**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**SPECIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday 31st July 2023**

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

**Present;** Peter Maguire (Chairman), Kevin Harrison (Secretary), Dave Copeland,

 Joe Partridge, Keith Simpson, Steve Futers, Mick Grant.

 Helen Bigerstaff (WOLVISTON RESERVES).

**Apologies** Dani Maguire, Marshall Lawson, Helen Pollard, Paul Bell,

 Bernard Borsberry (NEWTON AYCLIFFE YFC SENIORS).

 Alex Ludlow (HILDA PARK)

The Chairman opened the meeting, at which all 2nd Division clubs were invited to attend, informing that it had been called to consider an Application from a new team - i2i International Academy - to join the league.

League Secretary Kevin Harrison gave a report on the team explaining that they are a University team based at Northumbria University. Should they be accepted, they would not be starting their games until 23rd September 2023. They do have access to floodlights if needed to catch up on games on Wednesday nights. They would not be entered into any cup competitions.

Following discussion, it was agreed that they be accepted into the 2nd Division of the league.

Prior to the meeting, notification was received from Michael Smith, Secretary of 2nd Division club Wear United, informing that the team would be folding and therefore resigning from the league. It reported that, following 2 friendlies which the team lost heavily in both, the manager stepped aside, and the majority of the squad left. Michael tried to get someone else to manage the team and get some more players but that hasn’t sufficed leaving him no choice but to reluctantly fold the team. Following discussion, the decision of the management committee was to accept the resignation and that FA and League Rule 11.B be applied for failing to commence fixtures, resulting in the club being fined £250, as per the Fines Tariff relating to the rule. The club to be also instructed that the 3 Match Balls and Ground Passes, previously issued to them at the AGM, must be returned to the League Chairman.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.12pm.