



ALWOODLEY GOLF CLUB

WIGTON LANE, LEEDS LS17 8SA

17 March 2023

Mr James Clink
Park Lane Homes Limited
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Dear James

History of the agricultural tenancies and buildings

Prior to March 2005 the farmland was let to a Mr John Fairburn. Fairburn gave notice to terminate his tenancy on the 31st of March 2005 and our agents Dacres agreed to let the same land and buildings to John Parrish for a term of two years and thereafter should Parrish wish to renew. The tenancy commenced from the 1st April 2005. This was a farm business tenancy of the full 89.4 acres that Alwoodley Golf Club holds to the north of the woodland (Wigton Moor Whin) including all the agricultural buildings comprised in the planning applications. The tenancy to Parrish contained normal repairing and husbandry obligations on the tenant, although the tenant's obligations in relation to the buildings were qualified in that the buildings did not need to be handed back in any better condition than they were in in April 2005.

From around 2015 the Club became increasingly concerned over the husbandry and management of the land and buildings by Parrish, who also informed the Club that he was suffering with Parkinson's Disease. This concern came to a head when in March 2019 the club was summoned to a meeting at the farm by Leeds City Council animal health welfare officers. They had received an anonymous complaint of dead livestock being left out on the farm and inspection revealed that there were quite a number of dead cows both within the fields and within the buildings as Parrish had not been able to feed or look after them, due to his deteriorating condition.

As a result of the above, the Club served Notice to Quit on Parrish on the 25th of March 2019 to terminate the tenancy on the 31st of March 2020. Due to Covid restrictions, a short extension was given to Parrish and the Club finally obtained vacant position in September 2020.

I can therefore confirm, from the above, that the site has only ever been used in association with agriculture as part of an agricultural unit

Best wishes



Andrew Latchmore
Honorary Secretary