

Minutes of the Joint Playing Fields Committee Meeting Held on Saturday 30 September 2017

Present:

Barlaston Parish Council
Karen St Leger (Clerk)

Stafford Borough Council
Cllr G Jones

Barlaston Cricket Club
Mr S Taylor (Chair)
Mr R Mosley
Mr P Taylor
Mr N Davies

Cllr Jones Chaired the Meeting.

1. **Apologies.** Cllr Moran sent her apologies.
2. **Ground Issues.** A walk was undertaken around the grounds. It was noted Western Power had issued a notice to cut back the damson tree by the gate entrance to meet with safety guidelines.
3. **Waste Contract.** It was noted the new contract is working well.
4. **Dog Fouling issues.** There were still issues of dog fouling. Cllr Moran was reviewing the issues and is looking at widening the scope to include the Cricket Club. Things had improved with the dog bins at either end of the footpath.
5. **Renewal of Lease.** The Cricket Club were looking into production of the lease renewal. The requirement was to meet grant application criteria i.e., a 25-year term at £1 per annum. It was noted reference to the Hockey Club needs to be removed. The Clerk advised the number of trustees logged with the Charity Commission needs to be a minimum of two to meet any Lottery Grant applications. The Cricket Club to check their terms.
6. **Village Show update.** The B Festival was successful for both the Cricket Club and the Parish Council as it was clearly seen as a village event. The negative was the produce show wasn't very well attended with the footfall being low. If this was to be planned for 2018 then it may need a slightly different format. Following a debrief the Cricket Club wanted more of a focus to be on the Club for next year's event as it is the 150th anniversary. Fitting in the with produce show incorporating a marquee and parking may prove problematic, the date may also prove an issue with the other celebrations planned. There was agreement a music festival will commence but feeling was this needed to be during the holidays.
7. **Future Events.** The planned fireworks will go ahead in November but will be on the Saturday to give more time to set things up, a request for £250 was made - clerk to forward a grant application form. The annual dinner is scheduled for the 11th, the AGM is planned for the 21 November and a beer festival has been scheduled.
8. **Financial Update.** Major problems were encountered with the sponsor for the seniors failing to support them which equated to a loss of revenue of £2,000. There was a successful year on the bar however the money had to be used to support the seniors. With both teams in higher divisions the cost of new balls was £850.00. Costs were incurred repairing machinery which wasn't budgeted for. The Club went from a bar premise certificate to a premise licence at a cost of £800. The B Festival brought in about £800 which helped off-set the shortfalls. In summary the financial figures resembled last year. A new sponsor is required for next year.
9. **Cricket Club progress.** One cricketer has been signed by Derbyshire, at 16 on his debut against the West Indies he took a wicket. The number of junior teams the Club have been lucky with one or two more players coming through. Unfortunately, once the players reach 15 /16 they are no longer interested. The Club are not running a 17 year team this year. In a few years we will be top heavy again. First team got up to division one, second team will go down to division 4.
10. **Grant Issues.** The Club were very disappointed a representative from the Parish Council was not in attendance.

Date of next meeting April 2018 (actual date to be confirmed).