

**MINUTES OF LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2026 AT
MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Cllr C Pearce (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr J Neish
Cllr A Whyte

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

1. To Elect a Chairman.
Resolved: That Cllr Pearce be elected as Chairman (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr MacPherson)
All in favour.
2. To Receive Apologies for Absence.
None
3. To Elect a Vice-Chairman.
Resolved: That Cllr Fountain be elected as Vice Chairman (Prop Cllr MacPherson 2nd Cllr Whyte) All in favour.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2026.
Resolved: That the minutes of 21st April 2026 be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr Mortlock) All in favour.
5. Millfield's
5.1 To review hire charges for 2026/27 season.
Clerk had prepared increased based upon current RPI inflation @ 3%
A discussion took place regarding a set date for using RPI or CPI.
A previous discussion was referred to when cemetery fees were reviewed.
Clerk pointed out that NUFC agreement states an annual increase of RPI and also a decision to apply to all hire fees will need to be taken at full Council.
Resolved: That the Clerk prepare a paper for full council with the aim of setting a date for rate increase across the board, either RPI or CPI. Once agreed Clerk can apply to Millfield's hire fees apart from NUFC which is agreed at £677.75 FOR 2026/27 season. (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Neish) All in favour.
6. Overcote Lane playing field.
(i) To receive a general report updating on the playing field and agree any actions.
A discussion took place regarding the signage for no dogs on the playing field.
Cllr Fountain stated he would prefer the alley way on to the field not to be cut before the music festival to encourage access via the main gates.
Cllr Whyte disagreed as the field is public access, but he advised it has already been done anyway.
Resolved: That new "strictly no dogs" signs be purchased and erected on posts at Church Street entrance and Harris Crescent entrance to the field (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr Neish)
All in favour.
7. Items to report.
 - Cllr Mortlock reported that the "hump" has not been installed on the slope into Millfield's. Clerk thanked Councillor for bringing the matter up and agreed to bring it back to next meeting of Leisure Facilities.
 - Clerk reported that Sunday league football will not be going ahead in 2026/27 season

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman

Date