games as dog fouling and litter are still a big issue.

Richard Leech confirmed that Expert Water Services have undertaken a full legionella flush and clean of the water system in the Pavilion.

## 20-160 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next remote meeting of Silkstone Playing Fields Committee will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via Zoom conferencing facilities commencing at 6.45 pm.

*The Chair closed the meeting at 7.33pm.*

Chair's Signature	Date
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