

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held remotely by video-conference
at 6 pm on Tuesday, 25th August 2020

Present:

Cllrs Daniel Thomas (in the chair), Mary Hill, Marcus Themans, Duncan White – Much Wenlock Town Council
Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors
Michael Theobalds

In attendance:

Trudi Barrett – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, as the Chairman was initially in transit.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Mac Bardsley (Wenlock Olympian Society), Mike Bainbridge (William Brookes School) and Ian Dadswell (Wenlock Olympian Athletics Club).

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Bowling Green

It was noted that the Bowling Club had been unable to send a representative to the meeting due to internal difficulties.

Michael Theobalds was in attendance, as a member of the public who was keen to see the bowling green re-opened. Mr Theobalds offered to run a booking scheme for the bowling green for both members of the Bowling Club and the general public. This would enable contact details to be gathered for the purpose of the Government's Covid-19 Test and Trace scheme. A risk assessment had been prepared and safety guidelines would be issued to those booking to use the green. There would be a gap between booked times to allow a change-over. Contact by those wishing to book would be made with Mr Theobalds by email, he would log the booking and respond. Emails and contact details of players would be retained electronically for 21 days for the purpose of Test and Trace and then deleted.

The new system would be communicated directly to Bowling Club members (95% of users of the green). Mr Theobalds would make personal contact with other players that he knew and notices would be displayed on the gate to the green and the Council's notice board. Mr Theobalds offered to make and display the notices.

It was AGREED to re-open the bowling green with a booking system and safety measures in place.

It was noted that Mr Theobalds had offered to run the scheme for this year only and a review would be needed next year.

Mr Theobalds was thanked for setting up a system to allow the bowling green to re-open. He left the meeting.

5. Football Pitch Marking and Equipment

- a. Arrangements for football pitch marking were discussed. Wenlock Warriors had requested an U13/14 pitch but due to difficulty with marking two different sizes, had agreed to the larger U15/16 size of 100 x 60 yards required by the school.

The pitch would need to be initially marked out by a professional. It was noted that it was no longer permitted to burn in the lines so more regular marking with paint would be required. Wenlock Warriors offered to overmark the lines when required and to supply the paint. A cutting schedule would be required from the contractor to ensure that overmarking was not done just before the grass had been cut. The cutting season was expected to finish around the end of October so marking out would be more straightforward thereafter.

It was noted that the football pitch would be marked to the same size as previously. However, it could encroach slightly onto the cricket outfield as the new path would prevent the pitch being marked as closely to the play area as before. There would be no permanent goals on the cricket outfield.

It was noted that there was usually an overlap between the cricket and football season, but this was managed by the teams.

A query was raised regarding decisions on the suitability of the pitch for play. Wenlock Warriors had a designated person who inspected the pitch before games to ensure it was playable. The Secretary was asked to check the school's arrangements and to request a schedule of matches for the school. Now that the drainage had been completed it was important to treat the ground well. It was noted that this was an issue that could be covered in the user agreements.

It was suggested that the football teams might need to check the level of the drainage runs prior to play, as the grass was growing over slowly.

It was AGREED to accept the quotation of £155 from Spacecare to mark out the football pitch.

It was AGREED that Wenlock Warriors should overmark the pitch when required.

Wenlock Warriors were thanked for their generous offer.

- b. It was noted that Wenlock Warriors had purchased new, larger goals (21 x 7 x 6ft deep). These were on wheels but were not very manoeuvrable. Storage of the goals was discussed, including whether they should be left out on the field. The goals would be assembled at the weekend and left on site locked together, or to a fixture. Several storage possibilities were considered. A possible location was near to the hedge between the play area and Linden Lodge.

It was AGREED to discuss the matter further at the next meeting, once the goals had been assembled.

6. Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 10th September.

A query was raised about the 6pm start time of the meeting. This allowed Mike Bainbridge to attend from school, before going home. The Secretary was asked to check whether a later start time would be possible

The meeting closed at 7pm

Signed
Chairman

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