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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 4.30 pm on Tuesday 25 July 2017

# PRESENT:

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

# IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Clayton – Secretary

# 1) Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recommended that:

- $\circ$  A meeting with Kerry Rogers should be held on 4 August 2017 at a convenient time.
- William Brookes School should be asked whether white lining on the football pitch was required.
- Spacecare-Shropshire should be asked to quote for weed spraying on the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

## 2) Apologies

There were no apologies since all members were present.

## 3) Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4) Minutes

The minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held on 2 June 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 report from the Secretary on action taken since the last meeting. The Secretary informed Members that, due to its imminent renewal in mid-August 2017, the Town Clerk had been granted delegated authority by the Finance & Resources Management Committee, in liaison with the Chairman, to arrange for the renewal of the insurance for the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

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

### 6) Treasurer's report

Members received a financial report from the Treasurer. Income received from 1 April to 30 June 2017 was £13,250 and expenditure was £3,037.23. The balance in the bank as at 30 June 2017 was £20,686.89. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the financial report be NOTED.

### 7) Actions for approval

Members considered how electricity could be supplied to the proposed new building on the Gaskell Recreation Ground as part of the 10-year Management Plan.

It was AGREED that the power supply should be discussed with William Brookes School.

Following an informal meeting held on 14 July 2017 members considered the following actions for approval.a) Preparation of a draft policy for future functions.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that this be considered at a future meeting.

b) Purchase of name badges.

Members expressed concerned that Committee Members had been denied access to the Gaskell Recreation Ground during the 2017 Wenlock Olympian Games and it was therefore recommended that identity badges would prove useful for the future.

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It was AGREED that there had been a communication problem and that the Committee should meet with the Wenlock Olympian Society to prevent issues arising in the future.

c) Provision of a low-cost shelter for visitors to the Bowling Club.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- i. In principle, it was a good idea to provide shelter for visitors, and that the Secretary should write to the Bowling Club inviting them to provide ideas/suggestions for consideration by the Committee, bearing in mind cost and future development plans as outlined in the Management Plan.
- ii. The idea of white umbrella canopies sited on the ground should be put on the back burner.
- d) Members considered which would be the best possible surface for a perimeter walkway along which outdoor exercise machines might be installed, and the demolition of the disused toilet block and replacement fencing at Linden Lodge.

It was AGREED that:

- i. The Secretary should seek quotes for surface materials that could be used on the perimeter walkway.
- ii. Demolition of the disused toilet block and replacement fencing would be discussed further at a future meeting.
- e) Removal of epicormic growth and weed killing.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that a meeting should take place with Spacecare-Shropshire after which the work should be carried out at an agreed price.

f) Planning application for tree pruning.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that a planning application to carry out necessary tree pruning for the next five years should be submitted to Shropshire Council.

The meeting closed at 17:32.

Signed..... Chairman Date.....