**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held via Email on Thursday 19th June 2025.**

Kevin informed the management committee that he had just been informed that the Northern League will be increasing their match officials fees for next season and sought permission to hold a SGM with all clubs, via email in accordance with F.A. Rules, to make a decision on whether or not to change our Match officials Fees. Following permission given, Kevin contacted all league clubs advising them that;

“*We have just been informed that Referees and assistants fees are being increased in the Northern League. As you will be aware both leagues have always matched each other.*

*We are in direct competition with the northern League for match officials so we need to sanction this increase in our fees to give us our best chance to cover our games with at least one match official.*

*The Proposed new fees to cover league and cup games are:-*

*Premier Division - Referee £50, Assistants £40 plus travel expenses of 0.40p per mile or standard rate public transport expenses.*

*First, Second and Third Division - Referee £40, plus travel expenses of 0.40p per mile or standard rate public transport expenses.*

*Can all clubs respond to me with your clubs vote on acceptance or otherwise. I require a reply from your club by* ***Thursday 19th June*** *I will then circulate the results to everyone”.*

Responses received by the required deadline date showed that the decision to increase the fees was passed by an overwhelming majority, with only 4 clubs voting against. Several clubs did point out the extra cost it would put on clubs.

Kevin then informed everyone by email of the outcome of the vote and that a directors meeting would be called to discuss how the league could help.