

**Minutes of Ackworth Parish Council Playing Field and Changing Rooms  
Committee held on Monday 23 March 2009 at the Parish Council  
Community Centre commencing at 6.45 pm**

**Present:** Cllr A Garbutt, in the Chair

Cllrs R Barnsley, J Evans, D Johnson, W Storey, S Tonkinson

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllr Hirst for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 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 bin – to check if its been installed

3.2 Water leak at Brackenhill – Yorkshire Water had been out and confirmed that it was not a leak but surface water. Cllr Barnsley had contacted Wakefield MDC Highways in his capacity as member of Friends of Brackenhill.

**4. To further discuss and recommend charges for use of the playing fields and changing rooms**

4.1 The Clerk had previously distributed a list of Playing Fields Hire Fees and Charges made by Wakefield MDC.

The Clerk had been advised by the Officer at Wakefield MDC who had visited our facilities on several occasions that they would fall into the category of 4\*.

A discussion took place – it was agreed by all Councillors that a recommendation would go to the Parish Council to charge adult teams using the changing facilities on the 4\* price band. This would include pitch marking, cleaning and opening up and locking up of the facilities. But would not include floodlights and any additional maintenance the pitches may require, these items would be re charged to the teams concerned.

Junior football would be charged as per Wakefield MDC's charges for pitches only. If they wished to use the changing facilities on Carr Bridge field they would be charged an additional fee of £210. Use of Brackenhill facility would continue to be charged at the hourly rate.

It was proposed by Cllr Tonkinson and seconded by Cllr Barnsley that if the changing rooms were required for training purposes then an additional fee of £20 would be charged for each session. Voting took place 5 Councillors voted in favour and 1 against.

It was therefore RESOLVED that the fees and charges had been agreed.

It was further agreed that these changes could only be implemented by the employment of a caretaker/cleaner/groundsman to work when the changing facilities and/or pitches are required. The cost of the wages would be offset by the income received from the hiring charges.

#### **5. To further discuss the cost of fencing for Low Ackworth**

5.1 The Clerk reported that she had still not received the quote from the company who had been out to price up the work required.

5.2 It was agreed that the Clerk contact S & D Landscapes and ask them to quote for 3 posts maximum of 8'6" with clips.

#### **6. To further discuss the cost of providing a bench at Low Ackworth play area**

6.1 The Clerk had received a quote from Wicksteed Leisure (the company who had installed the play equipment) for a bench at a cost of £358 + 5% carriage + vat.

It was agreed to source a similar bench from a local supplier to compare prices.

#### **7. To discuss and decide on the use of playing fields to organised sports during the summer.**

7.1 The Chairman said that it had already been agreed that there would be no organised sports on Carr Bridge field during the summer.

#### **8. To discuss the condition of the changing rooms – use of the unpaid workers scheme to clean and paint the rooms during the summer**

8.1 It had previously been agreed by the Council that the unpaid work scheme could use the changing rooms for toilet and mess facilities. Following a visit by their representative she decided they were not suitable for use until they had been thoroughly cleaned out. She has suggested that at the end of the season they will clean and paint the rooms and then use them for people on the scheme during the summer.

All Councillors agreed this.

#### **9. To discuss the provision of emergency lighting in the changing rooms**

9.1 The Clerk reported that she had received a visit from the Fire Inspection Officer and he has recommended that the changing rooms either have a light test to see if emergency lighting is required or only allow them to be used in daylight hours.

It was therefore agreed by All Councillors that a light test is carried out.

They're being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.