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GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held at
The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
at 2 pm on Tuesday 28 September 2017

PRESENT:

David Gibbon (Chairman), Trevor Childs, Graham Edgumbe Venning, Herbert Harper and Mary Hill.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Clayton – Secretary

1) Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Bowden who had a work commitment.

This apology was ACCEPTED as APPROVED absence.

3) Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Minutes

The minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held on 25 July 2017 were considered for approval.

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

5) Secretary's report

Members received a written report from the Secretary on action taken since the last meeting. The Secretary also informed Members that:

- o The water bills for the ground had been paid by the Town Council and needed to be re-charged to the users of the water.
- o Western Power Distribution would be trimming the hedgerow free of charge because its height was affecting the power lines near to the disused toilet block.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- i. **The report be NOTED.**
- ii. **Trevor Childs and the Secretary would investigate who was using the water supply on the ground and who should be re-charged.**

6) Treasurer's report

Members received a financial report from the Treasurer. Income received from 1 April to 31 August 2017 was £13,250 and expenditure was £6,459.70. The balance in the bank as at 31 August 2017 was £17,264.42.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the financial report be NOTED.

7) Access between sites

Members expressed concern about the lack of access between sites due to the reluctance of the school. There had been several discussions with the school and it was thought that agreement had been reached but the last communication from the school showed an unwillingness to allow a new access to be installed even though the Committee had agreed to pay towards its cost.

It was PROPOSED that, as from 09:00 hours on Monday 2 October 2017, the Usage Agreement between the Academy and the Gaskell Recreation Ground Management Committee be no longer in use and that the money received for use of the ground should be returned pro-rata. After being SECONDED it was unanimously AGREED.

8) Management Plan

Members considered a quote received from a Sports Surface consultant to carry out a feasibility study of necessary works to the ground to alleviate drainage issues and to provide future management advice. Members also discussed how the Management Plan document should be presented to prospective funders.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- i. **Alan Lewis be appointed to prepare a feasibility study for drainage and maintenance of the ground at a preliminary cost of £2,125 + VAT.**
- ii. **The Management Plan document should be printed professionally and the Chairman and Graham Edgcumbe Venning would liaise with Paul Nicholls to discuss printing options.**

9) Meeting with the Wenlock Olympian Society

Members discussed possible dates to hold a meeting with the Olympian Society.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Secretary should write to Mac Beardsley to arrange a meeting week commencing 8 October 2017.

10) Bowling clubhouse

Members had met with the Bowling Club and discussed remedial work that was required to improve the condition of the clubhouse. Various issues had been identified but mainly to the roof.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the roof should be repaired at the expense of the Town Council.

11) RoSPA report

Members considered the recent RoSPA report which revealed that the equipment was looking rather tired. The Management Plan stated that the play equipment would be kept in good order although it made no reference to replacement.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- i. **The equipment should be maintained until such time as it needed replacement and the repairs outlined in the RoSPA report should be actioned.**
- ii. **A perimeter fence should be installed around the entire children's play area to keep dogs out of the area.**

12) Dogs on the ground

Members considered the issues of dogs running loose on the ground and the harm they can cause to other users of the ground. Members were concerned that owners were not in control of their dogs when they were off the lead and that action should be taken to comply with the dog control orders that were in place on the ground. Members were also concerned that the current signage was not sufficiently robust and that new signage should be purchased to ensure that dogs were kept under control.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- i. **All dogs should be kept on a lead.**
- ii. **The Secretary should arrange a meeting to discuss new signage with Signs Express.**

13) Usage Agreement with William Brookes Academy

Members concerns about the school's unwillingness to allow access between sites was discussed earlier in the meeting where, with some reluctance, it was

unanimously AGREED that as from 09:00 hours on Monday 2 October 2017, the Usage Agreement between the Academy and the Gaskell Recreation Ground Management Committee be no longer in use and that the money received for use of the ground should be returned pro-rata.

The meeting closed at 15:58.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....