

Gaskell Recreation Ground Much Wenlock

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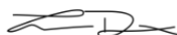
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The Trustees of the **Gaskell Recreation Ground Much Wenlock** are invited to attend
a special general meeting
to be held at the **Guildhall, Much Wenlock** commencing at **7 p.m.** on Thursday, 16th June 2022
to transact the following business.

Date of issue: 10th June 2022

Lorna Dexter
Secretary



Daniel Thomas
Chairman



A G E N D A

1. Chairman's welcome

2. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

3. Minutes

To consider and approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th December 2021.

4. Financial Matters

- a. To receive a Financial Report.
- b. To consider and approve the year end accounts for 2021/22.
- c. To approve income and expenditure to 31st May 2022.
- d. To note the bank statement to the end of 31st May 2022.

5. Minutes of the Management Committee

To note and adopt the minutes of Management Committee meetings held on:

- o 9th November 2021
- o 17th January 2022
- o 7th March 2022
- o 16th May 2022

6. Report from Management Committee

To receive a report from the Chair of the Management Committee.

7. Queen's Green Canopy

To discuss variety to be planted in collaboration with GB Olympians and Wenlock Olympians

8. Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting will be the AGM to be held on Thursday, 8th December 2022.

EXPENDITURE				
			ACTUAL YEAR	
EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	MONTH	TO DATE	BALANCE
	2022/23	MARCH	2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	1600	0.00	1498.41	101.59
Repairs and maintenance	500	0.00	180.00	320.00
Tree inspection	1000	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Tree works	2700	1406.00	1406.00	1294.00
Grounds maintenance	12200	504.00	9716.90	2483.10
Water charges	1400	0.00	0.00	1400.00
RoSPA inspection	110	0.00	0.00	110.00
Replacement play equipment	1500	0.00	297.64	1202.36
Football pitch marking	400	0.00	0.00	400.00
Weed treatment	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mole catching	200	0.00	0.00	200.00
Signage	200	0.00	0.00	200.00
Contingency	790	0.00	216.00	574.00
	22600	1910.00	13314.95	9285.05
Balance b/f 1 April 2021	19259.86			
Less Expenditure To Date	13314.95			
Income to Date	25171.21			
Balance as at 31 March 2022	31116.12			
as per Bank Statement 31 March 2022				
Tree Works - Joffrey Watson	£1,406			
Grass Cutting	£504.00			

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Gaskell Recreation Ground

EXPENDITURE				
			ACTUAL YEAR	
EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	MONTH	TO DATE	BALANCE
	2022/23	MARCH	2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	1650	0.00	0.00	1650.00
Repairs and maintenance	600	0.00	0.00	600.00
Tree inspection	1000	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Tree works	2700	0.00	0.00	2700.00
Grounds maintenance	12100	0.00	3618.00	8482.00
Water charges	1400	0.00	0.00	1400.00
RoSPA inspection	120	0.00	96.00	24.00
Replacement play equipment	1500	0.00	0.00	1500.00
Football pitch marking	410	0.00	0.00	410.00
Weed treatment	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mole catching	220	0.00	0.00	220.00
Signage	600	0.00	0.00	600.00
Contingency	1000	0.00	0.00	1000.00
TOTAL	23300	0.00	3714.00	19586.00
Balance b/f 1 April 2022	31116.12			
Less Expenditure To Date	3714.00			
Income to Date	0.00			
Balance as at 31st May 2021	27402.12			
as per Bank Statement 31/05/22				

Income and Expenditure May 2021

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GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held remotely by video-conference at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 9th December 2021

PRESENT:

Daniel Thomas – in the chair, Duncan White, Wilf Grainger, Marcus Themans, John O'Dowd, Robert Toft, David Fenwick (representing Much Wenlock Town Council)
Chris Bowden (representing Wenlock Estates)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's report

2) Election of Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by Marcus Themans and SECONDED by Chris Bowden that Daniel Thomas be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Daniel Thomas be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Daniel Thomas took the chair

3) Election of Deputy Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by Marcus Themans and SECONDED by that Dan Thomas be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Duncan White be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

4) Election of Secretary

Nominations were sought for the election of Secretary for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by Dan Thomas and SECONDED by Duncan White that Lorna Dexter be elected as Secretary for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Lorna Dexter, Administrative Assistant to the Town Council, be elected as Secretary.

