

**DRAFT Notes of the Meeting of Silkstone Playing Fields Working Party** held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7PM in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

## **PRESENT**

**Meeting Chaired by** Cllr Richard Leech

**Present :** Cllr Derek Liddell, Richard Bell (Clerk), Steve Fletcher, Steve Dale, Sarah Mann, Kevin Taylor, Darren Walker and Andy Horsfield.

## **SPF 22-001 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Andy Horsfield proposed Richard Leech continues as Chair, Seconded by Steve Fletcher. No objections were raised, and Richard Leech accepted the position.

**AGREED** that Richard Leech would act as Chair for the next 12 months.

## **SPF 22-002 APOLOGIES**

**NOTED** that apologies were received from Cllr Lesley Gill, Ian Wrightson and Mark O'Neill.

## **SPF 22-003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**NOTED** that no declarations of interest were received.

## **SPF 22-004 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING**

**NOTED** that the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 was declared void (inquorate) as only Richard Leech, Andy Horsfield attended the Zoom meeting.

## **SPF 22-005 ITEMS DISCUSSED**

### **Introductions**

Sarah Mann and Steve Dale representing Penistone Church U11's who would be playing Sunday morning matches from the start of season 2022/2023.

### **Update from Cricket Teams**

Reported that the last Junior game takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 with the last Senior game will be 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Discussion about the stop tap supply of water to the cricket square as it was reported leaking pre-Covid. Kev Taylor to investigate.

A grant application has gone into the England Cricket Board for new AstroTurf training pitch. The Clerk is organising a letter confirming that Silkstone United Cricket Club have unincumbered use of the Recreation Ground in perpetuity.

Richard Leech thanked Cricket was sorting the issue of cars parking on the football pitch.

## **Update from Football Teams**

Members discussed the football pitch following the renovation works, due to a long dry spell the new grass seed has not grown. Steve Fletcher will not be training or having friendlies until he is sure the pitch has been given as much time as possible to grow.

The RTC season starts 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Training starts 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Steve Dale asked if they could have the U11's pitch marked out in blue, and the club would pay the initial cost and then mark out the blue themselves. No objections were received although there was discussion about wear on the main pitch due to parents standing. Steve Dale will make sure the respect barriers are positioned correctly and coaches are off the pitch.

SUFC have friendlies arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**AGREED** friendlies can commence Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August; teams are allowed 2 friendlies on the pitch and to ask Botham's Prestige to mark out the pitch, including U11's blue prior to the start of friendlies. The full-size pitch needs to be as big as possible.

Andy Horsfield asked whether the water pressure and temperature issues have been sorted. Richard Leech confirmed that the Parish Council had paid the Legionella contractor to clear the mixing valves of 'furring' and replace the faulty valves. Water pressure should be better, but it is likely that there will need to be a longer-term fix.

## **Security**

The Mosquito ant-loitering device does work but if turned off during matches, it needs to be turned back on upon leaving. Richard Leech will install a 'smart' plug for remote management.

The Clerk will be changing the wi-fi password and will communicate to groups when done.

Richard Leech and Steve Fletcher will liaise separately about trying to repair the chain-link fencing that was vandalised.

## **Garage**

All agreed the garage is disorganised and full of unwanted items, it is potentially dangerous.

The 'Lloyd's Leda Gang Mowers' need to be disposed of, Clerk to investigate.

**AGREED** to organise a skip for some time the last two weeks of July and get as many people as possible to help.

Risk Assessment completed.

Signs to be obtained and Facebook posts advertising the event

## **Invoicing & Utility Costs**

The Clerk explained that gas and electricity costs have increased massively; hopefully a new smart meter will be installed to allow monitoring.

Steve Fletcher said that RTC would pay for the additional electricity usage whilst using their mounted spotlights

The following teams are confirmed as playing on the recreation Ground:-

- **Cricket** – one Senior and Junior Teams (invoiced as one)
- **Football** - Yorkshire RTC x 3 Teams; Silkstone United FC, Penistone Church Ladies FC, Penistone Church U11's.

### **Any Other Business**

Steve Fletcher said the LED floodlight at the side of the Pavilion was inoperative. He also said the wheels on the goal posts need fixing.

Andy Horsfield asked if there had been any progress made with the owners of the adjoining house about stray footballs going into their garden, they cost £50 each. Richard Leech will try and speak with them and find a solution.

Richard Leech said he understood that a new team will be playing on the Silkstone Common Recreation Ground this season but has no other details.

**SPF 22-006 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – to be arranged when necessary.

Meeting closed at 8.30PM