

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on
Monday 14th December 2020 at 6.30pm held virtually and live on social media

Present:-

Cllrs C HOOD (Chair), E Major, O Gray, H Milburn, A Wainwright, & W Ramsay

109. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

The Chair explained this meeting was not being broadcast live and Members accepted and agreed with this.

110. Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. None were given.

111. Haswell Playing Fields – Consideration of the offer of a lease to Durham City AFC

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from Durham City AFC, the contents of which was considered.

In discussing the interest in the parish playing fields Members agreed the Club would have to meet with conditions that included first and foremost continued public use, continued use for local teams and would not be detrimental to the local area and the parish fields. It was stressed car parking must be properly provided at the site. It was felt public consultation should be held before formally offering a 25 year rolling lease. It was stressed the Club must meet the requirements of the Parish Council. The parish council would need to have sight and consider fully the geometrical and architectural plans that the Club propose for the site. The Clerk asked for authority to engage a solicitor to deal with the matter on the Parish council's behalf and this was agreed.

RESOLVED a 25 year rolling lease be offered to Durham City AFC which was conditional to the Club providing the necessary detail of their plans for the site and these being agreed by the Parish Council. The offer would be withdrawn if they did not fully meet the Parish Council's criteria to provide for public use and for local teams accommodated on the fields.

The Chair requested the vote be named. The following Members voted in favour of the proposal:- C R Hood, W Ramsay, E Major, A Wainwright, O Gray, K Welch & H Milburn.