5) Election of Treasurer

Nominations were sought for the election of Treasurer for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by Dan Thomas and SECONDED by Duncan White that Lorna Dexter be elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year

It was unanimously AGREED that Lorna Dexter, Administrative Assistant to the Town Council, be elected as Treasurer.

6) Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Trustee	REASON FOR ABSENCE
Chris Tyler	Family commitments
Mike Grace	Work commitments

David Fenwick	Work commitments
Tim Motley	

These apologies were **ACCEPTED**

7) Minutes

- a. **it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the minutes of a meeting held on 17th June 2021 be APPROVED and ADOPTED as a true record.**
- b. It was noted that it had not been possible to hold the meeting scheduled for 22nd July 2021 due to lack of available attendance.

8) Financial Matters

- a. Trustees reviewed the accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2020. **It was AGREED to APPROVE the accounts for 2020/21:**

	£
Balance b/f at 1 st April 2020	12,748.70
Income to 31 st March 2021	17,000.00
Expenditure to 31 st March 2021	10,488.84
Balance as at 31 st March 2021	19,259.86

b. Financial Report

Income and expenditure to the end of October 2020 was presented:

	£
Balance b/f at 1 st April 2021	19,259.86
Income to 31 st October 2021	3050.00
Expenditure to 31 st October 2021	3965.46
Balance as at 31 st October 2021	18,344.40

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to NOTE the financial report.

- c. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to APPROVE** budget for 2022/23 with the exception of Robert Toft who abstained having not seen the budget.

9) Minutes of the Management Committee

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

- 16th March 2021
- 5th July 2021
- 7th Sept 2021

The Trustees acknowledged the work of the Management Committee and expressed their thanks.

10) Duncan White reported

A huge amount of good work has been carried out in the last 12 months, so thank you to everyone for all their hard work and efforts.

This includes the maintenance of the overgrown hedge around the childrens play park and we are all agreed that it should not be left so long in between cuts.

There has been good progress on the development of the users agreements with agreement for the Wenlock Warriors, Olympian Society and the Bowling Club with the other two agreements to be agreed in the new year.

We launched the Wild Flower Meadow area behind the bowling green with Just Giving fund raising being used to part fund the project and we all look forward to the spring and the fruits of our efforts.

There are still some minor areas where drainage in wet weather need to be addressed.

Unfortunately recently we had one of our benches completely destroyed by fire, which is being investigated by the police and treated as criminal damage. In the new year we will discuss a replacement.

Discussions have been started within the 10 year plan for the provision of a pavillion on the field which would be a great addition to our facility and we hope to make progress with this over the next 12 months.

11) Appointment of Management Committee

- It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED** that the following members be appointed to the Management Committee:

- Chris Bowden) representing Wenlock Estates
- Duncan White) representing Much Wenlock Town Council
- Marcus Themans)
- Wilf Grainger)
- David Fenwick)

Thanks were expressed to the Management Committee for their work.

- A discussion commenced as to whether to amend the terms of reference to increase Wenlock Estates representatives to the management committee from two to four on the grounds it was felt there were younger candidates with fresh ideas that could be useful for the progression for the grounds. All were in favour apart from one councillor.
- It was proposed by Robert Toft that there be 3 allowed, no seconders
- It was proposed that a motion be carried by vote for 4 representatives
- Dan Thomas – Yes
- Marcus Themans – Yes
- Chris Bowden – Yes
- Robert Toft – No
- Duncan White – Yes
- Wilfred Grainger – Yes
- John O’Dowd – Yes

Motion carried for the amendment of 4 representatives for Wenlock Estates by majority vote. Names of Wenlock Estates representatives to be put forward at a future date.

12) Terms of Reference of Management Committee

Trustees reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Management Committee.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to approve the Terms of Reference for the Management Committee, with the amendment of representatives of the Wenlock Estates to be 4 as voting members.

14) Date of next meeting

It was **AGREED** that future meetings would take place on Thursday 16th June 2021 and on Thursday, 8th December 2021 (AGM)

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Trustees

Date.....

