



## STAMFORD BRIDGE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

**“PROVIDING SPORT AND RECREATION FOR ALL”**

### **STAMFORD BRIDGE PFA - THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE**

With just short of 550 members across our 5 sporting sections the trustees felt that there will be many members who are unaware of the role of the PFA and perhaps even who the trustees are and what they do. We decided therefore that it would be a good idea to put together this document so that all members are aware of what goes on behind the scenes and who the individuals are who manage our facilities.

The PFA is a registered charity and all trustees are volunteers. We currently manage two sites within the village. Low Catton Road is owned by Fields in Trust and our Reckondales site is owned by East Riding of Yorkshire County Council. Both of these sites are leased to the PFA.

Many of you will be aware of the new Brown Moor Football Field that is in development. This field has broadened the horizon of the PFA as due to the grant monies that we successfully negotiated with Chairman Bernard Stevens we have purchased this land and for the first time will become landowners. A new and exciting era however not without its challenges.

Essentially the role of the PFA is to manage the buildings and facilities of our sites. Our dedicated team of volunteers give up their time to perform these tasks with the common goal of providing sport and recreation for all those who reside in Stamford Bridge and its neighbouring villages.

We have experienced much growth and change in recent years, and are fortunate that we have a team with wide ranging skill sets that ensures that our practices and processes are of the highest order and of a standard that enables us to meet our legal responsibilities.

As Trustees we are accountable for the solvency and continuing effectiveness and preservation of the S.B.P.F.A. We exercise overall control of the financial and legal affairs and we ensure that the way the P.F.A. is administered is not open to abuse by associates or contractors. Our systems of control must therefore be rigorous and constantly maintained and developed as we grow and change.

S.B.P.F.A. is committed to being an equal opportunities organisation and we must ensure that we do not breach our Duty of Care. We constantly challenge ourselves to ensure equality of opportunity and fair treatment both as an organisation, and the provider of sport and recreation for our member Clubs.

In fact we need also to continually consider our responsibilities for planning succession of key Trustee Roles and also be aware of new skill sets that will be required in the future.

In recent weeks we have identified that as our sections expand we will require someone with a mechanical background to assist our sporting sections with the maintenance of their machinery and ensure that they are fit for purpose. After discussion with Ian Fraser we are delighted to advise that he has agreed to work with the PFA as a co-opted trustee. In this role Ian will be available to assist all sections. He will attend PFA meetings when the need arises and will be entitled to vote on any Agenda item for Facilities, Equipment, Machinery and Storage.

We are not a closed shop and are always on the lookout for volunteers to join our team. Should anyone be interested in this please make it known to any of the trustees.

## **STAMFORD BRIDGE PFA - TRUSTEES WHO'S WHO**

### **Bernard Stevens - Chairman**

A Trustee for 40 years and PFA Chairman for 28 years.

A General Commercial Manager/Director with extensive experience in the Food Industry.

Competitively focused, a pioneer, a strategist and goal orientated.

A strong team player and team builder.

Bernard has lived in Stamford Bridge for 43 years and has been a member of The Cricket Club that long, in fact Chairman for some 35 years.

He is immensely proud to say that both his sons have leading roles in the Cricket and Football Clubs.

### **Graham Freer - Secretary**

In his second year as a Trustee, Graham is the Secretary of the PFA.

A self-employed business man he runs his own trading company dealing in Toiletries items both within the UK and European markets.

An experienced administrator Graham is also the Secretary for the Football club's senior teams, a role that he has done for several years.

Graham plays Cricket for the Cricket Club and is Captain of the Wednesday night Foss League team.

After living in Stamford Bridge for 27 years Graham now resides in nearby Gate Helmsley.

### **Mike Scales - Treasurer**

Having volunteered to help with the books three years ago Mike was swiftly elected Trustee and Treasurer. He also sits on the Village Hall Committee as representative of the PFA.

Mike has a long association with the Motor Trade mainly in Financial roles and had a number of years as Financial Controller for a Division of the VW Group.

An experienced business man who always enjoys a challenge as well as being one to challenge decisions if felt necessary.

Moving to the village in 1978 Mike became involved with both Junior Football as a joint manager and Cubs as an assistant leader. He left in 1986 returning permanently in 2004 when he renewed his association with the club. Mike is also a Vice President of the Cricket Club.

### **John Sawkill - Trustee**

John was born in the village just before the 2nd world war and has called Stamford Bridge home all of his life. His father was associated with the club for over 50 years. John brings to the PFA board 40 years experience at management level with an agricultural merchant. For over 30 years he has enjoyed the prestigious role of President of the Cricket Club. John is in his 12th year as a Trustee and is quoted as saying that he is very proud to be part of the PFA team.

### **Keith Potts - Trustee**

A trustee for two years Keith has been in the Catering and Hospitality business all his life. He trained in Grosvenor House London, became Sous Chef in Claridge's Hotel London before he made the move North. Initially as a tenant at The Four Aills Inn, Malton Road before he made the move to The Black Horse and then the Duke of York in Gate Helmsley. Keith then managed Prospect House Restaurant and Outside Catering company in Gate Helmsley. He moved to Stamford Bridge five years ago and became Vice President of Stamford Bridge Cricket club. A keen Golfer Keith is a Member and Past Captain of Malton and Norton Golf club where he currently holds the role of Director of Hospitality.

### **Richard Clarke - Trustee**

Richard moved into the village in 1981 and played, coached and managed within the football club for many years plus played cricket here as well. Rich worked for 33 years as a customer business development manager at Procter and Gamble looking after major regional and national accounts.

A trustee here for over 7 years Richard manages our contracts and procedures such as CCTV, all Licensing aspects and utility contracts. His most recent development has been to change card machine suppliers and introduce a new mobile card machine.

Richard is also currently chair of Stamford Bridge Parish Council, a trustee of the Swimming pool and he helps to run a local golf society and quiz league.

Now retired he enjoys keeping active within the village and believes that there is a role for everyone who wants to do the same whether it be here, the pool or in local affairs, it is the people that make the place.

### **Dave Browne - Trustee**

Dave moved to the village in 1979 and has enjoyed an involvement with the Sports Pavilion since these early days. A trustee for 14 years Dave was also responsible for paying bills, banking cash, reading meters and commissioning necessary services for the running of the building and facilities. More recently he has relinquished many of these tasks as new Trustees have undertaken them. Dave is now readily available to help with working parties and offers assistance with whatever lighter duties are required. Both his sons have played football and cricket for the village and continue to support the PFA by coaching the children and providing sponsorship for current teams.

### **John Beckett - Trustee**

John moved to the village 32 years ago and has held various roles within the cricket club for over 50 years including player, captain, treasurer and groundsman. Also one of the trio of Tombola men who along with John Sawkill and the late Bill Paul raised thousands of pounds for club finances.

A PFA Trustee for 9 years, John is a retired farmer and describes himself as not into modern technology but happy to turn a hand to any manual jobs and always available to run a raffle.

A keen sportsman John enjoys watching cricket & York City FC as well as playing dominos and whist drives.

### **Pete Giles - Trustee**

Pete has lived in Stamford Bridge since 1973. He played football for the Club and also helped with coaching junior football. He was Treasurer of the football section for a number of years.

Pete has been a Trustee for 10 years and having spent all his working life in the Construction industry as a Surveyor and Project Manager he supports the PFA on issues relating to building maintenance and field development.