

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting Held 8th December 2015.

Present: Councillor R Bagnall (Chairman).
 Councillors E Connor, D Langan, D Nicol, I Roberts, G Robson, W Smith, D Tait and J White and E Wood.

Staff: Mr P Davison (Clerk), Ms J Hunt (Assistant Clerk).

HRG **Declarations of Interest.**

15/16/081

The following declarations were made:-

Councillor E Connor, item no. 6 – personnel and prejudicial.

Councillor D Tait, item no. 7 – prejudicial.

Councillor G Robson, item no. 10 – personnel and prejudicial.

HRG **Apologies for Absence.**

15/16/082

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J Clark, M Clark, W Hill and L Williams.

RESOLVED: that the apologies submitted be APPROVED.

HRG **Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd and 17th November 2015.**

15/16/083

RESOLVED that:

- i. the minutes of 3rd be approved as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.
- ii. the minutes of 17th be approved as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

Councillor I Roberts entered the room at 6:06pm.

HRG **Matters Arising.**

15/16/084

HRG 15/16/069 – Member Bank Account Signatories – The forms were sent off, however, some further information is needed. The Clerk will arrange for the information to be completed will contact the appropriate Members to obtain such, as required.

HRG 15/16/071 – Miners Sculpture – The event took place on 21st November 2015. The Clerk contacted the miners on the list, where they could be contacted and they agreed that the oldest Miner in attendance should compete the unveiling. Mr Steven Wilson was the oldest miner in Attendance on the day and unveiled the sculpture. Photographs and a photo presentation Have been produced and the Clerk will arrange the photograph of the miners attending to be Framed and sent out.

Councillor E Connor left the room at 6:10pm and re-entered at 6:25pm.

Mr D Graham entered the room at 6:12pm and left at 6:24pm.

HRG **Public Participation.**

15/16/085

The Chairman welcomed Mr D Graham, who proceeded to advise Trustees on the subject of some of the boundary trees within the Welfare Park, as per his correspondence which had been previously circulated.

HRG **Tree Removal Request.**

15/16/086

Trustees gave consideration to the request of removing a number of boundary trees within the Welfare Park as per correspondence received from Mr D Graham, which had been previously circulated.

A brief discussion ensued and it was;

RESOLVED: that the relevant trees be felled with immediate effect and suitable replacements be sourced and planted.

Councillor D Tait left the room at 6:26pm and re-entered at 6:55pm.

HRG **Horden Rugby Club Number Two Pitch.**

15/16/087

Trustees considered correspondence previously circulated.

The Clerk proceeded to update Trustees on said correspondence and the meeting held between himself, Councillor R Bagnall and two representatives of the Rugby Club.

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to the Rugby Club asking them what their definitive position is regarding their long term usage and their view on the usage of pitch number two in light of the turf agronomics report.

HRG **Horden Cricket Club and Horden Social Club.**

15/16/088 Trustees gave consideration to correspondence received from Mr Ken Robinson, Secretary of Horden Cricket Social Club and Mr Adam Dixon, Secretary of Horden Cricket Club, which had been previously circulated.

A brief discussion ensued and it was;

RESOLVED: that a special meeting be arranged to answer any relevant questions from Horden Cricket Club and Horden Social Cricket Club and that said meeting to be held on Thursday 17th December 2015 at 6:00pm.

HRG **Exclusion of Press and Public.**

15/16/089 that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED: that the press and public be excluded for the following item.

Councillor G Robson left the room at 7:20pm.

Councillor W Smith left the room at 7:21pm and re-entered at 7:50pm.

HRG **HCW AFC Litigation.**

15/16/090 Trustees gave consideration to correspondence received which had been previously circulated.

A Trustee requested that future paperwork be stapled and copied on coloured paper.

A very lengthy discussion ensued and the following were made as per the Clerk's report;

RESOLVED that:

- i. with regard to the Trial Bundle photocopying, to outsource printing.
- ii. with regard to the Proposed Part 36 offer, to accept counsels advice.
- iii. with regard to the ATE insurance, following information received, Trustees are not to persue ATE insurance.
- iv. with regard to the Witness Order, to instruct Solicitor to serve a witness order to Mrs S Shippen and Councillor I Roberts.
- v. with regard to the Mediation Agreement, to take Counsels advice and withdraw the Mediation Agreement made on 22nd December 2014.

The meeting was closed at 7:50pm.