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held remotely by video-conference
at 7 pm on Tuesday, 9th November 2021

Present:

Cllrs Duncan White (in the chair), Marcus Themans, David Fenwick – Much Wenlock Town Council
Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club
Peter Gylard – Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Ian Dadswell - Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society & Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:
Wilfred Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 7th September 2021 were considered for approval. **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2021 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

5) Treasurer's Report

a) Members received the following financial report as at the end of October 2021:

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2021	19259.86
Expenditure to date	2777.46
Income to date	0
Balance as at 31 st October 2021	18344.40

Expenditure for September:	Grounds Maintenance £504.00
	Bench Removal: £180.00
Expenditure for October:	Grounds Maintenance £504.00
Income for October:	Wild Flower Donations £50.00

- b) It was noted that Wenlock Warriors Youth Football Club had been issued with an invoice for the user agreement fee of £500
- c) It was noted that Much Wenlock Town Council had been issued with an invoice for the contribution fee of £12,000

d) It was **AGREED** to approve payment made between meetings for the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
06.09.21	Travis Perkins	Play area repair materials (Play house)	8.16	1.63	9.79
07.06.21	Travis Perkins	Play area repair materials (Play house)	58.21	11.64	69.85

e) It was **AGREED** to approve payment of the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
31.10.21	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services	Grounds maintenance October 2021 – Grass Cutting (Invoice: 281)	420.00	84.00	504.00

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- It was discussed that the Verti drain should only go ahead if the ground was deemed in a suitable condition. Best efforts were needed to be made to do it by December but not if it was considered damaged may be caused by doing so.
- There was some debate as to whether the fencing on the bowling club perimeter was required and concluded that the Cricket club would assess the fence and determine whether the fence needed to remain and if so, best course of repair.
- Owing to the general signage being of a weathered condition it was decided that attempt should be made to clean them up by hand, if this proves unsuccessful quotes may need to be obtained in future for a more commercial approach to cleaning.
Quotes to be obtain to replace damaged bins.
- It was noted that the general use of the grounds signage needed updating and also dog foul notification. A suggestion was made that there could be a notice board to allow information to be displayed that needed details to be changed on a regular basis rather than a permanent sign.
- It was noted that Shropshire Council had been contacted with regards to potentially purchasing the carpark on the Scout hut site and were awaiting a response back from the estates department.
- It was agreed that Alan Lewis should go ahead with a soil test on the ground for £80+vat and requested that he issue a map of sample sites taken in his report.

7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

- Bowling Club**
The bowling club were honoured to have held the Junior County championships. It was reported that the green had been well maintained and thanks was given to Dan and Dave Thomas for generously cutting back of the perimeter hedging. A donation hasd be given to the club to purchase a visitor shelter. The shelter had now been purchased and erected. Councillors commented on how nice the paintwork looked and it was **Proposed** and **Agreed** that the Charity **fund the purchase of further paint** of the same colour so that the shed could be painted to match
- Cricket Club**
The cricket season has now finished with one team being fielded. Next season there will still be one team planned. Repairs need to be done to the pavilion which is the clubs responsibility not the charity. Still waiting for the bench specialist to carve a new back for the broken bench.
- Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**
It was reported that the Olympians had a successful season despite Covid, no road race and entry numbers being down this year. A change in date may contribute to that and hopefully next year numbers will be back up with the reinstatement of the earlier event date of July. Next year they hope to hold the Tri and road race again.
- Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**
The cross country was less muddy this year as it was held earlier. There was a change in course route due to the planting of the new wild flower meadow but didn't impact the race too much as they used a course route previously used.

e) **Wenlock Warriors**

Warriors are fielding two teams this year and number of signed players is well supported. Concern was given as to the length of the cut of the playing area on the pitch as it was felt it was cut too long. It was requested that the pitch area be cut shorter, thus also making it more identifiable as the pitch. It was noted that the school had been leaving their goals on the pitch weekly and so the Warriors had to remove the goals to the side to play and also relieve pressure to the grass around the goals. Moving to the side proved a positive move as it still allowed the general public to make use of them.

8) **William Brookes School**

No representative

9) **Drainage**

It was noted that Dan Shotton had agreed to take a look and advise on the drainage issue next to the Cricket pavilion.

It was discussed as to whether the ground needed sand dressing and liming. It was agreed to discuss further to a soil test.

10) **Dog foul and Management**

Clearer signage to dog walking rules to be drafted as discussed in item 6d

11) **New Pavillion**

It was decided in the first instance Tim Motley contacted to discuss thoughts from Wenlock Estates on the location and general idea as to what the pavilion functionality should be. Discussion ensued as to the requirements for the pavilion with regards to size and design to be able to move forward with fund sourcing. Discussion was held as to funding options. It was decided that further discussion to be taken place following contact with Tim Motley.

