**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

 **Thursday 18th March 2021**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Peter Maguire (Chairman), Kevin Harrison (Secretary), Frank Thompson,

Dave Copeland, Emma Collins, Gordon Mason, Helen Pollard, Joe Partridge,

Keith Simpson, Kevin Gibson, Kevin McKitterick, Kevin Oliver, Kieran Downey, Malcolm Langley, Steve Futers, Sean Rooks, Malcolm Clarke - Annfield Plain FC,

Mick Grant.

**Apologies:** Brian Hammond, Dani Maguire-Myers, George McKitterick, Ian Stewart,

Marshall Lawson, John Topping - DFA.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1. **Registration Vote** - League Secretary Kevin Harrison informed the meeting that he had received the responses from all member clubs in relation to the proposal to bring forward the deadline date for registrations **from** **31st March 2021 to 14th March 2021,** in order to prevent clubs from signing any Northern League players as their season had earlier been curtailed. The combined result was as follows: -

Keep 31st March - 19 Clubs. - Change to 14th March - 18 Clubs.

The breakdown between the divisions was:-

1st Division - To change the date For: 14 Against - 5

2nd Division - “ “ “ For: 5 Against - 13

The management committee decided that, based on the votes, league rule 18(I) remains in place for 2nd Division Clubs allowing them to sign on players until 31st March.

The management committee agreed that, with the league fixtures curtailed for the 1st Division, a ‘New’ Cup Competition will be organised with the deadline date of **14th March 2021** set for registrations. **No registrations will now be processed.** A copy of the format for the new competition, together with the new Cup Rules will follow.

Kevin informed the committee that he will be asking those 1st Division clubs if they still wish to play under these ‘rules’, and that there is a possibility that there may not be any supporters allowed. Further guidance from the FA is due out early next week.

1. **A.O.B.**
* **Rule Changes** - Kevin advised that with the proposed inclusion of a new 3rd Division next season,there was a need for the league rules to be reviewedincluding divisional promotion and relegations etc.

 Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.18pm.