

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Present:**

Cllrs Duncan White (in the chair), Marcus Themans, David Fenwick, Wilf Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council  
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors  
Samantha Moore – Wenlock Estates

**In attendance:**

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

**1) Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2) Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club

Peter Gylard – Much Wenlock Bowling Club

Absent:

Chris Bowden

Ian Dadswell

Kirsty Pote

**3) Declarations of interest**

None.

**4) Minutes**

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were considered for approval. **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

**5) Treasurer's Report**

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

Balance b/f at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	19259.86
Expenditure to date	13314.95
Income to date	25171.21
Balance as at 31st March 2022	31116.12

Expenditure for March:	Grass Cut Jan £504.00
	Tree Works £1,406.00

Balance b/f at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	31116.12
Expenditure to date	3714.00
Income to date	0
Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	27402.12

Expenditure for April:	Grass cut Jan £504.00
	Fert and reseed football pitch £2,394.00
	Shockwave treatment £720.00

a. It was **AGREED** to formally approve payments for the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
21.04.22	Much Wenlock Town Council	Water charges 2021-2022			236.82
5.05.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 326)	Grass Cutting – April 2022	441.00	88.20	529.20

b. It was **AGREED** to formally approve payments made between meetings for the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
28.04.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 311)	Grass Cutting – February 2022	420.00	84.00	504.00
29.04.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 317)	Grass Cutting – March 2022	420.00	84.00	504.00
29.03.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 318)	Shock Wave treatment to football pitch	600.00	120.00	720.00
5.04.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 319)	Reseed football pitch Pre seed fertilizer – supply and apply	1995.00	399.00	2394.00

**6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements**

- a. It was noted that sunken area along cricket pitch had been filled in by Dan Shotton
- b. Discussion ensued about the wet area by playground hedge. The area had been investigated and quote received to do some work by Dan Shotton. It was **Proposed** By David Fenwick and **Seconded** by Duncan White to give Dan the go head with the work
- a. It was noted that the shockwave treatment had been done on the football pitch along with an application of pre seed fertilizer and re seeded.
- b. Water Meters - The installation of sub water meters was discussed again and the fact that few plumbers were willing to do the work it was decided to source the meters then contact local plumbers to see if they would take on the task.  
Path Sweeping – It was considered that the previous path sweep was beneficial and that it should be agreed to do another sweep on July and November. It was **agreed**  
Weed Clearing – It was discussed that the briars had become overgrown around the rhododendrons at the windmill end and so was decided that a site visit with weeding party be arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

**7) Reports from User Groups**

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

- a. **Bowling Club**  
No representative present
- b. **Cricket Club**  
No representative present
- c. **Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**  
No representative present.
- d. **Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**  
No representative present.

e. **Wenlock Warriors**

The committee were thanked for all the work they had done recently to the football pitch. It was reported that Wenlock Warriors would have two teams using the pitch next year. Discussing was held over moving the goals when not in use and it was suggested that perhaps a min pitch should be marked out when marking out the pitch for next season. To be decided at a later date.

f. **William Brookes School**

No representative

The Chairman stated that a new head of Business had been appointed as of 28<sup>th</sup> March at William Brookes School. The committee would look to resume liaising with the school in April to arrange a replacement representative.

**8) New Pavilion**

It was noted the previous plans for the pavilion needed revisiting and a review of the 10-year plan needed to be undertaken.

**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) Wenlock Estates representative**

Samantha More was formally received as a representative of Wenlock Estates.

**11) Play Area**

- a. Discussion ensued as to whether to go ahead with the insurance claim for the vandalised bench. It was decided to do so and to also retrieve one of the stored benches and install next to the replacement bench.
- b. Discussion was had as to how to deal with the boggy area next to the play area hedging. It was discussed that there are currently drains in place which must be blocked to it was decided to get quotes to investigate the state of the current drain then decide whether additional drainage was needed or just clearing of the current system. It was also discussed that perhaps additional items such a muga would enhance the grounds facilities.

**12) Trees**

- a. It was noted and thanks was expressed to Joffrey for his work on epicormic growth cutting and the creation of the hand carved bench.  
It was noted that a tree survey was due. It was suggested that Martin Sutton and Joffrey Watson be consulted on recommendations for someone to take on the job.  
Queen's Green Canopy - Discussion was held on which variety of tree to be purchased for the Queen's Green Canopy. It was decided that it would be agreed over casual chat

**13) Next Meeting**

- a. It was noted that the next committee meeting would take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm in the Guildhall

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date.....