

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at the Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
at 7 pm on Wednesday, 15th Nov 2022

Present:

Cllrs Duncan White (in the chair), Wilf Grainger, Marcus Themans – Much Wenlock Town Council
Peter Gylard – Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors
Ian Dadswell – Wenlock Athletics Society
Alan Edwards – Wenlock Olympian Society

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:
David Fenwick – Much Wenlock Town Council
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club

Not Attended:

Chris Bowden, Samantha Moore – Wenlock Estates
Kirsty Pote – William Brookes School

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 28th September 2022 were considered for approval **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2022 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

Proposed: David Fenwick Seconded: Wilf Grainger

5) Treasurer's Report

a. Members received the following financial report as at the end of October 2022:

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2021	31116.12
Expenditure to date	8075.81
Income to date	638.00
Balance as at 30 th September 2022	24197.91

Expenditure for September: Shropshire Verti Drain – July Cut £529.20
 Shropshire Verti Drain – Aug Cut £529.20
 Cambers – Gate Lock £7.39
 Earth Anchors - Bench £519.60

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2022	31116.12
Expenditure to date	9145.01
Income to date	638.00
Balance as at 31 st October 2022	22609.11

Expenditure for October: Shropshire Verti Drain – Sept Cut £529.20
Shropshire Verti Drain – Path Sweep £540.00

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

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
30.09.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 383)	Grass Cutting – Sept 2022	441.00	88.20	529.20
10.10.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 362)	Verti drain & Sand Application	6100.00	1220.00	7320.00
27.09.22	Earth Anchor	Forest Saver Seat Bench	433.00	86.60	519.60

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- a. It was noted that the sand application to the football pitch and Verti drain of the whole field had been completed by Mike Humphries. It was commented that the ground was looking good for the sand dressing.
- b. Discussion was held as to whether to replace the Linden gate posts with new metal posts to match the new gates or use the current wooden posts. It was agreed to replace the posts to metal for future longevity.
- c. Quotes had been sought to repair the broken bench by the Cricket pavilion. An approx cost of £300 meant it was agreed to remove the bench for public safety reasons and store until a further decision about the bench had been reviewed.
- d. It was noted that installation of three benches to the play area and top of Linden field had been completed to satisfaction with thanks to AMS Improvements.
- e. The inclusion of a compost heap to the Ground for grass and cutting collection was suggested and greeted with enthusiasm. It was suggested that a two or three bay area be constructed and that the allotment group could manage and then use the compost in surrounding allotments. It was agreed that location would need to be confirmed with Wenlock Estates and Kevin Evans contact for the allotment society be approached with the suggestion.
- f. The issue was raised again of goals being left in the goal mouth causing wear to the ground. It was suggested that the PE department at the school be contacting following the failure of response from the Business manager.

7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

- a. **Bowling Club**
It was reported that the club had completed the installation of new floodlights. Grounds management included the cutting of the hedge and a verti drain to the bowling surface. It was reported that the club had suffered antisocial behaviour from non-members entering the club, a possibility of CCTV was requested.
- b. **Cricket Club**
No representative present
- c. **Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**
It was reported that the Wenlock Olympics was to be held a week earlier next year and will be on 2nd July 22
- d. **Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**
After cross country runs, it was reported the club were pleased with the state of the ground and they were going to test out some low-level mile markers on the track before deciding on permanent marking. Telford Triathlon had requested use of the ground to put on a triathlon, of which it was suggested that they be asked if they would consider a later date and combine the event with the Wenlock Olympic games.
- e. **Wenlock Warriors**
It was expressed that the pitch was holding up well this season after the sand application, the ground was draining well at the moment and grass in good condition.

- f. **William Brookes School**
No representative present

8) New Pavilion

Again, it was expressed that future plans could not progress without a response from Shropshire Council to purchase the odd bits of Shropshire Council land on the grounds site.

9) User Agreements

Cricket Club – With no representative from the Cricket club present to consult, it was suggested that a reminder be made the Councillor and Cricket club representative involved in discussion to conclude approval of the draft

10) Play Area

- a. It was noted that AMS Improvements had installed the new bench and a stored bench to the play area and also replaced the broken bench from the top of the Linden walk with the second stored bench.
- b. It was noted that the play area spring equipment had been repaired.

11) Trees

- a. It was noted that Queens Green Canopy registrations had been extended to March 2023

12) Rubbish Bins

It was noted that no further response had been obtained from Shropshire Council on the matter.

13) RoSPA Report

It was noted that a RoSPA has been booked for 2022 inspection.

14) Insurance

It was agreed to go ahead with a renewal with Zurich Insurance

15) Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7pm at the Corn Exchange

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed
Chairman

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