

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

Minutes of the SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held remotely by video-conference at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 17th June 2021

PRESENT:

Daniel Thomas, Duncan White, Marcus Themans, Wilf Grainger, Robert Toft, Sam Neal (representing Much Wenlock Town Council)

Chris Bowden (representing Wenlock Estates)

Trevor Childs, Arthur Hill, Ivor

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the following address:

Good evening all and welcome to the Gaskell Recreation Ground's charity meeting tonight here on zoom.

All members of the Town Council are Gaskell Recreation Ground Charity members but the Town Council sends four Cllrs to specifically sit on the Gaskell Ground Management Committee.

With a new Town Council comes a new era for the Gaskell Ground as the old Council whom with Chris Bowden of Wenlock Estates achieved excellent projects such as the path and drainage. We know have an opportunity for fresh blood and enthusiasm to work, though I hope some previous members will stay on the committee to work to continue the Gaskell Management plan as defined.

The past success is down to the staff, Councillors and various members of the community and community groups.

The Town Council has changed the structure to ease the burden on existing staff and I'm thrilled to say Lorna Dexter has done an excellent job in her 6 months as Secretary and Treasurer.

2) Election of Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by Marcus Themans and SECONDED by Chris Bowden that Daniel Thomas be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Daniel Thomas be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Daniel Thomas took the chair

3) Election of Deputy Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by Marcus Themans and SECONDED by Daniel Thomas that Duncan White be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Duncan White be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

4) Election of Secretary and Treasurer

Nominations were sought for the election of Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by Daniel Thomas and SECONDED by Marcus Themans that Lorna Dexter be elected as Secretary and

It was unanimously AGREED that Lorna Dexter, Administrative Assistant to the Town Council, be elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

5) Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Grace, David Fenwick, Chris Tyler (Much Wenlock Town Council)
Absent – Mike Atherton

6) Minutes

- a. it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th December 2020 be **APPROVED and ADOPTED** as a true record.
- b. it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 21st January 2021 be **APPROVED and ADOPTED** as a true record.

7) Management Minutes

- c. it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th November 2020 be **APPROVED and ADOPTED** as a true record.
- d. it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 21st January 2021 be **APPROVED and ADOPTED** as a true record.

8) Appointment of Management Committee

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED** that the following members be appointed to the Management Committee:

- o Chris Bowden) representing Wenlock Estates
- o Marcus Themans) representing Much Wenlock Town Council
- o Duncan White)
- o David Fenwick)
- o Wilf Grainger)

Chris Bowden, representing Wenlock Estates requested a change in the terms of reference to allow an increase from 1 to 4 positions on the management committee for representatives from the Wenlock Estates. It was agreed that a Charity meeting be called to adopt the changes. Date to be agreed at item 12.

9) Officer Report

- a. Trustees reviewed the accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2021. **It was AGREED to APPROVE the accounts for 2020/21:**

	£
Balance b/f at 1 st April 2020	12,748.70
Income to 30 th April 2020	17,000.00
Expenditure to 31 st March 2020	10,488.84
Balance as at 31 st March 2021	19,259.86

- b. **Financial Report**

Income and expenditure to the end of April 2021 was presented:

	£
Balance b/f at 1 st April 2020	19,259.86
Income to 31 st October 2020	0
Expenditure to 31 st October 2020	545.46
Balance as at 30 th April 2021	18714.40

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to NOTE the financial report.

- c. It was NOTED that the addition of admin fees accrued by Town Council staff to be added to the income and expenditure figures as agreed in a previous meeting.

10) Bank Signatories

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that Marcus Themans and Duncan White be appointed as signatories to the Barclays Bank account for the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

11) Path and Access

It was noted that no further progress had been made as to the agreement to the access gates despite communication efforts from both Town Council staff and councillors. It was suggested that an invitation be sent to representatives of

the William Brookes School to attend the next management meeting to address the urgency in finalising the agreement owing to a health and safety incident recently occurred involving the access gates.

12) Date of next meeting

It was **AGREED** that the next management meeting would take place on Thursday 1st July 2021 and a Charity meeting on Thursday 22nd July 2021

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed.....
Chairman of the Trustees

Date.....