

DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** held on Monday 17th June 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) Kevin Taylor (SUCC) and Dan Walker (SUCC).

19-042 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Tony Clegg (SUCC) Steve Fletcher (SUJFC) and Ian Wrightson (SUCC).

19-043 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made.

19-044 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting on Monday 29th April 2019 as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Minute number **19-032** Clerk reported that the plumber had confirmed he did not think the water heater was now leaking. The cover was not removed by the plumber so needs to be located and attached.

19-045 PAVILION

Health and Safety & Comments book

RESOLVED to note the following recorded in the comments book. Update from Cllr. Stier:-

The water downstairs in the Pavilion is safe to consume according to the Legionella contractor as it comes from the same external inlet feed as all the water in the Pavilion.

28th May – Changing Room 2 key was missing now located

Tables left out, not swept, litter bins not emptied

4 chairs in scoreboard area

3rd June - window left open

TV and speakers not removed from main room

10th June - toilet light left on

Sand on road following works by Botham's – Clerk to speak to Josh.

Parking on football field

Reminder that the next 'Silkstone Shuffle' is on 22nd June from 9AM

19-046 RECREATION GROUND AND GROUNDS MAN

Cricket

RESOLVED to note that there are tyre marks on the playing surface; other than that no issues. Kev Taylor very unhappy with the report which appeared in the Barnsley Chronicle following the Parish Council Meeting of 3rd June. The article has upset a lot of people at the Cricket Club and wider community; he considered it to be unbalanced and inaccurate. Comments attributed to Parish Councillors have caused anger amongst some.

Cllr Leech reaffirmed that the reporter is always present at Parish Council meetings and she chooses which stories to publish, the Parish Council had therefore categorically not approached the Barnsley Chronicle or being made aware of the article in advance. The response on social media to the article aimed personally at certain Parish Councillors and the Parish Council in general were unacceptable. Cllr Leech suggested that the administrator of the Facebook page of the Cricket Club

needs to consider management of the site. The Clerk confirmed that the comments read by Cllr Stier on Agenda item 4 were exactly the same comments read to the Parish Council Meeting, unfortunately Cllr Leech was not present at that meeting.

Dan Walker repeated the upset that had been caused, whilst accepting that there had been some failings. However, he reiterated the point that the Cricket Club members care about the Pavilion and facilities and do not take for granted the facility. He mentioned that the Parish Council Clerk had contacted Ian Wrightson from the Cricket Club on Monday 10th June to say how clean and tidy the Pavilion had been left following weekends matches.

Football

Jim McGuinness needs players for Penistone Church U13's team; flyers have been placed in the Parish Council Noticeboards. Jon Dale also required players for SUFC U16's.

RESOLVED to note that Andy Horsfield has paid fees to County FA for the new SUFC open age team and is trying to sort out insurance, either on the back of the junior team or in their own right. Hopefully it will get ratified at the AGM on 27th June 2019. Thereafter, they would pay to join the League and recruit players. Expected first match to be 17th August which will have to be away due to cricket, the earliest home match would be 21st September.

The only other issue is whether the 'sockets' in the ground where the old metal goalposts were situated need to be cut out. Clerk to liaise with handyman.

19-047 SUMMER FAIR

RESOLVED to note that the Parish Summer Fair will take place on the Silkstone Recreation Ground on Saturday 31st August. Any assistance from football or cricket teams would be appreciated either as marshals or to hold an activity.

Kevin Taylor pointed out that there is still a cricket match scheduled for that date which should have been rearranged. Clerk to contact Ian Wrightson. He also offered the use of the cricket club 'fridges' if required.

19-048 PORTABLE FLOODLIGHTS

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Leech on behalf of Steve Fletcher that the decision has been taken by HD Select to source reconditioned floodlights at a cost of £3,000 each rather than new ones costing £20,000. To install the floodlights on either side of the football pitch would require a part of the banking on the Pavilion side to be cut away. This will need to be agreed with the Playing Fields Committee and then agreed by the Parish Council. Clerk to add as an item on the next meeting agenda.

Cllr Leech raised concerns about the use of the diesel generator, health and safety considerations about how far away from the pitch that the floodlights need to be installed. There are other considerations around overuse of the playing surface, the availability of access to the Pavilion for showers etc.

Andy Horsfield said that local users have a vested interest in protecting the playing surface so will make sure it is monitored. The next phase of the long term project would be to look at installing permanent floodlights, however, fund raising would be required as to have 6 x 15m towers would cost in the region of £41,000 or as an alternative 4 x 18m towers costing £23,000.

RESOLVED to agree to the floodlights to be installed as required and see how things go.

19-049 PORTABLE GOALPOSTS

RESOLVED to note that the Parish Council have now accepted ownership of the goalposts and they have been added to the insurance schedule. However, the Parish Council have asked that the goalpost which is secured to the fence belonging to the resident be moved to be alongside the other goalpost. There are issues with its current location as it is blocking a public right of way and restricts parking. Clerk to contact Steve Fletcher.

19-050 PAVILION /RECREATION GROUND BOOKINGS/HIRE

No bookings to report.

19-051 PITCH HIRE INVOICING & ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED to note that £190 is still outstanding from PCFC over 45's. Invoices for 2019/2020 to be issued at the earliest opportunity around the start of the football season.

19-052 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

19-053 ANY OTHER PAVILION OR PLAYING FIELDS BUSINESS

RESOLVED to note that the container roof has now been repaired.

Dan Walker asked if there was any alternative venue for the Parish Council to meet on practice days to avoid congestion. Cllr Leech responded to say that this is the only free location and that anywhere else would cost. However, there will only be one potential date in 2019 where this will occur - Monday 2nd September.

Kevin Taylor said that there is no need for the handyman to stay after opening for the Silkstone Shuffle as cricket will be in late morning.

19-054 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The Annual General Meeting will take place at 7PM on Monday 29th July 2019 at Silkstone sports pavilion.

Meeting Closed at 8.39PM

Signed by the Chairman