

**HORDEN RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016**

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

**Apologies:** Councillors C Cain, M Clark, G Robson, L Williams and E Wood.

**Staff:** Ms J Hunt (Assistant Clerk).

**Also Present:**

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

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

**HRG** **Exclusion of Press and Public.**  
**15/16/106** 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** **Football Ground and Grandstand.**  
**15/16/107** Trustees gave consideration to the contents of the Clerk's report regarding the possession and occupancy of the football ground and grandstand in Horden Welfare Park.

Trustees proceeded to discuss the following points;

- Correspondence received informing Trustees of the new composition of HCWFC committee.
- The handing over of the keys to the Parish Council prior to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
- Correspondence received from other interested parties.
- The Safeguarding of Social Welfare Centre Staff, as a result of the inflammatory nature of comments being posted on social media against Horden Parish Council.

**RESOLVED that;**

- i. To contact the Police regarding the social media postings.
- ii. To contact the Sunderland Road Playing Fields Football Teams, requesting expressions of interest to play on Welfare Football Ground for the remainder of this years season.
- iii. Not to approve the request from HCWFC, to playout the rest of the season on the ground.
- iv. To APPROVE the request from Horden Supporters Football Club to play their cup game on the Welfare Football Ground on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and that a reasonable fee be requested.
- v. With regard to lone working of Social Welfare Staff, the outside door be locked and persons wishing to gain entry use the buzzer located on the outside beside the double doors.
- vi. To obtain a quotation from a reputable security organisation to install an intercom system.
- vii. That a further press statement be released informing the public that the council will be considering representations from interested clubs and organisations in the near future, subject to approval from the Trustees Solicitors.
- viii. That no meeting will take place for the receiving and consideration of representations from the relevant interested third parties, with regard to the use of the Football Ground.