

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

Minutes of a meeting
held at
The Guildhall, Much Wenlock
7 pm on Thursday 16 June 2016

PRESENT:

Mary Hill (Chairman), Robin Bennett, Chris Bowden, Trevor Childs, Graham Edgcumbe Venning, Paul Laming, David Turner

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Clayton – Secretary and Treasurer

In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, Mary Hill chaired the meeting.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Don Davies
David Gibbon
Mike Grace
Herbert Harper
Yvonne Holyoak
Dafydd Jenkins
Joffrey Watson
Milner Whiteman

These apologies were **ACCEPTED**.

2) MINUTES

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 December 2015 be CONFIRMED.

It was AGREED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

3) OFFICER REPORTS

- a) Members received a written report from the Secretary which outlined what the Management Committee had done since the last meeting of the charity. The Committee had been meeting on a monthly basis but, since its last meeting held on 20 April 2016, members had agreed to meet informally, as and when required, and to meet formally when a decision needed to be made.

The Secretary also informed members that:

- The Secretary of the Bowling Club had requested a meeting with the Management Committee and a date needed to be agreed.
- The Secretary had carried out further work on the Management Plan which needed approval so that the Plan could be used to inform the Town Council of progress and as a tool to apply for grant funding.

It was **AGREED** that:

- i. **The Secretary's report be NOTED.**
 - ii. **The Management Committee would continue to meet informally to progress outstanding matters.**
- b) Members received a financial report from the Treasurer. As at 31 March 2016 the balance in the bank account was £9,265.52 and as at 12 May 2016 the balance was £15,315.52.

Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 was £12,603 which had been accounted for in the Town Council's accounts. However, as from 1 April 2016 the Town Council had given a grant of £6,000 and the charity would be responsible for all future financial management.

The Treasurer expressed concern that the £5,000 annual grant promised by Wenlock Estates had not been forthcoming and the 2016/2017 budget had been based on this income and without it the charity would need to raise income from elsewhere to cover expenditure.

It was **AGREED** that:

- i. **The Treasurer's report be NOTED.**
- ii. **Representatives of Wenlock estates would chase Wenlock Estates for the donation of £5,000.**

4) MEMBERSHIP

- a) Members were informed that Gerry Bowden had resigned as a representative of Wenlock Estates.

It was **AGREED**:

- i. **To NOTE Mr Bowden's resignation.**
- ii. **A letter of thanks be sent to Mr Bowden and some publicity arranged to mark the length of his dedicated service to the Gaskell Recreation Ground.**

- b) Members considered for approval the appointment of Trevor Childs to replace Gerry Bowden as a representative of Wenlock Estates.

It was AGREED that Trevor Childs be appointed to represent Wenlock Estates on the charity and as a Management Committee member.

5) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members received minutes from Management Committee meetings held on the following dates:

- 19 October 2015
- 23 November 2015
- 14 December 2015
- 25 January 2016
- 22 February 2016
- 21 March 2016
- 6 April 2016

it was AGREED that the minutes be ADOPTED.

6) BOREHOLE

Members considered the implications and necessary action required to make the borehole safe in the children's playground. It was said to be 30.48 meters deep and originally provided the town with mains water. It was formerly the responsibility of the Borough of Wenlock, and Severn Trent had recently been contacted and had indicated that it was not their responsibility and referred the matter to the Town Council. The Town Council had considered the matter at its last meeting in June 2016 when it was proposed that an inspection survey of the borehole should be carried out. A preliminary inspection had subsequently been carried out by Wyatt Brothers who had submitted a quote for the work. The cost to carry out a CCTV survey of the well and borehole to ascertain its integrity and to pump out the well to facilitate a visual inspection would cost £950 plus VAT, and approximately £2,700 plus VAT to completely backfill and seal the borehole if required.

It was **AGREED** that:

- i. The issue be referred to the Town Council for urgent action.
- ii. Wyatt's be asked for further details of what the CCTV survey entails.
- iii. Further like for like quotes be acquired for consideration and action by the Town Council.

Concern was expressed about the dangers of the borehole and whether it could subside and it was proposed that the area be cordoned off. After being put to the vote, with four votes for and three abstentions:

it was AGREED that the area be cordoned off and marked unsafe.

7) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the Annual General Meeting would take place on Thursday 15 December 2016.

The meeting closed at 19:48.

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