

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held remotely by video-conference
at 7 pm on Tuesday, 16th March 2021

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
Claire Scott – Wenlock Warriors
Colin Wildblood – Much Wenlock Bowling Club

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Bainbridge (William Brookes School)

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 21st January 2021 were considered for approval. With the correction of heading date from 2020 to 2021 **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2021 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

5) Treasurer's Report

a. Members received the following financial report as at the end of February 2021:

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2020	12,748.70
Expenditure to 28 th February 2020	9247.38
Income to 28 th February 2020	17,000
Balance as at 28 th February 2021	20,501.32.26

Income received: Wenlock Estates Grant - £5000

Expenditure: Grounds Maintenance £545.46

b. **It was AGREED to approve payment of the following invoices:**

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
31.01.21	Spacecare-Shropshire	Grounds maintenance January 2021	454.55	90.91	545.46
28.02.21	Spacecare-Shropshire	Grounds maintenance February 2021	454.55	90.91	545.46
02.03.21	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services	2 x Multisport Applications	500.00	100.00	600.00

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- a) Members considered the contract quotes put forward for grass cutting for April 2021 – March 2022. With the removal of the Youth center grass area from the requirements **It was agreed to grant work to Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services.**
- b) It was discussed that the Winter collection of mud and leaves build up on the Liden walk needed attention. It was suggested that moving forward it would need investigating as to ways in which it could be cleaned.

7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

a. **Bowling Club**

It was reported to members that the perimeter hedging had been trimmed but would need to have the height reduced to a more manageable height and would be looked at in September to complete. There was to be a Committee Meeting on Thurs 18th March to update responses to be issued ahead of the User agreement meeting. They are yet still waiting to hear when they are allowed to resume bowling.

b. **Cricket Club**

Grass cutting had been started having cut and rolled the square and cut the outfield.

c. **Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**

No representative present.

d. **Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**

No representative present.

e. **Wenlock Warriors**

Football to start up again from March 29th and Junior Sunday Telford league will now run into June. It was agreed that this would not present a problem. It was questioned as to whether the line markings would cause an issue for the Cricket playing season but it was decided that the overlap could be accommodated. Training would be Saturday mornings and matches Sunday mornings. The committee agreed to support the extended play period.

f. **William Brookes School**

No representative present.

8) Drainage

- a. Dan Shotton has yet to complete the installation of additional drainage outside the cricket pavilion, so it was agreed that he should be contacted for an update.
- b.
 - i. It was noted that there was still some pooling after wet weather to the ground on the edge of the Cricket field. It was suggested that some French drainage may be required and agreed that some quotes be obtained as well as contacting Alan Lewis and Dan Shotton for further advise.
 - ii. It was noted that the grass was thin to the sides of the new footpath and that further grass seed might need applying.

9) Dog Foul

Dog foul being a continual issued, it was agreed that improved signage including the dog walking zones and rules was needed. Quotes to be sought and wording to be agreed.

10) Equipment for Cricket Matches

It was noted that an order has been placed for the agreed signage design and that printing is in process.

11) Bowling Club

With the Bowling Club holding the Bar licence for the site it was discussed and agreed that the Committee were happy for the Bowling Club to still hold the licence and to be discussed in the future if a new Cricket pavilion were to be built.

12) User Agreements

It was noted that members were scheduled to have individual user group meetings to discuss the user agreements and the school were to be contacted to arrange a meeting date.

13) Path and Access Project (LEADER)

The committee were informed that the Secretary was still waiting for a response from the school with regards to an update to the gate access agreement with Shropshire Council.

14) Play Area

It was noted that an order has been placed for the RoSPA inspection of the play equipment.

15) Water Meter

Yet to be successful in gaining a response from the plumber, it was decided to try once more before attempting to gain further quotes for the work. The Cricket club queried if it was necessary to install the meters, the Chair stated it had already been agreed so therefore to move forward with the decision already agreed.

16) Tree and Hedge Management

As it is too late due to nesting season to consider cutting the hedges, the idea was put forward that a fence panel be installed to gain access to the site with a tractor and flail mower as an alternative solution. Quoes to be obtained.

17) Next Meeting

- a. **The next management committee meeting to be agreed at a later date and emailed to members.**
- b. It was noted that the next Charity meeting would take place on 27th May 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

Signed
Chairman

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