12) **User Agreements**

- a) William Brookes School: It was discussed that after contact with the school prior to meeting, they were waiting for a meeting with members to discuss the school user agreement. It was agreed that Duncan and David to arrange a meeting.

20.12pm Ian Dadswell left the meeting

- a) The cricket club stated that they would offer a response to the latest draft within the next week.
- b) It was noted that Wenlock Warriors were happy with their user agreement and had been signed and returned to the Secretary.
- c) Discussion was held and points agreed to the bowling clubs issued raised with their user agreement, draft to be adjusted and reissued for approval.
The bowling club requested permission to erect two new lights around the bowling lawn. It was **proposed** and **seconded** that permission be granted
It was stated that the access gate from the school side was shut on bank holidays, this was to be queried and access requested during those times.

13) **Path and Access Project (LEADER)**

Although no representative from the school present to update, it was stated prior to meeting via email that the school was to be holding a governor meeting on 22nd to discuss the gate agreement.

14) **Play Area**

- a. It was discussed that a lesson had been learnt from this years cut of the hedging and moving forward it would be best to cut every 12 months. It was also highlighted that the drainage will need a review as it has potentially been installed in not quite the right location. It was decided to discuss a potential hedge plan at the next meeting.
- b. It was noted that this years Rospa report had been issued and the play house had been flagged for repairs. It was debated whether the house needed removing in entirety. It was also suggested that Grange Fencing may wish to sponsor a new house. Grange to be contacted.

15) **Trees**

It was noted that Joffrey is to undertake the epicormic growth cutting

16) Next Meeting

- a) It was noted that the next committee meeting would take place on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.
- b) AOB: It was agreed that another site meeting should be arranged for March
A meeting to also be arranged with Your Green Ltd to discuss funding for the Wild Flower project.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held remotely by video-conference
at 7 pm on Monday, 17th January 2022

Present:

Cllrs Duncan White (in the chair), Marcus Themans, David Fenwick – Much Wenlock Town Council
Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club
Peter Gylard – Much Wenlock Bowling Club

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Ian Dadswell - Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society & Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 7th November 2021 were considered for approval. Not all committee members had viewed the minutes so **It was agreed that approval of the minutes be deferred to the next meeting.**

5) Treasurer's Report

- a. Members received the following financial report as at the end of October 2021:

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2021	19259.86
Expenditure to date	8764.05
Income to date	15867.18
Balance as at 31 st December 2021	26362.09

Expenditure for November:	Replacement play equipment £79.64
Expenditure for December:	Grounds maintenance Oct cut £504.00
	Grounds maintenance Nov cut £504.00
	Wild flower preparing and seeding £1035.44

Income for November:	Town Council contribution £12,000
Income for December:	Wenlock Warriors user fee £500.00
	Wild flower donations £317.18

- b. It was noted that Wenlock Warriors Youth Football Club had paid the user agreement fee of £500
c. It was noted that Much Wenlock Town Council had paid the contribution fee of £12,000

d. It was AGREED to approve payment made between meetings for the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
31.10.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 281)	Grass Cutting - October	420.00	84.00	504.00
30.11.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 298)	Grass Cutting - November	420.00	84.00	504.00
10.12.2021	Micheal Baugh Inv No: 1691	Replacement of ramp to play area	218.00	0	218.00
15.10.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 283)	Preparing and seeding of wild flower area	862.86	172.58	1035.44
25.11.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 297)	Verti Drain	800.00	160.00	960.00
19.10.2021	Zurich Insurance PLC	Insurance	1337.86	160.55	1498.41

e. It was AGREED to approve payment of the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
31.12.2021	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 303) December	Grass Cutting	420.00	84.00	504.00
22.12.2021	Alan Lewis Ltd	Soil Testing x 2	160.00	32.00	192.00

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- The results of the two soil tests taken by Alan Lewis were discussed and agreed that costings for annual sanding, and nutrient application be obtained.
- After consulting Shropshire Council who advised that two bins were due to be replaced by the Station Road entrance, it was agreed to request a further third bin for the top of the Linden walk.
- Discussion was held as to a suitable process to clear the mud off the Linden walk, it was agreed to contact the grass contractor to see if it is a task he was able to undertake, if not further discussion would be needed to discuss alternative options.
- The bowling club reported that the paint for the shed would be purchased around April time and invoice passed on duly.

