

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015, in the Rawstorne Centre.

Present: Councillor L Rigby (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. G Cowell, C Robb, St J Greenhough, P Walton, T Fiddler, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. J Cartmell, & Mrs. L Willis
Louise Tideswell from Plans4sport.

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

There were no declarations to record the meeting.

- 2) **To accept Apologies for absence**

Councillors– K McKay (away on business) 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, declared an interest in the AWS area.

- 4) **To review the feasibility report, from Plan4Sport, on the re-vamping of the All Weather Surface area**

Louise Tideswell confirmed that she had not approached the younger years' club but she would seek their views.

She reported that the feasibility study revealed that there was only a demand from football clubs to use a new 3g surface pitch. She had consulted other sports and there was no interest from hockey, tennis or rugby clubs.

If the Council decided to increase the playing area to a half-pitch size then there would be a greater interest in using the pitch.

It was stressed that the football clubs would only use the new pitch if the price was more competitive than other pitches in the area.

The cost for re-surfacing the existing AWS area (30x40sqm) would be approximately £50k. The cost for a half-size pitch (60x40sqm) would be in the region of £175k. She anticipated that funds of around £100k would be available from the FA.

She anticipated that income from the new pitch would be in the region of £20k per annum and the maintenance costs, including a contingency fund to replace the surface, would cost around £10k per annum.

It was agreed to review the report and get back to Louise with the Council's recommendations.

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

Date.....13/04/15.....