

**HORDEN RECREATION GROUND**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.**

**Present:** Councillor J White (Chairman)  
 Councillors W Hill, D Nicol, J Clark, M Clark, E Connor, R Bagnall, G Phillips, V Williams, I Roberts, M Robinson, and W Smith.

**Apologies:** Councillor E Wood.

**Staff:** Mr P Davison (Clerk)

**Also Present:**

**HRG 12/13/53**      **Apologies for Absence**  
**RESOLVED:** Apologies **RECEIVED** and approved for Councillor E Wood.

**HRG 12/13/54**      **Minutes of Meetings held 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
**RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

**HRG 12/13/55**      **Matters Arising**  
 There were no matters arising that were not already covered on the agenda.

**HRG 12/13/56**      **Public Participation**  
 There were no members of the public present.

**HRG 12/13/57**      **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 item 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.

**HRG 12/13/58**      **Grant Contribution to Horden Parish Council**  
 The Clerk summarised the comments and recommendations of the Charity Commission and the parish council's external auditor with regard to the accounting of income of the recreation ground in the parish council's accounts.

The Clerk stated that at the year end, income would be required to be moved back into the parish council's account by means of a grant contribution from the charity to the parish council in order to partially offset the funds the council had expended on the Recreation Ground as the charity itself had not spent any funds on the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk also advised that, taking the Charity Commission's and external auditors advice into account, it was permissible for the parish council to account for the recreation grounds income and expenditure from the council's bank account providing that income and expenditure for the charity was clearly displayed to meet the Charity Commissions requirements and for the external auditors requirements, that all income for the recreation ground was recorded as a grant contribution to the running of the ground. Therefore the charity's bank account was no longer required in the future, in line with previous comments made by the Charity Commission.

**RESOLVED:** that

- (i) The charity grant the parish council the charity's entire 2012 income to partially offset the parish council's running costs of the park.
- (ii) Future accounting of the charity's funds to be carried out in line with the Charity Commission's and external auditors advice.

**HRG**  
**12/13/59**

**Green Leaf Café**

The Clerk advised that he had received a representation from the Elim Pentecostal Church with regard to the potential running of the café and had met with them to discuss an outline proposal for the running of the café on a charitable non-profit basis.

The Clerk advised that a representative from the church had been invited to speak at the full parish council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April to further inform members.

The Clerk advised that any voluntary or other group assuming occupation of the café would require their own public liability and employee insurance before assuming occupancy.

Considerable debate ensued and Members felt that the representation should be heard but that a range of options with regard to other non-profit groups needed to be explored also.

The Clerk advised that they would write to appropriate local groups requesting expressions of interest and bring the findings back at a future meeting to consider.

**RESOLVED:** that the information be noted.

**HRG**  
**12/13/60**

**HCW AFC Issues**

The Clerk summarised the current situation with regard to the club and the progress made with the trustees solicitor. Much debate ensued with regard to progressing mediation between the football club and the trustee.

Members felt that they could no longer await further response from their solicitor and that steps towards mediation with the club proceed without unreasonable delay.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk write to the club to;

- (i) Request an informal meeting with representatives of the club and the trustee, with the noticeable exception of the clerk and the clubs secretary based on historical issues.
- (ii) That the meeting be requested for the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- (iii) that the nature and general purpose of the meeting was for the trustee and the club to explore the future provision of utility arrangements and existing arrears.