

Minutes of Ackworth Parish Council Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on Monday 22 December 2008 at the Parish Council Community Centre commencing at 3.00 pm

Present: Cllr S Tonkinson, in the Chair

Cllrs R Barnsley, J Evans, D Johnson

The Clerk – Mrs S J Templeman

As neither the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman was in attendance Cllr Evans proposed Cllr Tonkinson take the Chair. All Councillors were in agreement.

1. Apologies

1.1 Cllrs A Garbutt and R Hirst

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 None were declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2008

3.1 Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Lease for Carr Bridge field – Letter received from Ackworth School to say that the existing lease requires a rent review to be carried out. Ackworth School have put forward Mr Stuart Wroe to do the review, approval from the Parish Council is required before this can take place.

4.2 Litter bins – one for Low Ackworth has been moved from another part of the field. The one for Carr Bridge has been ordered at a cost of £92.90

4.3 Low Ackworth playing field – holes have been filled in.

4.4 River Went – the Clerk reported that she has been in e-mail correspondence with Mr Peter Davies from Wakefield MDC and is waiting a reply following further investigations.

4.5 Floodlights at Brackenhill – the Clerk reported that she had written to Ackworth Juniors but received no reply. Cllr Barnsley said he was not aware of any training or playing on an evening.

5. To discuss and nominate members on to a Playing Field Inspection Team

5.1 The Clerk reported that Cllr Garbutt had asked for this item to be on the agenda following a recent request by Ackworth Juniors to look at Carr Bridge field and decide if it was suitable to play on. She further explained the conversations she had had with Ackworth United AFC, Ackworth Juniors and Cllr Garbutt, which led to Cllr Garbutt going to Carr Bridge field on the Saturday morning to look at the pitch.

Cllr Evans who is a qualified referee explained that it should be the referee's decision to either play the match or call it off if the field is unsuitable to play on. After a short discussion Councillors were in agreement that with the exception of Cllr Evans no one present was qualified to decide if the pitch was playable or not, it was therefore agreed to leave the decision to the appointed referee.

6. To report on the Play Ground Inspection Report and to approve cost of work identified

6.1 The Clerk had circulated at the meeting a copy of the playground inspection report. This was discussed. The work identified by Wicksteed Playscapes cost a total of £510 for parts and £260 for labour. It was proposed by Cllr Barnsley to approve the cost of the work and ask that it be carried out as soon as possible. All Councillors agreed.

Item for next agenda – Seat for Low Ackworth play area.

They're being no further business the meeting closed at 3.30pm.