

HEIGHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

c/o 17 East Green, Heighington, Co Durham. DL5 6PP

MINUTES OF EXTRA-ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllr G Blenkinsopp (Chairman)	Cllr E Thompson
Cllr G Lee	Cllr L Garner
Cllr C Teare	Cllr M Woodward

IN ATTENDANCE

L Dunn	S Dawes
D Brassell	

APOLOGIES

Cllr A Holmes	Cllr S Bremner
Cllr M French	

116.2019 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Woodward expressed an interest in that he owns the farmland adjacent to the sports field.

100.2019 APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16TH JANUARY 2020

The minutes of the meeting on 16th January 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

101.2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Matters arising are to be discussed at the next ordinary Parish Council meeting scheduled for 20th February.

103.2019 SPORTSFIELD

Following the meeting with representatives from the Parish Council with the Heighington FC it was necessary to hold this extra-ordinary meeting in order that all Councillors were present to discuss the matters raised by the legal team regarding the proposed agreement between the two parties.

DB explained what the pilot scheme would do and gave information on the agreement required to be signed. The agreement does not restrict community use of the facility but couldn't allow another club to use the field for the duration of the scheme.

Cllr Woodward expressed concern of the limitations the agreement would impose and general discussion was had on this issue.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the meeting the legal advice received which stated that before any agreement be put in place for the scheme, that the standing arrangement for HFC to use the facility be regulated by means of a formal licence agreement or lease of the land. Once this was in place legal advice could

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be provided on the specific terms and associated liability implications of any subsequent Grass Pitch Maintenance Agreement.

It was agreed that an estimate of the costs of arranging a licence for the following would be sought:

1. Agreement between the Parish Council and Heighington FC for the use of the field thereby regularising the standing arrangement.

Within this agreement the Parish Council would like it to state that:

- Parish Council are responsible for all pitch bookings
- Maintenance if the pitches can be undertaken by HFC with prior approval of HPC
- HFC has priority for bookings agreed at the start of the season on booking times
- The use of the pitches is dependent on payment of pitch fees

2. Finalisation of the Grass Pitch Maintenance Agreement which will satisfy the requirements of the FA for the scheme and which would not state any exclusive use for HFC but for them to have priority

107.2019 PLANNING

Monies are available through S106 for the sports field. Suggestions for what the money could be spent on had previously been submitted to DBC and they have come back with some approved improvements and others for which the S106 monies could not be used on.

The total amount allocated is £19,633 and the approved schemes are:

- Improve the playing fields – resolve drainage issues affecting all three adult pitches by installing new and additional drains
- Level the land to the east of the Clubhouse to accommodate a 7/5 a side pitch
- Erect fencing along the east perimeter to prevent balls entering adjacent farm and residential properties

110.2019 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED ON NEXT AGENDA

There being no further items, the meeting concluded at 7:20pm