

**Minutes of Ackworth Parish Council Playing Field and Changing Rooms
Committee held on Monday 26 January 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

A member of the public

1. Apologies

1.1 Cllrs R Hirst and S Tonkinson

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 December 2008

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 Lease for Carr Bridge field – Ackworth School were in the process of carrying out a rent review.

3.2 Litter bins – for Carr Bridge has been ordered and will be installed this week.

3.3 River Went – the Clerk reported that she has left several messages with Mr Davis and is still waiting for him to respond. It was agreed that the Clerk sends an email to Mr Davis requesting response with a copy to the Chairman.

4. To discuss a request received from Ackworth Allstars re use of Brackenhill Playing Field

Cllr Barnsley declared an interest in this item.

4.1 The request was briefly discussed and it was proposed by the Chairman that the team be allowed to use the field. All Councillors agreed.

4.2 The Chairman asked the Clerk to provide an overview of the use of Brackenhill field.

5. To ratify permission given for Ackworth Juniors under 13's to use the field for midweek training

5.1 The Clerk reported that she had given permission to Ackworth Juniors for additional training for a group of 4 one evening a week for 4 weeks. Councillors agreed that this could go ahead but only for the 4 weeks. In future permission for any additional training sessions must be granted before they take place.

6. General Condition and Use of Changing Rooms

6.1 The Clerk reported that she and Kyla had visited the rooms following a telephone call from a representative of the rugby club regarding the condition of the rooms. They were in a filthy state.

6.2 After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Garbutt to include an item on the next agenda to review the use of the playing fields and changing rooms with a view to recommending to the full Council the implementation of fees and charges. All Councillors agreed this. It was further agreed that the Clerk asks the Solicitor to look through the lease for Carr Bridge field to ensure that there is no clause to prevent charges being made.

6.3 The Clerk also reported that the rugby club had repaired the floor in the entrance hall with the piece of boarding from the broken window. The window needs to be boarded up again.

6.4 The Chairman reported that the lights had been left on all weekend. The Clerk reported that the Cemetery Staff had collected the keys and turned the power off on Monday morning.

7. Inspection Team

7.1 Cllr Garbutt asked that an inspection team be set up to periodically check the condition of the fields. A short discussion took place. It was agreed that all members of the Committee would be on the team to enable at least 3 to meet if available to carry out an inspection. It was further agreed that following advice from Wakefield MDC that the field was currently too wet to carry out remedial this week, this would be reviewed on Wednesday, it was agreed that the Clerk would ring round all Councillors to let them know what Wakefield MDC opinion is and a decision would be taken from there.

8. Letter from Friends of Brackenhill and a local resident

Both letters address their concerns that the centre is not being used and the field is being overused. This was discussed and it was agreed that the agenda item for the next meeting referred to in no. 6 above might go some way to alleviating this issue.

They're being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

