

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 Tuesday, 7th March 2023

Present:

Marcus Themans, David Fenwick, Linda West – Much Wenlock Town Council
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club
Samantha Moore, Chris Bowden – 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:

Wilf Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council
Peter Gylard – Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors
Kirsty Pote – William Brookes School

Absent:

Ian Dadswell

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 15th November 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 2022:

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2021	31116.12
Expenditure to date	22814.12
Income to date	19238.00
Balance as at 31 st January 2023	24540.00

Expenditure for January: Shropshire Verti Drain – Oct Cut £529.20
 Shropshire Verti Drain – Nov Cut £529.20
 Shropshire Verti Drain – Linden Path £468.00

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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 £
03.01.23	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 425)	Grass Cutting – Jan 2023	441.00	88.20	529.20
13.02.23	The Workshop Aberfeldy	Queen’s Jubilee Plaque and double stand	63.99	12.80	76.79

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- It was noted that the Linden walk gates had been fitted and positive feedback from the public received, the committee expressed how smart the gates looked.
- No maintenance issues raised.
- Discussion was held to the progress of acquiring Shropshire Council land within the Gaskell. It was brought to attention of the committee minutes of Town Council meetings from 2015 where a report was done on the Scout hut site highlighting potential responsibility problems with the sewerage system under the site. It was agreed that an investigation to responsibility for pipe work under the Scout hut site be revisited.
- It was suggested that a pipe map be sought for investigation.

7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

- Bowling Club**
No representative present
- Cricket Club**
It was reported that the decking to the pavilion had been vandalised so repairs were needed. Preparation to the wicket had begun and pre season interclub matches were starting in March
- Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**
No representative present
- Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**
No representative present
- Wenlock Warriors**
No representative present
- 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. Discussion then questioned aspects of the 10 year plan. Was an outdoor gym a requirement or could funds be used elsewhere like extending the path. It was decided that a special meeting need to be held specifically for pavilion talks.

9) User Agreements

William Brookes School – Only completion of the user agreement with the school remained and no further progress had been made.

10) Play Area

- It was noted that a RoSPA report had been completed and report submitted. It was observed and reported to members that there are some inconsistencies over the years with the method of measuring and assessing levels of wear to play equipment. It was suggested that at next report a member of the committee be present and ask for a warning of timescale to maintenance, so as to formulate a plan.

11) Trees

It was discussed that following the upcoming tree safety report further guidance from tree specialists be sought to create a long term plan for the maintenance of the trees.

12) Water Meters

It was noted that there would be three instead of two water meters installed on site for the Gaskell charity, Bowling club and Cricket club so division of fees be appropriately distributed.

13) Online Banking

It was agreed that payments be made via online banking where possible instead of cheque payments.

14) Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meetings would take place on

Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 6.30pm at the Gaskell Recreation Ground

Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 7.00pm at the Corn Exchange

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed
Chairman

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