Worlingworth Cricket Club

**Annual General Meeting – Friday 11th February 2022**

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| **It is recommended that the Annual General Meeting:**   * **Notes this report** * **Agrees the necessary action to enable a review of other club policies** |

**Welfare Officer Report**

**Overview:**

The focus for 2021 was on restarting Junior Cricket and ensuring that arrangements were in place for sessions to run throughout the summer season that were safe and supported by appropriate volunteers. The main new activity was to ensure that the Club retained its Clubmark accreditation by populating the Club’s information on the new ECB Safe Hands Portal and ensuring that the Club and all officials were compliant. This was achieved.

**DBS Checks:**

DBS checks were completed where required for last season and currently all volunteers listed on the Safe Hands Portal have valid DBS checks. Two existing volunteers will need to renew their DBS in July 2022, the remainder are valid until 2024, in part due to the ECB extending check periods as part of its response to the pandemic.

**Updating Club Policies and Documentation:**

Policies that were agreed at the end of 2018 are now out of date and need updating and adopting before the start of the new season. This task was begun during 2021 but was not completed and the revised policies were not adopted by the committee. This the key task that the new Welfare Officer needs to take forward in advance of the new season commencing.

**First Aid Arrangements:** Following a course held at the Club for First Aiders in spring 2019, the Club had sufficient First Aiders for 2021 season, however the recommended interval between first aid courses is three years and therefore the Club will need to run a further first aid course in spring 2022.

**Welfare & Safeguarding Incidents:** I am pleased to report that there have been no welfare incidents that have required the involvement of the Welfare Officer during the 2021 season.

**Welfare Officer Training:** I completed an update training in spring 2021 to ensure our compliance for the 2021 Season, however as I am now stepping down from the Welfare Officer role due to other commitments which mean I cannot attend Junior Training Sessions, a new Welfare Officer will need to attend training during Spring 2022.

I would like to thank everyone at the Club for their support during my time as Welfare Officer and thank everyone who is involved in supporting the strong offer for junior members that has been established.

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