

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, 7th March 2022

Present:

Cllrs Duncan White (in the chair), Marcus Themans, David Fenwick, Wilf Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting as stated that the Linden path was a much improvement after being brushed cleaned. The epicormic growth cutting had much improved the appearance of the trees and thanks was expressed to Joffrey Watson for his wonderful carving of a bench out of a fallen tree

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors

Absent:

Chris Bowden

Samantha Moore

Ian Dadswell

Peter Gylard

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 9th November 2021 and 17th January 2022 were considered for approval. Not all committee members were able to view the 9th November 2021 minutes at the previous meeting **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2021 and 17th January 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 st April 2021	19259.86
Expenditure to date	1104.95
Income to date	25171.21
Balance as at 28th February 2022	33026.12

Expenditure for February: Grass Cut Jan £504.00
 Grass Cut Dec £504.00
 Fertiliser Application and path clean £1440.00
 Soil Test £192.00

Income for February: Gift Aid Repayment £6304.03
 William Brookes user fee £3000.00

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

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
9.2.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 306)	Grass Cutting – January 2022	420.00	84.00	504.00
31.2.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 308)	Clearing of Linden path	1200.00	240.00	1440.00
11.02.22	J. B Watson	Epicormic growth cut	1406.00		1406.00

- b. It was noted that a repayment claim payment of £6304.03 from Gift Aid Donations Scheme

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- It was noted that the brush sweeping of the Linden path had made a noticeable difference. It was suggested that another brush to be done in the summer when the mud dries.
- It was agreed that the shockwave treatment should be done on the football pitch only, when the ground is dry enough to proceed.
- It was noted that fertiliser application had been applied to the playing fields.
- Sand dressing – It was agreed in principle that sand dressing would be applied in September to the football pitch only and not the cricket pitch pending costing quotes.

7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

- Bowling Club**
No representative present
- 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 season would start 22nd April and they would be fielding one team meaning approx 11 home games plus a few Sunday friendlies.
- Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**
No representative present.
- Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**
No representative present.
- Wenlock Warriors**
No representative present.
It was discussed that the goals had been left out on the field and not removed to their storage position causing wear to areas of the ground. Warriors to be contacted to request removal of goals after games and practice.
- William Brookes School**
No representative
The Chairman stated that a new head of Business had been appointed as of 28th 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 17th May 2022 at 7pm in the Guildhall

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed
Chairman

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