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GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at
The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
at 6 pm on Tuesday 9 October 2018

Present:

Kate Southan (Chairman) – Much Wenlock Town Council
Graham Edgcumbe Venning - Much Wenlock Town Council
Mike Bainbridge – William Brookes School
Bill James - Much Wenlock Cricket Club
Colin Wildblood - Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Melinda Laws – Wenlock Olympian Society

In attendance:

Sharon Clayton – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Bowden representing Wenlock Estates and Adam Davy representing Much Wenlock Town Council

These apologies were ACCEPTED.

These absences left the meeting with insufficient members to vote and the Secretary advised that information could be exchanged without spending decisions being made.

3) Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Minutes

The minutes of a meeting held on 11 September 2018 were considered for approval. Following a **PROPOSED** amendment at minute number 8(a) to remove the words "Next year's budget" and replace with "Future budgets"; **and being SECONDED it was 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 gave the following verbal update:

- The Handy Person had been asked to carry out some tasks highlighted in the recent RoSPA report and BT had been contacted concerning the leaning telegraph pole.
- Laminated dog fouling signs had been placed at strategic places to try to deter dog fouling.

It was AGREED that the Secretary's report be NOTED.

The Chairman reported that the loose branches on the Wellingtonia tree had been taken away.

The Secretary informed Melinda Laws that the Committee was awaiting a response from the Wenlock Olympian Society as to whether the felled Oak tree should be replaced, and Melinda agreed to enquire and report back.

6) Treasurer's Report

Members received the following financial report from the Treasurer:

- The balance brought forward at 1 April 2018 was £15,100.54.
- Income received from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2018 was £18,250 and expenditure from 1 April to 30 September 2018 was £9,242.65.

The Treasurer informed members that the usual donation of £100 from the Wenlock Olympian Society had not been received.

It was AGREED that:

- **The Treasurer's report be NOTED.**
- **Melinda would remind the Olympian Society that a donation had not been received.**
- **The Treasurer would draft a budget for 2019/2020 for consideration at the next meeting for recommendation to the charity.**

7) Demolition of Toilet Block

Members received an update from Graham Edgcumbe Venning who had spoken informally to a planning officer at Shropshire Council concerning the demolition of the toilet block. He had been advised that planning permission may not be necessary and instead the demolition should be able to proceed with a Demolition Order under Condition B2 (A) Part II, Demolition of Buildings. The planning officer was to provide the appropriate application forms to apply for a Demolition Order. It was recommended that the application should give reasons as to why the demolition was necessary e.g. the building is unsafe, and should be supported with confirmation by a suitably qualified person. The toilet block is attached to the boundary wall of Linden Lodge but since the Town Council owns that building there would not be a problem with permission for the work to be carried out.

It was AGREED that a specification should be prepared for submission with the application for a Demolition Order.

8) Leader Application

The Chairman gave a brief update on the Leader funding application for an all-weather track to provide disabled access around the ground, outdoor fitness equipment and access between the school and the ground. Up to £60,000 was available and the application was progressing although there was uncertainty about the amount that would be awarded. It was hoped that an answer would be received towards the end of October 2018.

It was AGREED that the Town Council should be asked to match-fund the Leader grant funding bid.

9) Drainage

The Chairman gave a brief update about plans for drainage works on the ground. A specification prepared by Alan Lewis had been approved by the Town Council and was to be posted on Contract Finder. Tenders would be sought for 28 days after which the Council would choose a suitable contractor. Advice on timings for the work would be obtained from Alan Lewis and the appointed contractor, and everyone's needs would be considered.

Bill Jarvis expressed concern and asked why the Cricket Club could not have seen the specification before it was put on Contract Finder. The Club was worried about the impact of the works and the loss of facilities once the project commenced. The Chairman gave assurance that all users would be consulted throughout the project.

It was AGREED that firm plans for use of the ground could not be made until a contractor had been appointed and a firm date agreed for the project to commence.

10) Bowling Club Expenses

Members considered for approval the reimbursement of expenses to the Bowling Club of £478.38 for timber for the perimeter fencing and £177 for maintenance of the bowling green.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that since the meeting was not quorate this would have to be approved at the next meeting.

11) Goal Posts

Members considered for approval the purchase of goal posts for use on the ground which would cost around £2,500. Mike Bainbridge informed the meeting that the School's PTA had agreed to contribute £500 and other funding was available from other sources.

It was AGREED that the purchase of goal posts would be considered further at a future meeting.

12) Football Club

The Chairman informed the meeting that some football players were misusing the ground and advised that a letter should be sent to the Football Club outlining rules for use of the ground.

It was AGREED that the Chairman would draft a letter setting out terms of use of the ground to be sent to the Football Club by the Secretary.

13) Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on 13 November 2018.

The meeting closed at 18:56.

Signed
Chairman

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