

Gaskell Recreation Ground Much Wenlock

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Members of the Gaskell Recreation Ground Much Wenlock

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

are invited to attend a meeting
to be held remotely by video-conference
commencing at **7.00 pm** on **Tuesday 7th September 2021**
for the purpose of transacting the following business

The link to the meeting is:

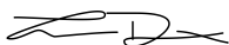
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Date of issue: 3rd September 2021



Lorna Dexter
Secretary

A G E N D A

1. Chairman' Welcome

2. Apologies

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes

To consider and approve the minutes of the remote meeting of the Management Committee held on:

- a. 5th July 2021

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. To note a report from the Treasurer.
- b. To formally approve the removal and delivery to storage site of benches in the play area, by A M S Improvements at a cost of £200 as agreed by Committee members between meetings
- c. To formally approve repairs to the rope pull equipment on the play area by Michael Baugh at a cost of £218.00 as per quote agreed by Committee members between meetings.
- d. To approve payment of the following invoices and any others received:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
1.08.21	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 253)	Grass Cutting	420.00	84.00	504.00
28.08.21	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 256)	Grass Cutting	420.00	84.00	504.00

6. Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- a. To discuss ground nutrition and grass cutting length requirements
- b. To consider whether a Verti-drain is required during October
- c. To consider whether a multisport or slit is required in February
- d. To discuss and agree area to be seeded with meadow mix for the wild flower meadow
- e. To note cut back of overgrowth round trees and borderline at rear of the ground by Mike Humphries at no extra cost.
- f. To consider a 3 year contract with Shropshire Verti-drain and turf services.
- g. To consider any other grounds maintenance issues.
- h. To note summary from site meeting on Tues 13th July and discuss any observations arising

7. Reports from User Groups

To note reports from the following user groups:

- a. Bowling Club
- b. Cricket Club
- c. Wenlock Olympian Society
- d. Wenlock Olympian Athletics Club
- e. Wenlock Warriors
- f. William Brookes School

8. Drainage

- a. To consider any drainage matters arising.

9. Gate Lock

To note purchase of combination lock for the Linden Gate

10. Cricket Club bench

To note the location of memorial bench was agreed adjacent to the pavilion at the site visit on Tues 13th July.

11. Cricket Club

- a. To consider plans for a new pavilion in line with the Gaskell development plan.

12. User Agreements

- a. To consider progress with drafting new user agreements.

13. Path and Access Project (LEADER)

- a. To note progress with the drafting of an access agreement for the gate.

14. Play Area

- a. To note bench removal on Tues 7th Sept ready for hedge cutting by A M S Improvements.
- b. To note works agreed to Michael Baugh for the repair of rotten ramp on the rope pull equipment
- c. To note progress with play house repairs
- d. To agree a date and plans for maintenance of hedge around play area.

15. Trees

- a. The Queen's Green Canopy – To note location for tree planting was agreed at the site visit on Tues 13th July
- b. To note Joffrey to be contacted for a quote to undertake tree works for epicormic growth

16. Next Meeting

To agree the date of the next meeting of the Management Committee.

Michael Baugh Carpentry & Building Maintenance

ESTIMATE

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03/08/2021

TO: MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Much Wenlock
Shropshire

LABOUR

Replace the rotten ramp on the children's playground equipment.

MATERIALS

18mm Anti-slip phenolic ply
Fixings

Grand Total: £218.00

Michael Baugh
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From: mikehumphries@virginmedia.com
Subject: {Spam?} Gaskell Park Contract.
Date: 23 July 2021 at 16:31
To: Lorna Dexter info@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk
Cc: Trudi Barrett townclerk@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk

Hi, following on from our telephone conversations this week , please find the proposal for Gaskell park grass cutting.

As requested at our site meeting last week we have cut back the grow back areas at the far end of the park, we are prepared to do this on a no charge basis if it would be possible to enter into a three year contract for the grass cutting of the park as this will allow us to further invest in machinery to further improve the quality of the park. We would propose to fix the price at current levels with a % increase linked to inflation but capped at 5%. All other tasks i.e. Vertidrain would be covered under the normal quote process. This offers both parties consistency and allows our working relationships to progress and hopefully deliver a better facility for everyone.

Many Thanks

Mike

Gaskell Recreation Ground – On site meeting Tues 13th July 2021

Summary of points discussed:

Wild Flower Meadow

Area: from cricket storage up to gate and seating then around squirrel corner behind and under trees to around by the newly planted oak trees to edge of slope

- Mike Humphries to research suitable wildflower mixes establishing open ground and shade tolerant species.
 - Arrange a meeting with Shropshire Wildlife Trust ASAP to get further advice on seeding and aftercare...maybe they might have volunteers who would be involved with ongoing management...inclusivity of this type would be useful for future grant applications.
 - Management Committee to meet briefly to agree and map out areas to be seeded. – to be actioned
 - Aim for seeding work to be carried out in the first two weeks of September.
 - Mike to cut back the brambles near back of boundary and committee to think about weeding out brambles from Rhododendrons.
- Circulation of the playing field management plan and establish fertility priorities. – emailed 16/07/21

Tree Maintenance and planting

- Cutting back trees at Linden gate entrance to allow mower lorry access ASAP.
- Arrange site meeting with Joffrey Watson (September) to discuss tree management issues and cutting back of epicormic growth
- Agreed location for new trees under the Queens canopy initiative to be planted in diamond shape from current plantings in picnic table area on the top level to rear of the ground. Idea is to create a 'corridor' leading to windmill hill.

Play Area

- Three benches to be removed by September and stored, temporarily, in Councillor Neal's barn. Identify where to reposition them in the spring.
 - Arrange with Dave Thomas to cut the playground hedges (or as much that can be cut whilst avoiding equipment, soft ground, etc) as soon after 1/9/21 as possible.
 - Agree to create access and replace the section of chain link fence with a suitable panel or gate.
 - Committee members will be needed on the cutting day to steward members of the public
- Small repairs needed to the top leg of the children's slide, ramp to rope pull equipment and wooden roof of play house.

Cricket Club Area

- Location agreed for new Steve Perks memorial bench to be installed bowling green side of current cricket pavilion.
- Discussion of possible location of new pavilion. – Further discussion required

Bowling Club Area

- Location discussed and agreed in principle pending supply of map with suggested location site for installation of shed

Grass Area

- To agree a 3 year maintenance plan

Scout Hut and Grass Area

- Clarify ownership of the ground outside the Scout hut. Responsibility for upkeep of grass and rights of access for public use – Suggested that now under the ownership of the Scouts

3 Year grounds maintenance plan

Suggestions for potential 3 year plan

- Field area – Pitches:
- To improve as a long term plan - seeding, sand, weeding, fertilising etc (this needs pricing and time frame agreed)
- Agree yearly Verti-drain and multi sport applications
- Height of grass cut in future to be discussed for different areas of the field
- Improvement to remaining paths and installation of path to link up to windmill hill – agreed in principle sometime ago but needs to finalise and agreed pending costings.
- Wild Flower Meadow – exact area and type of mix to be agreed
- Plan for annual work needed to trees and low branches in general throughout whole site.
- Epicormic growth cutting.
- Plan to remedy pooling on cricket boundary.
- Add to corner of new path instead of having a right angle entry which everyone ignores by the edge of the path.