

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, 17th January 2022

Present:

Cllrs Duncan White (in the chair), Marcus Themans, David Fenwick – Much Wenlock Town Council
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club
Peter Gylard – 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:

Ian Dadswell - Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society & Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 7th November 2021 were considered for approval. Not all committee members had viewed the minutes so **It was agreed that approval of the minutes be deferred to the next meeting.**

5) Treasurer's Report

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

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2021	19259.86
Expenditure to date	8764.05
Income to date	15867.18
Balance as at 31 st December 2021	26362.09

Expenditure for November:	Replacement play equipment £79.64
Expenditure for December:	Grounds maintenance Oct cut £504.00
	Grounds maintenance Nov cut £504.00
	Wild flower preparing and seeding £1035.44

Income for November:	Town Council contribution £12,000
Income for December:	Wenlock Warriors user fee £500.00
	Wild flower donations £317.18

- b. It was noted that Wenlock Warriors Youth Football Club had paid the user agreement fee of £500
c. It was noted that Much Wenlock Town Council had paid the contribution fee of £12,000

d. It was **AGREED** to approve payment made between meetings for the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
31.10.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 281)	Grass Cutting - October	420.00	84.00	504.00
30.11.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 298)	Grass Cutting - November	420.00	84.00	504.00
10.12.2021	Micheal Baugh Inv No: 1691	Replacement of ramp to play area	218.00	0	218.00
15.10.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 283)	Preparing and seeding of wild flower area	862.86	172.58	1035.44
25.11.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 297)	Verti Drain	800.00	160.00	960.00
19.10.2021	Zurich Insurance PLC	Insurance	1337.86	160.55	1498.41

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

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
31.12.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 303) December	Grass Cutting	420.00	84.00	504.00
22.12.2021	Alan Lewis Ltd	Soil Testing x 2	160.00	32.00	192.00

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- a. The results of the two soil tests taken by Alan Lewis were discussed and agreed that costings for annual sanding, and nutrient application be obtained.
- b. After consulting Shropshire Council who advised that two bins were due to be replaced by the Station Road entrance, it was agreed to request a further third bin for the top of the Linden walk.
- c. Discussion was held as to a suitable process to clear the mud off the Linden walk, it was agreed to contact the grass contractor to see if it is a task he was able to undertake, if not further discussion would be needed to discuss alternative options.
- d. The bowling club reported that the paint for the shed would be purchased around April time and invoice passed on duly.

7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

a. Bowling Club

The bowling club reported that regular maintenance of the green had continued but they had padlocked the entrance gate due to the public riding bikes across the green. To prevent further damage to the grass, locking the gate was essential and signage to follow containing contact details in the event the general public wished to use the green for bowling facilities. Access via the school gates were questioned during Bank holidays, school had be contacted since last meeting and requested a key be provided to a councillor to gain access.

b. Cricket Club

The cricket club asked for an update on the drainage issue adjacent to the school side path, Dan Shotton to be chased up. They reported the seson would start 22nd April and they would be fielding one team meaning approx 11 home games plus a few Sunday friendlies.

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

No representative present.

d. **Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**

No representative present.

e. **Wenlock Warriors**

The ground remains a little wet due to retaining water which was reported as being of concern for next season due to Warriors having the younger team move up an age group and needing a bigger pitch therefore needing to use the ground also. Two teams playing on a Sun may prove too much for the ground so discussion was held as to how to remedy the potential problem.

f. **William Brookes School**

No representative

The Chairman stated that the current school representative had left his position at the school so the committee is now waiting for a replacement.

It was noted that a request to the school be made for a main entrance carpark key to be issued to the committee for those times that the leisure centre is closed including the main gate. Following the issue of the access gate locking in elderly patrons to the Bowling club some time ago

8) New Pavilion

It was noted that attempted contact of Dan Shotton had been made to chase up whether he had been to look at the drainage issues.

9) User Agreements

Cricket Club – Awaiting approval of amendments

School – With the departure of Mike Bainbridge, the committee will have to wait for the appointment of another Business manager to the school or appointed representative to discuss the user agreement further.

10) Path and Access Project (LEADER)

With the departure of Mike Bainbridge, the committee will have to wait for the appointment of another Business manager to the school or appointed representative to discuss the access gate agreement further

11) Play Area

- a. Discussion ensued as to whether to replace the vandalised bench and it was decided to do so. Quotes to be obtained for the replacement of varying material options. It was decided that a different location be agreed in the future for the stored bench.
- b. With the ground remaining boggy by the play area hedging, it was suggested that it be looked into as to what drainage was already installed and action be taken to clear it.
- c. It was noted that Grange Fencing had been contacted with a request to sponsor a new play house. Grange Fencing to respond further after enquiring with the directors as to whether a bespoke build could be made as it is not a catalogue item.
- d. The play area responses form was not received by committee members due to email issues and therefore couldn't be discussed.
- e. It was brought to the committee's attention that the flooring under the swings were starting to show signs of wear.

12) Trees

- a. To note Joffrey yet to start work on epicormic growth cutting
- b. It was decided that there needed to be a 20 – 50 year plan for the maintenance of the avenue of Lime trees. The Church Lime trees are currently being maintained by local tree surgeons so it was suggested that they be contacted for advice on the Gaskell lime trees.

13) Queen's Green Canopy

Discussion into the variety of tree to be planted. It was suggested John Tuer of the tree forum be contacted for advice and some research with the woodland trust before a decision be made.

14) Next Meeting

- a. It was noted that the next committee meeting would take place on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.
- b. AOB: It was agreed that another site meeting to take place on Thursday 3rd March 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

Signed
Chairman

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