

An inspection of the ground and facilities was carried out by the clerk, Cllrs Jennifer McGee, Andy Gill and Russ Greig, on 17th September.

In summary, the inspection was satisfactory and improvements have been made by the club with further improvements planned. Minor points were raised, all of which were answered promptly.

The club confirmed that weekly inspections are carried out with due regard to the health and safety of players, officials and all spectators. Trustees of the football club were also confirmed in writing and the period of the lease confirmed (*99 years from 1st October 1991*).

The clerk followed up with Northumberland County Council (NCC) work carried out on the gas extraction plant as the club was concerned that a large number of trees and branches had been left behind. NCC confirmed that larger pieces would be converted into logs and used by Friends of Prudhoe Woods to raise finance for their ongoing work in council woods; the branches would be formed into a dead-hedge at the boundary of the football club car park and brash would be chipped when they were able to hire a chipper.

Additionally, the clerk followed up with NCC a metal fence that was installed across the land of the football club from the adjacent, former Eastwood Middle School the result of which blocked access to behind the south goal. This issue was first raised by the club with NCC in June and following the item being raised at inspection and no action having been taken the clerk has liaised with NCC and requested the fence is removed to the boundary. This work is expected to take place without delay.

The council is asked to receive the above summary and satisfactory inspection and endorse the action taken.

The Annual Prudhoe Town FC Fireworks Display was also discussed and the clerk advised that it would be advantageous if the club advised the council, as landlord, that the event was taking place. The clerk sought and has received confirmation that the club is insured and that a risk assessment is carried out prior to the event; a copy of the risk assessment has been provided.

The clerk confirmed that the Town Council accepts no responsibility for the event but as landlord needs to demonstrate due diligence that insurance and risks are taken into account.

The council is asked to approve that written permission is given to the club for the grounds to be used to hold a free community fireworks display.