

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at the Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock  
at 7 pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Present:

Cllrs Marcus Themans (in the chair), Wilf Grainger, David Fenwick– Much Wenlock Town Council  
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors  
Ian Dadswell – Wenlock Athletics Society, Wenlock Olympian Society  
Tim Motley, Chris Bowden, Samantha Moore – Wenlock Estates  
Kirsty Pote – William Brookes School  
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club

### In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

Note: Agenda items adjusted to accommodate Addendum item 1)

### 1) Election of Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Chairman, it was **PROPOSED** by David Fenwick, **SECONDED** by Wilf Grainger and **AGREED** that **Marcus Themans be elected as Chairman**

Nominations were sought for the election of Deputy Chairman, it was **PROPOSED** by Marcus Themans, **SECONDED** by Wilf Grainger and **AGREED** that **David Fenwick be elected as Chairman**

### 2) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a quick introduction to committee members with an outline of the role of the committee

### 3) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Peter Geldard – Much Wenlock Bowling Club

Linda West – Much Wenlock Town Council

Apologies **ACCEPTED**

### 4) Declarations of interest

None.

### 5) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were considered for approval **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

### 6) Treasurer's Report

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

Balance b/f at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	31116.12
Expenditure to date	12587.72
Income to date	638.00
Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	19,166.40

Expenditure for November: Shropshire Verti Drain – Sept Cut £529.20  
Adrian Reynolds – £1855.00

Balance b/f at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	31116.12
Expenditure to date	21287.72
Income to date	1138.00
Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	10,966.40

Expenditure for December: Shropshire Verti Drain – Sand Application £7320.00  
Ashley Savage – £1380.00

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

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
03.01.23	Shropshire Verti- Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 422)	Grass Cutting – Dec 2022	441.00	88.20	529.20

## 7) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- a. The Secretary gave an update to the progress of the fabrication of the Linden walk gates. The gates had been fabricated and awaiting paint, a picture of the gates in the workshop were distributed for members to see. Councillor Tyler had proposed an alternative finish to the gates originally quoted. The new spec had been discussed with Adrian Reynolds who obtained an approx estimate of an extra £1000 plus to the final bill. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that a cost for a maintenance plan on the original spec be obtained before a decision made on the finish. Final decision to be discussed and agreed between meetings.
- b. The issue of school goals not being removed from the goal mouth of the football pitch after play as previously agreed was of concern to the condition of the ground within the goal mouths. It was requested that a direct contact to the PE department of the school be an advantage to help with such discussions regarding weekly usage by the school.
- It was suggested that a suitable seed variety for reseeded the goal mouths in Spring to be discussed and agreed with Shropshire Verti Drain Services Ltd.

## 8) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

- a. **Bowling Club**  
No representative present
- b. **Cricket Club**
- It was reported that no play was currently in action and maintenance continued in preparation for the upcoming season. Members were informed of some slight sinking of the drainage channels in places and also to the topped-up area and the edge of the cricket pitch along the path near the cricket pavilion. It was agreed to contact Dan Shotton to assess and remedy the areas in question.
  - Members heard how the cricket club were having trouble finding a replacement cap for the broken drain on the field but continued to fence round the hole for public awareness until a solution found.
  - It was reiterated that the current pavilion was in need of repair, so the club were keen to push on with new pavilion plans. Further discussion continued under Agenda item 9.
  - Members discussed that the agreed installation of the two sub meters to the water supply has of yet not been completed, a Councillor to chase up progress. Bill James questioned whether the installation needed to be reconsidered and questioned the division of water supply fees. It was agreed the meters were to still be installed as agreed for fair distribution of fees.
- c. **Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**  
It was reported that the Wenlock Olympics was to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 22 with a family games event the week before. Telford Triathlons had booked the ground for an event this year and it was hoped it could be combined as one event with the Wenlock Olympics next year.
- d. **Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**  
The Athletics club were not using the ground much during winter and opting to use the leisure centre facilities instead but reported they were pleased with the condition of the ground.

**e. Wenlock Warriors**

It was reported that the ground was draining well, and the Warriors were pleased with the overall condition which was holding up well throughout the season. There is plans for another team for the Under 11's but owing to the size of the pitch required it was decided that they would use the primary school pitch. It was questioned why the newly started Adult team for Much Wenlock were not playing on the Gaskell field pitch. The response was owing to a clash in required pitch use with the Warriors.

**f. William Brookes School**

Kirsty Pote introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the huge task in taking over as Business Manager at William Brookes School earlier last year, stating she was yet to get to grips with the history of the ground. With the user agreement and access gate agreements yet to be overviewed and discussed it was agreed to have a further meeting to focus on reviewing and moving forward the two points.

As previously discussed in Agenda item 7b, the issue of moving the goals was to be reiterated to the PE department.

It was discussed and agreed that a What's app group be set up for representatives of user group so as to liaise more efficiently on ground usage.

**9) New Pavilion**

Response had been received from Shropshire Council with regards to acquiring Shropshire Council owned land within the Gaskell boundaries. It was expressed that the boundary maps were not clear and there was some debate to the exact boundary lines. The secretary to continue to liaise with Shropshire Council estates surveyor on the matter.

Discussion concluded after brief talks on the potential location of a new pavilion site with no further progress could be made until the land issue was settled with Shropshire Council.

**10) User Agreements**

All user agreements now finalised apart from William Brookes School.

**11) Play Area**

a. Further to discussion held in the last meeting to approach the primary school with a competition for the children with a goal of finding out what play equipment would be wanted by children and parents. It was reported that the school requested a formal written request, it was decided that the secretary draft a formal request in response.

b. It was also reported the George and Dragon pub had offered to put on a fundraiser in the form of an event like a pub quiz to raise funds to update the play area equipment. It was agreed the four councillors of the committee put together a working group to liaise with the George and Dragon to put on the fundraiser.

**12) Trees**

a. The planting of the Oak sapling had been delayed as quotes were being obtained for a tree guard. WOS had questioned the division of payment owing for the tree guard and plaques. It was agreed that the costs should be split equally. Ian to take the decision back to the WOS for agreement.

b. Further discussion issued as to the future maintenance of all trees within the ground. The Secretary reported Martin Sutton had been contacted for a quote for Tree Safety Inspection and had offered three recommendations for quotes for a long-term assessment and maintenance of the trees.

**13) Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm at the Corn Exchange

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date.....