Minutes of the Meeting of Barlaston Joint Playing Fields Committee

Held on Saturday 21 March 2026 at Barlaston Cricket Club at 10:00 am

Present:

Cllr P Fisher (Chairman – Barlaston PC)
Cllr L Pickering (Barlaston Parish Council)
Cllr C Hurst (Barlaston Parish Council)
Cllr G Jones (Stafford Borough Council)
W Seabridge (Barlaston Cricket Club)
P Taylor (Barlaston Cricket Club)
S Taylor (Barlaston Cricket Club)
M Myers (Barlaston Cricket Club)

Also in attendance:
V O'Dunne (Parish Council Clerk)
T Squire (Barlaston Cricket Club)
J Taylor (Barlaston Cricket Club)

1. **Apologies**: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Borasinski. It was resolved to accept these.
2. **Declarations of Interest**: There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Written Applications for Dispensations under the Localism Act 2011**: There were no written applications for dispensations.
4. **Minutes**: The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 May 2022 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Inspection of the Land**: An open manhole adjacent to the kissing gate at the top right-hand side of the ground was noted and addressed.

   Members discussed the possibility that, should the owners wish to remove a static caravan from the neighbouring property via the cricket ground, access should be requested and financial recompense considered. It was agreed that steps should be taken to reinstate the hedge.

   Dog fouling on the ground was discussed. Fencing of the public footpath was considered impractical, and a strategy of signage and engagement with dog walkers will be implemented to encourage compliance.

   The general condition of the ground was noted to be good. Attention should be given to tidying and improving the appearance of fencing on the lower right-hand corner.
6. **The Lease**: It was noted that the Cricket Club are content with the insurance quotation and schedule, subject to the policy noting the leasehold interest of the tenant as the named Trustees of Barlaston Cricket Club. On that basis, it was agreed that completion should be progressed as soon as possible to enable the Cricket Club to begin applying for grant funding towards the proposed works.
7. **Future Club Plans**: Representatives of the Cricket Club provided an update to members on proposals to extend the clubhouse.
8. **Items for the next agenda**: Review of Insurance and Grant Availability
9. **Date of next meeting**: Saturday 10 October at 10:00am.