

# GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

Minutes of the special general meeting  
held at  
The Guildhall, Much Wenlock  
7 pm on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## **PRESENT:**

Cllr Graham Edgcumbe Venning (Chairman), Cllr Adam Davy, Cllr Herbert Harper, Cllr Mary Hill, Cllr Yvonne Holyoak, Cllr Kate Southan, Cllr Daniel Thomas, Cllr Allan Walter, Cllr Milner Whiteman, Chris Bowden (Wenlock Estates)

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Trudi Barrett – Secretary

### **1. Chairman's welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He referred to the ongoing work of the Management Committee and the value of having a Management Plan to provide direction.

### **2. Apologies**

An apology was received from Councillor Marcus Themans (holiday).

This apology was **ACCEPTED**.

Cllr Yvonne Holyoak & Cllr Dafydd Jenkins were absent.

### **3. Minutes**

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be APPROVED and ADOPTED as a true record.**

### **4. Election of Treasurer**

Following the retirement of the previous Treasurer, **it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Trudi Barrett be elected as Treasurer.**

### **5. Financial Matters**

- a. Members received a financial report from the Treasurer regarding income and expenditure for the financial year 2018/19 as follows:

The balance brought forward at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 was £15,100.54

Income received from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was £19,550.00

Expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was £18,854.95

The balance in the bank as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was £15,795.59

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

It was noted that the cost of maintaining the Gaskell Recreation Ground including the play area, tree work and general maintenance were higher than budget. The Trustees needed to be aware of this and to set a more realistic budget next year. Members of the Management Committee were already working to analyse usage, user agreements and costs. It was noted that representatives from the user groups were involved in discussions about costs and charges which was helpful for their understanding of the situation.

- b. Members considered the year end accounts for 2018/19. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to APPROVE the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

- c. Members noted the income and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Trustees were advised that budgeted income for 2019/20 from William Brookes School was £1,500, rather than the previous year's £3,000, due to the impact of the planned drainage work on use.
- d. It was noted that, due to problems with the bank in changing access to the online account, the statement to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 was not available.

#### 6. Minutes of the Management Committee

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **AGREED** that the following minutes of the Management Committee be **NOTED and ADOPTED**:

- o 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- o 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- o 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- o 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### 7. Report from the Management Committee

Members received a report from the Chair of the Management Committee:

- In accordance with the Management Plan, the disused toilet block had been demolished in April. The damaged fence to Linden Lodge had been replaced and the ground around the toilet block area had been reseeded with grass.
- In the play area, the basket on the basket swing had been replaced as well as a flat swing and baby swing.
- A tree survey had been carried out by Shropshire Council officers and the contract for the necessary work had been awarded to the tree surgeon. Work was due to start by the end of June.
- Drainage: due to the recent persistent rain, part of the field was currently under water, mainly across the cricket field. It was noted that the drains did not work where the water was collecting. The drainage consultant had advised that some of the spoil arising from the drainage work could be used to fill and level the depression on the cricket field to prevent pooling. It was noted that the Cricket Club would prefer to leave the depression.

Trustees were keen that the planned drainage work should leave the Gaskell Ground in the best condition possible and this included the cricket field.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **AGREED** that the contractor should be asked to level the depression in the cricket pitch and put in a larger pipe to take flood water away effectively.

It was noted that the drainage consultant and contractor would both be attending the forthcoming meeting of the Management Committee to finalise details. It was hoped to carry out the work in the last two weeks of August.

- The Leader funding application was progressing. All information required should be ready to be appraised by Shropshire Council officers by the end of June.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Kate Southan and her team for their hard work.

#### 8. Date of next meeting

It was **AGREED** that the next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Mr Motley of Wenlock Estates would be invited to attend.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm

Signed.....  
Chairman of the Trustees

Date.....