

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, 19th Sept 2023

Present:

Marcus Themans (Chair), David Fenwick – Much Wenlock Town Council
Tim Motley, Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors
Gavin - Wenlock OSA
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Carol Jardine - William Brookes School
Ian Dadswell – Much Wenlock Olympian Society
Samantha Moore, Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates
Peter Gylward – Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Peter Neale - William Brookes School
Wilf Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council

It was noted that Samantha Moore representing Wenlock Estates had submitted her resignation from the Gaskell Management Committee

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 27th June 2023 were considered for approval **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2023 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

5) Secretary's Report

Members received a written report from the Secretary and discussion ensued.

William Brookes School User Agreement – It was noted that the school user agreement had been reviewed, signed and returned by Peter Neale

Access gate agreement – It was noted the further action needed to be taken to resolve an agreement

Linden Walk – Grounds contractor Mike Humphries had some issues with machinery breaking down, so it was agreed to delay the path sweep till after leaf fall.

Cricket Club bench – It was noted that a memorial bench for Steve Perks had been carved and installed by Joffrey Watson on the damaged Moore memorial site, thanks was expressed to Joffrey

Main Gate repairs – It was noted that the new gates had dropped on the hinges a little after install and caused an issue in opening and shutting. Cllr Themans offered to make repairs to the operation of the gate by installing a bigger guide wheel.

6) Treasurer's Report

- a. Members received the following financial report as at the end of Aug 2023:

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2023	27854.01
Expenditure to date	7795.43
Income to date	5537.20
Balance as at 31 st May 2023	25595.78

Expenditure for July:

Agri Vista – Topsoil	332.40
Shropshire Verti Drain – June Cut	529.20
Shropshire Verti Drain – Reseed & top dress	96.40
Joffrey Watson – Tree removal	800.00
Marcus Themans – Notice Board	50.24

Expenditure for August:

Bowling club - Paint	164.00
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- 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 2023	441.00	88.20	529.20
13.02.23	The Workshop Aberfeldy	Queen Jubilee Plaque and double stand	63.99	12.80	76.79
28.02.23	Adrian Reynolds	Linden Walk Gates			1940.00
02.03.23	K Dorrell & Son	Tree Guard	200.00	40.00	240.00
24.03.23	The Workshop Aberfeldy	Queen Jubilee 2 nd Plaque	40.00	9.00	54.00
23.03.23	The PI Company	RoSPA Report			210.00
21.03.23	MWTC	Water Charges			387.19
18.04.23	Adrian Reynolds	Gate Foot Plate			50.00
04.03.23	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 439)	Grass Cutting – Feb 2023	441.00	88.20	529.20
27.03.23	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 422)	Grass Cutting – March 2023	441.00	88.20	529.20
27.03.23	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 441)	Football Pitch Grass and Reseed	1617.00	176.20	1793.20
25.04.23	Joffrey Watson	Removal of Small Fallen Tree			200.00
30.04.23	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 456)	Grass Cutting – April 2023	463.00	92.60	555.60
09.05.23	AMS Improvements	Removal of waste materials and tarmac round gate posts			430.00
06.06.23	Agrovista	Topsoil			332.40

- a. To approve the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
06.06.23	Marcus Themans	Fabricate noticeboard and paint:	15.60	3.12	18.72
		Travis Perkins -Timber	18.04	2.50	20.54
		Amazon - Fixings			

7) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- a. It was discussed that there were some obvious nutritional lackings in parts of the ground. It was agreed a quote from Mike Humphries be obtained for fertilising the field and also to shock wave in September. It was also agreed that a soil test be done.
- b. It was noted that no further communication with Shropshire Council had been obtained.
- c. To note Councillor Marcus Themans had fabricated a new notice board located within the entrance to the Linden gates.
- d. It was noted that following the last meeting in March a quote had been requested from Mike Humphries to sweep the Linden walk. Awaiting quote as the job couldn't be actioned straight away.

8) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

a. Bowling Club

It was reported that the club had painted two sheds to match and submitted a receipt for the cost of paint previously agreed to be reimbursed by the Charity.

The club had carried out a risk assessment and had discovered cracked slabs and an out of date fire extinguisher. The bowling club questioned whose responsibility it was to replace the fire extinguisher. In accordance with the user agreement it was established that it was the bowling club's responsibility to replace the extinguisher and the Charity to repair the slabs.

b. Cricket Club

No representative present.

c. Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)

The games were to commence during July.

d. Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society

The athletics club are currently lacking in numbers as they are still recovering from the effects of Covid although numbers are starting to increase again.

New rules from England Athletics means that putting on events is becoming increasingly difficult especially with increasing financial complications.

The club will host an under 11 's cross country on the field on Nov 5th 2023

e. Wenlock Warriors

It was reported that the Warriors had finished the season and there would be two teams next year. There had been an adult team started not associated with the Warriors and currently playing at Cressage. It was discussed that further discussion before the start of the season as how to possibly accommodate the adult team on the field as well.

f. William Brookes School

The committee welcomed Peter Neale, newly appointed Business Manager to William Brookes School.

Discussion ensued reporting back a meeting held earlier in the day between Peter Neale, Cllr Fenwick and the Secretary discussing finalising the user agreement and the access gate user agreement. Peter reported that the draft agreements would be submitted to the trustees of the school for review and approval.

9) Casual User Agreements

It was agreed that a casual user agreement needed to be drafted and fees for use of the football pitch were agreed at £30 per match.

It was discussed the possibility of a booking system on the Gaskell Recreation Ground page on the Town Council website.

10) User Agreements

- a. User Agreements: William Brookes School – Discussed in Agenda Item 9.
- b. Access gate agreement – Discussed in Agenda Item 9.

11) Play Area

- a. No report submitted as working group representative not present

12) Trees

It was noted that the tree inspection had been completed but no report received yet.

13) Water Meters

It was noted that two water meters had been installed on site for the Bowling club and Cricket club, so division of fees be appropriately distributed.

Last year’s water fees were presented to the committee for discussion on dispersal of the bill to users. It was agreed that further discussion be held when a cricket club representative was present.

14) User Bookings

The following bookings were noted:

- a. Richard Dyer – Charity football match Sunday 27th Aug
- b. WOS Games – Sunday 2nd July (Field)

15) Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meetings would take place on

Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7.00pm at the Corn Exchange

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed
Chairman

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