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GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at
The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
3 p.m. on Monday 22 February 2016

PRESENT:

David Gibbon (Chairman), Chris Bowden, Trevor Childs, Graham Edgcumbe Venning, Mary Hill, and Paul Laming.

SECRETARY:

Sharon Clayton

There were no members of the public present.

1) CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a special welcome to Trevor Childs who had replaced Gerry Bowden as a representative of Wenlock Estates. Gerry had fallen and broken his hip and was in hospital. The Chairman wished Gerry a speedy recovery.

2) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Paul Laming who would be late.

This apology was NOTED.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4) MINUTES

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2016 be CONFIRMED.

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

5) REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

Members received a written report on action taken since the last meeting. The Secretary also gave a verbal update as follows:

- The Secretary had been assured by the Cricket Club that it was adequately insured and a copy of the insurance document would be provided.
- It was proving difficult to get quotes for drainage works to be carried out on the ground.

It was AGREED that:

- i. **The report be NOTED.**
- ii. **The Chairman agreed to contact Severn Trent to try and find out whether the deep tank in the children's play area was their responsibility.**

Paul Laming arrived at this point in the meeting.

6) FINANCE

Members received projected income and expenditure to 31 March 2016. Members also received a financial report to the end of January 2016 from the Treasurer as follows:

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
Insurance	1409	Cricket Club	597
Water charges	609	Clubs 2014/2015	1891
NDR	370	Bowling Club	0
Repairs and maintenance	422	School	3000
Gaskell field enhancements	1257	Misc users	100
RoSPA inspections	749	Grants	2500
Tree inspection	750		
Grounds maintenance	5514		
Contingency	0		
Children's play equipment	0		
TOTAL	11080	TOTAL	8088

The Treasurer reported that:

- As at 12 January 2016 there was £7,491.32 in the bank account.
- The Secretary had invoiced Wenlock Estates for the half yearly grant although it had not yet been received.
- Shropshire Council had been asked whether the s106 funding assigned to the ground was still available to assist with the drainage problems although a response was still awaited.

It was **AGREED** that the Treasurer's report be **NOTED**.

7) HEALTH AND SAFETY

Members were informed that the wire that protruded from the fence alongside the Linden Drive had been removed and was no longer a hazard. Concern was expressed that a pool had appeared on the football pitch which was caused by a depression in the ground, and there was still a problem with flooding in the children's play area. Dogs not on leads were also cause for concern.

It was **AGREED** that:

- i. **Loose dogs should be monitored for 3 months and a notice placed in the Wenlock Herald to ask people to be more considerate.**
- ii. **The Dog Warden should be asked to patrol the ground.**

8) USAGE OF THE GROUND BY WENLOCK WARRIORS

The Chairman informed Members that he had spoken to Wenlock Warriors concerning their use of the ground. He was told that Wenlock Warriors would no longer use the ground.

It was **AGREED** that the Secretary should contact Wenlock Warriors to discuss usage of the ground.

9) DRAINAGE

Members discussed how volunteers had tried to determine what was causing flooding on the ground and, after rodding some of the drains, they had found it to be caused by blocked drains, with much of the problem being due to roots growing into the pipe work.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED, and AGREED** that Quick Clear Drains should be asked to carry out high pressure jetting and CCTV on the underground pipework on the ground.

10) RAILWAY WALK

Members considered whether there would be any advantages in taking over the old railway walk from Shropshire Council, since it might offer an opportunity to provide car parking. The charity would manage the facilities but the land would not form part of the land for which the charity was responsible for, it would be independently managed by the Committee as an added responsibility. If part of the land was converted into a car park it would offer parking facilities for users of the ground. Other parts of the land could be used as picnic areas. A grant would be available from Shropshire Council to manage and maintain the trees.

It was **AGREED** that this opportunity should be discussed further and someone from Shropshire Council should be invited to attend a future meeting.

11) FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTATION

Members considered feedback from the recent consultation. There had been a good response but comments could be construed as either positive or negative depending on the wants and needs of each individual. The Committee had still to meet with the Cricket Club and Bowling Club and their feedback would also be taken into consideration in the Management Plan for the ground.

It was AGREED that a plan for the ground would be developed by further consultation with stakeholders.

Paul Laming announced that he had to leave the meeting so the Chairman proposed that agenda item no: 15, quotes for maintenance of the ground should be considered before Mr Laming left the meeting.

12) QUOTES FOR MAINTENANCE

Members considered quotes received for maintenance of the ground. However, there was some uncertainty about maintenance of the bowling green. It was thought that the bowling club would prefer to maintain the bowling green themselves and the quotes acquired included maintaining the bowling green.

It was AGREED that this should be deferred until a meeting with the bowling club had been had.

Paul Laming left at this point in the meeting.

13) MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members considered how the results from the recent consultation would be formulated into the Management Plan.

It was AGREED that Chris Bowden would develop a draft plan with various options for the layout.

14) CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

15) DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place at 3 pm on Monday 21 March 2016.

16) TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Members considered school use of the ground.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that:

- i. The fee for 2016/2017 should be £5,000 in view of the existing condition of the ground.**
- ii. The Terms and Conditions would be considered further at the next meeting.**
- iii. A further meeting would be arranged with the school.**

The meeting closed at 17:15.

Signed.....
David Gibbon
Chairman

Date.....