

**Minutes of Ackworth Parish Council Playing Field and Changing Rooms
Committee held on Monday 23 February 2009 at the Parish Council
Community Centre commencing at 3.00 pm**

Present: Cllr J Evans, in the Chair

Cllrs R Barnsley, D Johnson, S Tonkinson

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllrs A Garbutt and W Storey for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2009

2.1 Cllr Barnsley proposed and Cllr Evans seconded that the minutes were a true record. The Chairman duly signed them.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Litter bins – bin and post in stock Wakefield MDC will install as soon as they can.

3.2 River Went – the Clerk reported that she met with an officer from Wakefield MDC last week – they have flushed out the drain on the path. Further information has been received as to who is responsible for which part of the drainage system.

4. To consider making charges for use of the playing field and changing rooms

4.1 The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Solicitor to say that there is no clause in the lease for Carr Bridge field, which would prevent the Council from charging for use of the facilities. After a short discussion it was agreed that a recommendation would be put to the Parish Council that a charge is made for use of the playing fields and changing rooms. It was further agreed that the Clerk would contact Wakefield MDC for a list of their current charges.

Cllr Barnsley and Cllr Tonkinson declared an interest in this item.

5. To consider a request from Friends of Brackenhill to provide a basketball pitch at the field

5.1 A letter had been received from Friends of Brackenhill. They require permission to site a basketball pitch at the field. It was agreed by Cllr Evans and Cllr Johnson that they would recommend to that permission is given by the Parish Council.

6. To discuss the purchase of a seat for Low Ackworth Play Area

6.1 It was agreed to look to purchase a bench type seat. Clerk to obtain prices.

7. To discuss the purchase of additional railings for Low Ackworth Play Area

7.1 It was agreed to obtain prices to provide similar fencing to existing coloured fence but also to price up wire mesh fencing similar to Brackenhill playing field. It was agreed this work needs to be a priority to make the play area more secure.

8. To discuss the condition of all the playing fields

8.1 It was agreed that all of the fields are overused and need resting during the summer.

8.2 There is still a water leak causing damage at the Brackenhill field – it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Wakefield MDC once again re this issue.

They're being no further business the meeting closed at 3.50 pm.