

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND

MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

Minutes of a meeting held at
The Guildhall, Much Wenlock
7 pm on Thursday 18 June 2015

PRESENT:

David Gibbon (Chairman), Robin Bennett, Chris Bowden, Gerry Bowden, Don Davies, Bert Harper, Mary Hill, Yvonne Holyoak, Paul Laming, Robert Toft, David Turner, and Milner Whiteman OBE.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Clayton – Secretary

1) CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mike Grace who had work commitments.

Apologies were also received from David Turner who had a prior engagement and would be late.

These apologies were ACCEPTED.

3) MINUTES

- a) It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the minutes of a Special Meeting held on 5 February 2015 be CONFIRMED.

It was AGREED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

- b) The minutes of a meeting of the Gaskell Recreation Ground Management Committee held on 2 March 2015 were NOTED.

4) REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

Trustees received a written report from the Secretary stating that a bank account had been opened with Barclays Bank and Wenlock Estates had offered to gift aid a grant of £5,000. The Secretary also reported that she had attended a course on Environmental Crime Reporting and was therefore able to issue an Environmental Crime Report to anyone who dropped litter or allowed their dog to foul the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

Trustees expressed concern about the number of dogs roaming loose on the Ground and that there was little that could be done unless appropriate signage was installed.

It was AGREED that:

- i. **The Secretary's report be NOTED.**
- ii. **The Management Committee had responsibility for installing appropriate signage on the Gaskell Recreation Ground and would be considering this issue at its next meeting.**

5) REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Trustees received details of the 2015/2016 budget for the Gaskell Recreation Ground which was included in the Town Council's precept. The Treasurer also explained that she was having difficulty with Barclays Bank because the contact details for the charity were incorrect and the charity registration number had not been included on the cheque book and paying book.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED, and unanimously AGREED that the Town Council should be asked to transfer its budgeted income to the charity once the Barclays Bank account was fully operative.

6) TRUSTEES

Members were informed that there were to be no changes with trustee representation from Wenlock Estates at the present time.

It was AGREED to NOTE.

7) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustees were informed that, since representation from Wenlock Estates was to stay the same for the time being, the membership of the Management Committee would remain the same.

It was AGREED to NOTE.

8) CONSTITUTION

Trustees received a draft revised Constitution for approval that included amendments that would accurately reflect membership, representation, and the objects of the charity.

David Turner arrived at this point in the meeting part way through the discussion.

It was proposed that the first three objectives should be removed from the draft Constitution so that the objectives of the Charity should be:

“To ensure that the Ground is protected, maintained, and available for the people of Much Wenlock in accordance with the wishes of Mary Ward as outlined in the Conveyance dated 20 January 1936”.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- i. **The draft Constitution be APPROVED with the removal of the first three objectives.**
- ii. **The objectives of the Charity are “To ensure that the Ground is protected, maintained, and available for the people of Much Wenlock in accordance with the wishes of Mary Ward as outlined in the Conveyance dated 20 January 1936”.**
- iii. **The Charity Commission be advised of the amendments as required.**

9) MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Trustees reviewed the Management Agreement between the Town Council and the charity to ensure that it would accurately reflect agreed management arrangements for the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the agreed amendments in the Management Agreement be recommended to the Town Council for approval and implementation.

10) GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Members received pertinent documents which explained how the current management arrangements had been decided for the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- i. **The information be NOTED.**
- ii. **The new management arrangements for the Gaskell Recreation Ground are in the best interests of the local community.**
- iii. **All supporting documents for Gaskell Recreation Ground meetings should be uploaded to the Town Council’s website along with agendas and minutes.**

11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 17 December 2015.

The meeting closed at 20:33.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Trustees

Date.....