

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th November 2011 To discuss the issues raised regarding the running of with the Rawstone Sports centre.

Present:

Councillor Mrs. M Foster (Chair)

Councillors C Robb, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, K McKay, D Chambers, P Walton, Mrs. M Whitehead and Mrs. S Delany

Carole Erdem, T Parkinson and F Towers, (Rawstone executive committee), Mrs. C Thomas (Younger years), I Hirst and Mrs. Nye (Warton Typhoons) and J Goodin, G Fiddler and partner (Cricket section).

Apologies:

Councillors L Rigby, T Fiddler and T Threlfall (other meetings)

It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

1) To discuss the issues raised at the Fabrics meeting and the report from Warton typhoons.

The Chairman welcomed all the representatives from the Organisations. It was pointed out that the purpose of the meeting was to try to find solutions to the problems and not apportion blame for what has happened.

Currently, the Officials at the Centre are:-

Chairman: Frank Towers

Secretary: Carole Erdem

Treasurer: Tony Parkinson

Steward: Sharen Delaney

There is no Cleaner employed, although the steward will undertake this function when at the club.

There followed a general discussion and it was agreed that the following suggestions would be progressed:-

a) Running of the centre

1. A notice board/area should be used to show contact details and other information that would be useful.
2. A cleaner should be employed to ensure all areas are kept clean.
3. The selling of drinks on draught should be scrapped and the sections to run their own bar/tuck shop as required. The sections would bring in the drinks and food.
4. The annual expenditure will be reviewed and compared with the revised expected income. Ways of financing the running of the club will be considered. This will include a review of the subscriptions paid by the members of each section to use the facilities.
5. There should be a fixtures secretary to ensure all sections are aware of the each other fixtures and to avoid a conflict over use of facilities.
6. The shared use of storage areas will be reviewed with a possibility that the cricket section will construct an additional area adjacent to the score box.
7. The storage of the tennis nets will be re-located from the AWS area to the space between the Cricket practice and the AWS areas.
8. The goals nets on the AWS areas will be padded to avoid an accident.
9. The Cricket section indicated that they were looking to progress a general upgrade of the Rawstone centre, via the NAT West project (used last year to make improvements to the Cricket outfield and create a new patio area). The Council members and the other members of the Centre welcomed this initiative.

b) Use of outdoor facilities

1. The use of the football pitches for ad-hoc games should be agreed with the fixtures secretary and the Warton typhoons before the field is booked.
2. Enquiries will be made to see if anyone is interested in line marking the football pitches. The Warton typhoons indicated they would be prepared to pay for the service.
3. Warton Typhoons agreed to find a suitable area for social football to be played so that the goalposts could be re-sited.

c) Council's responsibility

It was pointed out that the Contractor has a schedule of work that he has to carry out on a regular basis, which includes cutting the grass, rolling the pitches in winter and weed and feeding all the pitches. He will be willing to undertake any additional work if required.

The maintenance work, mentioned in the report is currently being progressed.

In addition, the Council has secured the funding for the upgrade of the disabled and junior toilets and quotes are being obtained.

Signed.....Mrs. M Foster, Chairman.....

Date.....05/12/11.....