

**GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK**

Registered Charity no. 1116940

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting held remotely by video-conference  
at 7 pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Present:**

Cllrs Marcus Themans, Duncan White, David Fenwick, Wilfred Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council  
Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates  
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors  
Colin Wildblood – Much Wenlock Bowling Club  
Mike Bainbridge – William Brookes School  
Ian Dadswell – Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society & Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)

**In attendance:**

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

**1) Election of Chairman**

It was PROPOSED by Marcus Themans and SECONDED by David Fenwick that Duncan White be elected as Chairman.

**It was unanimously AGREED that Duncan White be elected as Chairman**

**2) Election of Deputy Chairman**

It was PROPOSED by David Fenwick and SECONDED by Chris Bowden that Marcus Themans be elected as Deputy Chairman.

**It was unanimously AGREED that Marcus Themans be elected as Deputy Chairman**

**3) Apologies**

Apologies were received from Bill James (Cricket Club)

**4) Declarations of interest**

None.

**5) Minutes**

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were considered for approval. **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

**6) Treasurer's Report**

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

Balance b/f at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	19259.86
Expenditure 2021	761.46
Income to date	0
Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	21,498.40

Income received: William Brookes School user fee for 2020 - £3000

Expenditure: Grounds Maintenance £545.46  
Cricket Signs £216.00

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

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
10.05.21	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services	Grounds maintenance April 2021	420.00	84.00	504.00
07.06.21	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services	Grounds maintenance May 2021	420.00	84.00	504.00

## 7) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- a) Members considered the current condition of the grass areas and the addition of a wild flower meadow **It was agreed to hold an onsite meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am** with a view to assessing maintenance requirements and creating a maintenance programme moving forward. Alan Lewis and Mike Humphries to be invited for discussion.
- b) Further discussion as to the potential location for a wild flower meadow ensued with the query as to the previous approved expenditure for seed mix. Approved expenditure value to be checked.

## 8) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

### a. Bowling Club

Queries about using the access gate out of the opening hours were put forward and responded to by Mike Bainbridge (William Brookes School) Names for designated keyholders per user group was requested by return of email.

Much Wenlock Bowling Club has been selected to host the Junior countymerit competition on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> July so asked to use the William Brookes carpark.

A request was made for a grant application for CIL new development grant money from the Town Council. It was suggested that when it was made available the club would be informed.

The club wished to erect a donated visitor hut approx 10' x 6'. It was agreed that the hut could be situated but suggested that the club mark out the required site location of the hut for approval before installation.

### b. Cricket Club

No representative present

### c. Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)

No report submitted

### d. Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society

Application had been submitted to hold the Olympian games and road race on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021, date was approved by members.

It was reported that training was now back to normal with the ease of Covid restrictions

### e. Wenlock Warriors

With two teams under the Wenlock Warriors banner it was reported that one team of the two would resume training and matches on the ground during to start of the season in September. The club were happy to continue to mark the pitch, consulting with the school over pitch size.

### f. William Brookes School

An apology was submitted with regards to recent issue with the access gate. As result in bowling members being unable to unlock the gates it was reported that the following measures had be adopted:

- Marking on the ground to indicate the pressure pads for when driving to release the gates
- 24/7 coverage from keyholder company Taybar
- Emergency number signage on the gate

The access agreement with Shropshire Council was yet to be finalised. A Zoom meeting was to be arrange between the Town Council and the school to discuss the access agreement.

## 9) Drainage

- a. Dan Shotton had completed the installation of additional drainage outside the cricket pavilion to satisfaction despite the reported "ponding" to the grass side of the drainage in severe wet conditions. It was agreed at despite the ponding the system provided sufficient drainage.
- b. Any further discussion for drainage issues to be deferred to the next meeting.

## 10) Gate Lock

The purchase of a combination lock for the main Linden Gate was unanimously agreed for the purpose of making entry easier for grounds maintenance. A approx £30 budget was agreed for the purchase.

**11) Cricket Club Bench**

It was considered and agreed that the Cricket Club be allowed to place a memorial bench in honour of Steve Perks next to the Cricket Clubhouse. It was proposed to invite Bill James to the site meeting on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July to advise on the proposed location for the bench.

**12) Wenlock Olympian Athletics Club**

- a. It was considered that the Olympians submit a map with proposed positions for 1km and 1 mile markers to be permanently plate mounted around the fitness track.
- b. The proposed date of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for the Wenlock Olympian Games athletics and road race was **Agreed**

**13) User Agreements**

It was noted that the revised agreements be approved by committee members before being presented to the user groups.

**14) Path and Access Project (LEADER)**

- a. It was noted that the agte agreement was still yet to be passed buy the school governors and was to be chased up
- b. Procedures for gate access discussed in agenda item 8f

**15) Play Area**

- a. It was discussed that the play area be prepared for access to the hedge for a September cut. It was agreed that the benches be removed and stored and sign posts removed. Procedure for removals to be discussed at the sitemeeting on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July.
- b. No other issues raised
- c. It was noted that there was damage to the rope pull equipment and play house. Quotes were being obtained for repair work.

Bill James and Colin Wildblood left the meeting

**16) Trees**

- a. The Queen’s Green Canopy – Location of trees to be planted under the initiative to be agreed at the site meeting on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July with a view to considering the left hand side of the Cricket pitch.
- b. Epicormic growth cutting to be considered to be undergone in the winter months. Joffrey to be contacted to quote in Sept.

**17) Next Meeting**

- a. It was noted that the next committee meeting would take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date.....