

Freckleton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th December 2014, in the Rawstorne Centre,
to discuss the bar licence at the Rawstorne Centre

Present: Councillors L Rigby (Chair), Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. G Cowell, C Robb, T Fiddler and St J Greenhough, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. J Cartmell and P Walton (arrived at 8:00pm). Gary Fiddler and Leanne, from the Cricket club.

1) To receive declarations from anyone (public or Councillors) if they propose to record the meeting (film or audio) under the Openness of the Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

There were no declarations received.

2) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors K McKay (working abroad) and T Threlfall (another meeting)

It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

All Councillors, as Landlords of the Rawstorne centre, declared an interest item 4.

Councillor Fiddler, as a member of the Cricket club, also declared an interest in Item 4.

Councillor Robb, as Chairman of the Rawstorne Management committee, also declared an interest in Item 4.

4) To discuss the issues raised regarding the bar licence.

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the problem. This was that the Cricket club were responsible for running the bar but The Chairman of the Management would be held to account for any shortfall in the licencing rules.

He reported that the Chairman of the Management committee had requested that the bar sub-committee should be re-instated, consisting of himself and three members of the Cricket club and that the bar committee should be answerable to the management committee.

Also, he reported that an alternative solution would be for the Cricket club to apply for a new licence and be fully responsible for adhering to the Licencing rules. This would make the role of the management committee far simpler but the Cricket club would still be answerable to them for bookings at the Centre. The Chairman overruled this suggestion on the basis that a Management committee at the Rawstorne Centre does not exist. The suggestion was withdrawn.

The following resolutions were approved:-

a) The Council acknowledges all the hard work that Councillor Robb, as Chairman of the Management committee, has put in to make the Rawstorne Centre a cleaner and user friendly environment.

b) The Management committee would cancel the existing Licence certificate and take out a new one so that the Bar Steward, appointed by the Cricket club, becomes the Licensee of the bar. The Clerk agreed to help with this application.

The members list would then become the responsibility of the Licensee.

c) Cricket club should book all their events through the Management committee **before** the events is advertised or takes place. Gillian Cowell looks after the bookings of the Centre and an email or telephone call should be made if the event is to take place before the next management meeting.

d) The Cricket club to pay 75% of the electricity charges to cover the cost of the cooling system and the bar machinery.

It was agreed that the Cricket club will be billed on a quarterly basis.

e) All sections should send a representative to all the Management committee meeting. If the regular representative is not available a substitute should be sent.

Signed.....L Rigby, Chairman.....

Date.....05/01/15.....