

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held 9th February 2016

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

Apologies: Councillors C Cain, J Clark, M Clark and G Robson.

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

Also Present: Janine Hobson (Mortons Solicitors) and Stephanie Jarron (Barrister)

HRG
15/16/104 **Declarations of Interest.**
 No declarations of interest were submitted.
RESOLVED: that the information be NOTED.

HRG
15/16/105 **Apologies for Absence.**
 Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors C Cain, J Clark, M Clark and G Robson.
RESOLVED that:

- i. the apologies submitted be APPROVED.
- ii. *The Chairman, under Standing Order S.12 ss (d) moved without notice that the order of business be changed for the following items HRG 15/16/106 and HRG 15/16/107.*

J Hobson and S Jarron entered the room at 6:05pm and left at 7:05pm

HRG
15/16/106 **Exclusion of Press and Public.**
 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 items.

HRG
15/16/107 **HCW AFC Possession Order.**
 The Chairman welcomed J Hobson and S Jarron.

The Clerk advised Trustees on the situation with regard to the Football Club, following a recent meeting with one of its Members.

S Jarron and J Hobson then proceeded to advise Trustees on the next steps with regard to the outcome of the recent court case.

Trustees discussed the procedure for the handing over of the keys to the Football Ground and Grandstand, as per court judgement.

RESOLVED that:

- i. the Trustees follow the advice given from their Solicitor and Barrister with regard to the next step following the recent outcome of the court case.
- ii. that the Clerk co-ordinate the handing over of the keys.

Trustees wished to express their thanks to J Hobson and S Jarron for the excellent work they have carried out on behalf of the Trustees, which contributed greatly towards the successful outcome of litigation.

HRG
15/16/108 **Minutes of Meetings held 12th January 2016.**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

HRG
15/16/109

Matters Arising.

HRG 15/16/102 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2015 – This will be tabled as an agenda item for the Marsh meeting.

HRG 15/16/003 Horden Colliery Heritage Centre Replacement Floor – The Clerk has written to the Secretary regarding the Trustees resolution.

HRG
15/16/110

Items Tabled for Information.

Information previously circulated.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

HRG
15/16/111

Public Participation.

There were no members of the public present.

HRG
15/16/112

HCW AFC Litigation Witness.

Trustees gave consideration to the motion raised by Councillor D Langan.

RESOLVED: that the following motions be APPROVED;

Motion 1: that Horden Parish Council (Acting as the Sole Trustee of Horden Recreation Ground, Charity No:520826), express sincere gratitude to Councillor I Roberts in relation to her representing the Charity at the recent court case. This exemplary and invaluable support, as a witness on behalf of the Sole Trustee, was the result of personal preparation, involving many voluntary dedicated hours, contributing most effectively towards the successful conclusion.

Motion 2: that Horden Parish Council (Acting as the Sole Trustee of Horden Recreation Ground, Charity No:520826), express sincere gratitude to Mrs Samantha Shippen, former Clerk of Horden Parish Council, in relation to her representing the Charity at the recent court case. This extremely effective and highly commendable role, as a witness on behalf of the Sole Trustee, was the result of her personal involvement and meticulous attention to scrupulously filed, archived information which was used as evidence, thus contributing greatly towards the successful outcome of complex litigation.