

## Minutes of the Joint Playing Fields Committee

Meeting Held at The Barlaston Cricket Club on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 10 – 11.30 am

Present:

Representing Barlaston Parish Council:

Cllr Paul Fisher, Cllr Ian MacMillan (Chair), Cllr Irene Moran and Cllr David Norman

Representing Barlaston Cricket Club

Mr S Taylor, Mr Ray Moseley and Mr Pete Taylor

Representing Stafford Borough Council

Cllr Gareth Jones

- 1 Apologies - Mrs Karen St Leger and Neil Davies
- 2 Declarations of Interest – none received
- 3 Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 – agreed
- 4 Ground Issues – Ground too wet to walk on meeting day but generally in good condition.
- 5 Dog Fouling issues – Discussion took place on the new scheme in Barlaston and posters to be provided by Cllr Moran. The second phase of this monitored scheme is scheduled for the Village Green and Cricket ground in the Summer. Further suggestions were made to elevate the problems:

Keep Dogs on a Lead signs, approach some dog owners and generally more signs around the ground

- 6 Renewal of Lease – Old leases had been located 1996/1967 and the current lease continues until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Discussion took place on changes in this lease required by the Cricket Club Solicitors. It was made clear by the Parish Councillors that no agreement had been made to pay solicitors for changes to the lease.

Outcome: Suggestion that each side obtained quotes from solicitors as to the work involved in bringing the present lease up to date, ready for renewal which are to be presented to Barlaston Parish Council for consideration.

- 7 Upcoming events – Discussion around the organisation/planning of the following events:
  - B Festival – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July
  - 150 Year Celebration Wk 18-26 August – The Parish Council suggested a plaque to commemorate 150 yrs.
  - Firework Night Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- 8 Season Details – Schedule for the year - Start 21/4 – 15/9/18
- 9 Financial Update – End of year 31/10/17, profit and loss showed a deficit of -£1600 over the year. The cashflow itself was okay.  
Reasons: Previous sponsor did not commit to payment.  
New sponsor this year Stephen Myers Solicitor who is also the Cricket Club Solicitor. It was expected that 2018 would be a better year.

Cricket Club is a Community Amateur Sport Club (CASC) and liability falls to Trustees. Future plan being considered, to start in 2019 to move to being a Ltd Co. They are still at advice stage at the moment.

Stafford Borough Council rates have been agreed with 80% discount and as the club is a member of CASC a further 20% reduction is made.

New Drinking Licence has been granted with hours open until 12.30 am. However, this was only an option for events and is not publicised or part of normal practice. This had been requested on recommendation from the Police.

10 Cricket Club Progress - 2 boys playing at County level. Healthy junior side and successful Friday children's group.

11 Profit-making plans include:

Grant application to Barlaston Parish Council to help fund the main 3 events:  
B Festival, 150 year celebrations and Fireworks.

ECB – a small grant

One Stop Plastic Bag Fund – applied for funding via Richard Upton, Stafford Borough Council

The events planned that make a profit are: B Festival/Fireworks/Mini Beer festival/Gin Events, all of which are organised using sponsored barrels.

12 AOB –Tree Surgeon required to trim 2 Oak Trees which have TPOs. Karen St Leger to progress.

13 Next Meeting – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 10 am