**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday 22nd August 2022**

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

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

Helen Pollard, Joe Partridge, Kevin McKitterick, Malcolm Langley,

Michael Smith, Paul Bell, Sean Rooks, Mick Grant.

Stephen Laws - (Annfield Plain FC), Derek Lamb - (Annfield Plain FC).

**Apologies:** Dani Maguire, Dave Copeland, George McKitterick, Ian Stewart,

Keith Simpson, Kevin Oliver, Marshall Lawson, Paul Sharpe, Steve Futers.

The meeting was called at short notice to discuss a request from Annfield Plain FC to suspend their fixtures for a few weeks.

Stephen Laws (Club Secretary) and Derek Kemp (Club representative) addressed the meeting explaining that the club was requesting a break in fixtures for 3 weeks as a matter of urgency to try and sort out the playing squad for Annfield Plain FC. With depleted numbers and player availability being inconsistent, they are trying to rectify the situation. Due to an early league start and both of them taking over late, they are behind with what the club requires at this level.

Following lengthy discussion, the committee agreed to the postponement of the following fixtures with no penalty against the club;

Wednesday 31st August - away to South Moor

Saturday 3rd September - home to Shildon Reserves

Wednesday 7th September - away to Durham United

Saturday 10th September - home to Richmond Town

The club will resume its games on Saturday 17th September - away to Windscale.

**A.O.B.**

* **League Fees.** - Sean Rooks (League Treasurer) reported that a number of clubs had not yet paid their Annal Subscription Fees which must be paid, as per League Rule 4B, by 1st September. He will be posting a reminder on the League’s WhatsApp page.
* **Fixtures.** - Kevin Harrison (League & Fixture Secretary) informed the meeting that, even though some First Division fixtures have had only one match official for their games, he hasn’t received any requests yet to switch fixtures to a Friday night to try and get three match officials. He reported that Steve Futers (Match Officials Secretary) was doing well in getting replacement officials where needed to ensure games were covered.
* **Bill Robson** - Mick Grant (Assistant League Secretary) informed the meeting that he had been notified by the son of Bill Robson, former League Secretary / Chairman / and current Life Member, that Bill had been moved into permanent residential care due to his failing health. Mick will continue to provide him with league updates / minutes of meetings etc. until advised otherwise.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.