

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at
The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
4 p.m. on Monday 23 November 2015

PRESENT:

David Gibbon (Chairman), Gerry Bowden, Graham Edgcumbe Venning, Mary Hill, and Paul Laming.

SECRETARY:

Sharon Clayton

1) CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Graham Edgcumbe Venning who had joined the Committee following the resignation of Robin Bennett.

2) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Chris Bowden who had work commitments.
This apology was ACCEPTED.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4) MINUTES

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2015 be CONFIRMED.
It was unanimously AGREED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

5) REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

Members received a written report on action taken since the last meeting. The Secretary also gave a verbal update as follows:

- The new signage had been installed on the ground.
- The Secretary had been advised that the Bowling Club was to close because its members were not allowed to drive cars on the ground although the Secretary had not received any official notification.
- The school was drafting a SLA for school use.

The Chairman informed Members that he was still trying to find out whether Wenlock Warriors were paying for use of the field to the Leisure Centre. He hoped to have further information for the next meeting.

Paul Laming stated that the Bowling Club had no plans to close.

It was AGREED that:

- i. **The report be NOTED.**
- ii. **A further meeting should be arranged with the school to take place in January 2016.**
- iii. **The Secretary should find out from the manufacturer whether the play equipment on the children's playground was safe following the recent RoSPA report which had highlighted a risk with some of the equipment.**

6) FINANCE

a) Members received a financial report to the end of October 2015 from the Treasurer as follows:

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
Insurance	1409	Users of the ground	4891
Water charges	261	Grants	2600
NDR	370		
Grounds maintenance	3575		
Management costs	191		
RoSPA inspections	749		
Repairs and maintenance	422		
TOTAL	6977	TOTAL	7491

It was **AGREED** that:

- i. The Treasurer's report be **NOTED**.
- ii. Banking should be discussed at the next meeting.
- iii. A working group should be established to seek grant funding whose members would be David Gibbon, Graham Edgcumbe Venning, and Chris Bowden.

b) Members considered for approval a draft budget for 2016-2017.

It was **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **AGREED** that:

- i. Further monthly play inspections carried out by Shropshire Council should cease due to their cost.
- ii. A budget should be set aside for the renewal of children's play equipment for 2017/2018.
- iii. A budget of £10,230 for 2016/2017 should be recommended to the Town Council.

7) HEALTH AND SAFETY

Members considered health and safety on the Ground.

It was **AGREED** that there were no matters for concern.

8) MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members considered the progress of the Management Plan and the substantial information provided by Chris Bowden for inclusion within the Plan

It was **AGREED** that the Secretary would update the Plan with the information provided by Chris Bowden and the Plan would be considered further at the next meeting.

9) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKS

Members considered a quote for hedge laying around the children's play area and, although others had been approached, this was the only quote received.

It was **unanimously AGREED** that the hedge be cut and layed by Karl Leibscher at a cost of £865.

10) OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Members considered for approval the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment sponsored by Nisa.

It was **AGREED** that:

- i. The sponsorship be accepted and the sponsor be thanked.
- ii. A plan for the purchase and installation of equipment should be considered further at the next meeting.

11) PITCH MARKING

Members considered for approval pitch marking of the ground for school use.

It was **AGREED** that this would be considered more fully in time for next year's school use.

12) DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on Monday 14 December 2015.

The meeting closed at 17:29.

Signed.....
David Gibbon
Chairman

Date.....