

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

**Present:**

Cllrs Marcus Themans, Duncan White, David Fenwick, Wilfred Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council  
Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates  
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors  
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket 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:

Ian Daswell - Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society & Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)  
Mike Bainbridge – William Brookes School  
Colin Wildblood – Much Wenlock Bowling Club

**3) Declarations of interest**

None.

**4) Minutes**

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were considered for approval. **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 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 August 2021:

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| Balance b/f at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021  | 19259.86 |
| Expenditure to date                        | 2777.46  |
| Income to date                             | 0        |
| Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 | 19482.40 |

Expenditure for August: Grounds Maintenance £504.00

It was noted that the addition of Town Council staff admin hours to be added as an additional note to the monthly income and expenditure report.

- b) To formally approve the removal and delivery to storage site of benches in the play area, by A M S Improvements at a cost of £200 quoted and agreed by Committee members between meetings. Final costs invoiced £180.00 on job completion on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Approved**
- c) To formally approve repairs to the rope pull equipment on the play area by Michael Baugh at a cost of £218.00 as per quote agreed by Committee members between meetings. **Approved**

## d) 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 June 2021 | 420.00 | 84.00 | 504.00  |
| 07.06.21 | Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services | Grounds maintenance July 2021 | 420.00 | 84.00 | 504.00  |

## 6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- a) It was discussed that a soil test may be required, Allan Lewis to be contacted. It was agreed that the football pitch grass length be cut 3mm shorter but the edges be kept at a longer cut.
- b) It was agreed that a Verti-drain be applied at the end of September.
- c) It was noted that a multisport or slit be assessed in January for a spring application
- d) It was agreed to go ahead with the wild flower meadow area along the rear end of the ground with 1 bag of perennial meadow mix which would give a flower show on 2023 and one bag of vivid splash for a 2022 flowering at a cost of £70 plus vat per bag.
- e) It was noted that Mike Humphries had cut back the overgrowth round trees and borderline at rear of the ground at no extra cost.
- f) It was considered and agreed to give a 3 year contract with Shropshire Verti-drain and turf service. Contract to go to tender at each 3 year period thereafter.
- g) It was noted that an injury had been sustained during a Cricket match due to a bad ball bounce apparently from uneven ground around a drainage channel. A pitch inspection to be done to ascertain if this is a genuine issue.
- h) The summary from site meeting on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July was noted and observed that the epicormic growth of the Lime trees needed addressing. Joffrey Watson to be contacted for a site visit and quotation for works

## 7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

- a. **Bowling Club**  
No representative
- b. **Cricket Club**  
It was reported that the last Cricket match of the season was about to commence on 11<sup>th</sup> September. It was noted that the window cleaners for the William Brookes School had been using the pavillion roof to gain access to school windows and a request had been made and accepted that this should no longer be viable.
- c. **Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**  
No representative
- d. **Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**  
No representative
- e. **Wenlock Warriors**  
It was reported that the football season would start on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept and that next year there would be two football teams instead of one using the pitch. The club stated they were happy to continue to mark the pitch.
- f. **William Brookes School**  
No representative

## 8) Drainage

It was reported that one of the drain lines needed filling in by 6 inches - Dan Shotton to be contact for advise and a quote.

## 9) Gate Lock

It was noted that a combination lock had been purchased for the Linden gate and proving helpful for maintenance access

**10) Cricket Club Bench**

It was reported that the plan was to have a Cricket themed carving on the bench to be installed and so a specialised bench maker to be approached by the club.

**11) Pavillion**

The Cricket club requested that the plan for a new pavillion be a perminant agenda item moving forward. It was discussed that previously it had been talked about drafting plans for a two storey building with upper viewing level. To move forward it needed to be established what size of building would be required, what funcyionality was required and where best to position it. There was some question as to where would be a suitable location that would be accepted by Motley Estates. There was discussion about possibly selling Linden Lodge to create capital for the project and to possibly buy the land off the Scout Hut for a potential parking site. Shropshire Council to be a approached to potentially buy the land. Tim Moteley to be contacted to discuss potential site location for the new pavillion and also if Linden Lodge could potentially be sold.

**12) User Agreements**

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

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

Gate access keys had been issued to user groups but the gate agreement was yet to be put forward by the school.

**14) Play Area**

- a. It was noted that the benches had been removed on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Sept by A M S Improvements ready for hedge cutting.
- b. It was noted that Michael Baugh had been given the works order for the repair of rotten ramp on the rope pull equipment
- c. It was noted that Town Council handy man Andy had replaced the play house roof with new wood and awaiting paint to finish the job.
- d. It was agreed that the hedge be flail cut by Dave Thomas by the end of Sept, to coincide with nesting season and before the weather deteriorates to minimise ground damage. It was decided that the addition of an access gate was no longer needed. Dave Thomas volunteered hedge cutting service at no cost to the Charity.

**15) Trees**

It was discussed that a baugh next to the path along the Liden walk needed pulling down. Joffrey Wotson to be contacted for a site visit to quote for the baugh and epicormic growth cut back.

**16) Next Meeting**

- a) It was noted that the next committee meeting would take place on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date.....