

**GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK**  
Registered Charity no. 1116940

# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held at  
The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock  
on Friday 3 MARCH 2017

**PRESENT:**

Graham Edgcombe Venning (Chairman), Trevor Childs, David Gibbon, and Herbert Harper.

**SECRETARY:**

Sharon Clayton

**1) CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2) APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Paul Laming and Chris Bowden.

**3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4) MINUTES**

It was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** that the minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held on 8 November 2016 be **CONFIRMED**.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.**

**5) REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY**

Members received a written report from the Secretary on action taken since the last meeting.

The Secretary said that the file size of the Management Plan was too big and could not be emailed but Paul Nicholls had offered to help with this problem.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Secretary's report be NOTED.**

**6) FINANCE**

Members received a financial report from 1 April 2016 to 31 January 2017 as follows:

| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>  | <b>£</b>        | <b>INCOME</b>           | <b>£</b>        |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Insurance           | 1630.38         | Miscellaneous           | 169.22          |
| RoSPA inspections   | 100.80          | Grants                  | 8500.00         |
| Grounds maintenance | 8658.62         | William Brookes Academy | 3000.00         |
| Contingency         | 72.00           | Misc users              | 150.00          |
|                     |                 | Bowling Club            | 1200.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>10461.80</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>13019.22</b> |

The Treasurer reported that there was £11,822.94 in the bank account as at 31 January 2017.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Treasurer's report be NOTED.**

**7) USAGE AGREEMENT**

Members considered for approval a draft Usage Agreement with William Brookes Academy.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that, following agreed amendments, the Usage Agreement be APPROVED and presented to the Academy.**

**8) ACCESS ROUTE**

Members considered proposals for a new access route between the school/leisure centre site and the Gaskell Recreation Ground which would involve the installation of a pedestrian gateway into the recreation ground including a hard standing for three disabled car parking spaces. The objective was to provide parking for users of the ground for which the Committee was prepared to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that these new access route proposals should be presented to the Academy for consideration.**

**9) CRICKET PAVILION AND STORAGE SHED**

Members considered for approval a request from the Cricket Club to make improvements to the storage shed which included re-cladding, although the Club had not indicated what colour would be used. The Club had also provided fixture proposals for this year and had enquired about future plans to alleviate drainage problems.

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

- i. Fixture proposals for this coming year be NOTED.**
- ii. Field drainage was a priority and the Cricket Club should take no action with any works regarding cricket field drainage as this might not be in accordance with appointed contractor’s plans.**
- iii. Subject to the colour being of a natural blending, and not white, the re-cladding work for the storage shed be APPROVED.**

Members considered for approval proposed future use of the cricket pavilion. Shropshire Council had offered to lease the pavilion to the Cricket Club although a small part of the property was on Town Council land. The Secretary informed Members that, since the ground in question belonged to the Town Council, the matter would be considered by the Town Council in April 2017. The Secretary also informed Members that responsibility for Severn Trent water charges was still being investigated due to there being some uncertainty about where the water supply was directed and whom was responsible for payment.

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

- i. To NOTE that the future lease of the Cricket Pavilion was to be discussed by the Town Council in April 2017.**
- ii. That a site meeting should be arranged as soon as possible with Keith Parry (Shropshire Council) and colleague(s) to discuss Severn Trent water provision and responsibility for payment with Committee Members.**

**10) ASSETS**

Members considered for approval the disposal of the old goal posts which had been left lying on the ground for many years and were now unsuitable for further use.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the goal posts should be removed from the ground.**

**11) MEETING WITH WILLIAM BROOKES ACADEMY**

Members considered arrangements for meeting with the Academy to discuss the Usage Agreement and a new access route between sites.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that a meeting with representatives from the Academy should be arranged to take place at the Guildhall.**

The meeting closed at 10:25.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....