

DARLEY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION
REGISTERED CHARITY No.523777

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020 from 19:00hrs via a ZOOM meeting.

Present: Mark Simpson (Chairman and Trustee), Nigel Nicholas (Treasurer and Trustee), Peter Dransfield (Secretary and Trustee), Chris Hambly (Trustee), Dave McQueen (Nominated Trustee by Darley Parish Council) and three members of the public.

1.Welcome and Introductions: the chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2.Apologies for Absence: were received from Helen Flynn (Trustee), Steve Willis (Trustee), Steve McCulloch (Nominated Trustee by New Park Bulldogs) and Laura Norwood (Trustee).

3.Minutes of 2019 AGM (held on Monday, 5th August 2019): these were approved as a correct record.

4.Matters Arising: there were no matters arising for attention.

5.Annual Report: the report for the activities of Darley Playing Fields Association for the year ending 30th November 2020 was received and approved.

6.Finance: the statement of accounts for the 12 month period ending 31st March 2020 was presented and approved. The following points were noted;-

(a)2019/2020 was a fairly quiet year from a financial viewpoint compared with previous years when a number of legacy issues were solved. The Trustees feel that following resolution of these issues, DPFA can be developed further.

(b)the positive increase in funds has enabled DPFA to build a capital account (contingency fund) to cover replacement of the DPFA assets as required.

(c)the main sources of income (£10,737) were from shop rental (£3900), fund raising events (£1076), bonfire night and firework display night (£1724 profit), a grant from Knabbs Ridge of £1755 for a ventilation system, and income from hire of the playing field (£1105).

(d)the total income was partially offset by expenditure on the pavilion ventilation system (£1778) and insurance and expenditure on the Children’s Playground (£943). Darley Parish Council have agreed to provide a grant towards the maintenance costs of the Children’s Playground.

7.Elections: The officials were elected and these are;- Mark Simpson (Chairman), Nigel Nicholas (Treasurer) and Peter Dransfield (Secretary).

Trustees elected by the parishioners;- the following were elected to serve;- Helen Flynn, Chris Hambly, Steve Willis and Laura Norwood.

Nominated Trustees;- the following nominations were noted;-

**Darley and Menwith Parish Council: Dave McQueen
New Park Bulldogs Football Club; Steve McCulloch.**

8.Open Forum(a) the following point raised by Mel Welsh was noted and discussed; he remarked that there is a fundamental difference between the way in which Darley Memorial Hall and Darley Playing Fields Association operate. The former has a mixture of trustees and nominees (of several village organisations) and the trustees of which are not normally involved in decision taking by the Memorial Hall Committee (which consists mainly of nominees) whereas the latter is operated solely by a committee of trustees all of whom are actively involved in decision making.

Mel Welsh undertook to raise the matter with the Memorial Hall Committee.

(b)Emma Bradley commented on fund raising, suggesting that one way of raising funds would be through a car boot sale. NN replied that DPFA had raised significant sums through fund raising events such as Bonfire Night and Firework Display Night, and coffee mornings. He said that since DPFA now has its own website, ideas for future events could be put onto this site.

N.B. These minutes are subject to approval at the next Annual General Meeting.

I certify that these minutes are a true and accurate record:-

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....