7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

a. Bowling Club

The bowling club reported that regular maintenance of the green had continued but they had padlocked the entrance gate due to the public riding bikes across the green. To prevent further damage to the grass, locking the gate was essential and signage to follow containing contact details in the event the general public wished to use the green for bowling facilities. Access via the school gates were questioned during Bank holidays, school had be contacted since last meeting and requested a key be provided to a councillor to gain access.

b. Cricket Club

The cricket club asked for an update on the drainage issue adjacent to the school side path, Dan Shotton to be chased up. They reported the seson would start 22nd April and they would be fielding one team meaning approx 11 home games plus a few Sunday friendlies.

c. **Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS)**

No representative present.

d. **Wenlock Olympian Athletic Society**

No representative present.

e. **Wenlock Warriors**

The ground remains a little wet due to retaining water which was reported as being of concern for next season due to Warriors having the younger team move up an age group and needing a bigger pitch therefore needing to use the ground also. Two teams playing on a Sun may prove too much for the ground so discussion was held as to how to remedy the potential problem.

f. **William Brookes School**

No representative

The Chairman stated that the current school representative had left his position at the school so the committee is now waiting for a replacement.

It was noted that a request to the school be made for a main entrance carpark key to be issued to the committee for those times that the leisure centre is closed including the main gate. Following the issue of the access gate locking in elderly patrons to the Bowling club some time ago

8) New Pavilion

It was noted that attempted contact of Dan Shotton had been made to chase up whether he had been to look at the drainage issues.

9) User Agreements

Cricket Club – Awaiting approval of amendments

School – With the departure of Mike Bainbridge, the committee will have to wait for the appointment of another Business manager to the school or appointed representative to discuss the user agreement further.

10) Path and Access Project (LEADER)

With the departure of Mike Bainbridge, the committee will have to wait for the appointment of another Business manager to the school or appointed representative to discuss the access gate agreement further

11) Play Area

- a. Discussion ensued as to whether to replace the vandalised bench and it was decided to do so. Quotes to be obtained for the replacement of varying material options. It was decided that a different location be agreed in the future for the stored bench.
- b. With the ground remaining boggy by the play area hedging, it was suggested that it be looked into as to what drainage was already installed and action be taken to clear it.
- c. It was noted that Grange Fencing had been contacted with a request to sponsor a new play house. Grange Fencing to respond further after enquiring with the directors as to whether a bespoke build could be made as it is not a catalogue item.
- d. The play area responses form was not received by committee members due to email issues and therefore couldn't be discussed.
- e. It was brought to the committee's attention that the flooring under the swings were starting to show signs of wear.

12) Trees

- a. To note Joffrey yet to start work on epicormic growth cutting
- b. It was decided that there needed to be a 20 – 50 year plan for the maintenance of the avenue of Lime trees. The Church Lime trees are currently being maintained by local tree surgeons so it was suggested that they be contacted for advice on the Gaskell lime trees.

13) Queen's Green Canopy

Discussion into the variety of tree to be planted. It was suggested John Tuer of the tree forum be contacted for advice and some research with the woodland trust before a decision be made.

14) Next Meeting

- a. It was noted that the next committee meeting would take place on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.
- b. AOB: It was agreed that another site meeting to take place on Thursday 3rd March 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held remotely by video-conference
at 7 pm on Monday, 7th March 2022

Present:

Cllrs Duncan White (in the chair), Marcus Themans, David Fenwick, Wilf Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting as stated that the Linden path was a much improvement after being brushed cleaned. The epicormic growth cutting had much improved the appearance of the trees and thanks was expressed to Joffrey Watson for his wonderful carving of a bench out of a fallen tree

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors

Absent:

Chris Bowden

Samantha Moore

Ian Dadswell

Peter Gylard

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 9th November 2021 and 17th January 2022 were considered for approval. Not all committee members were able to view the 9th November 2021 minutes at the previous meeting **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2021 and 17th January 2022 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

5) Treasurer's Report

a. Members received the following financial report as at the end of October 2021:

Balance b/f at 1 st April 2021	19259.86
Expenditure to date	1104.95
Income to date	25171.21
Balance as at 28th February 2022	33026.12

Expenditure for February:	Grass Cut Jan £504.00
	Grass Cut Dec £504.00
	Fertiliser Application and path clean £1440.00
	Soil Test £192.00

Income for February:	Gift Aid Repayment £6304.03
	William Brookes user fee £3000.00

- a. It was AGREED to formally approve payments made between meetings for the following invoices:

Date	Supplier	Item	Net £	VAT £	Total £
9.2.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 306)	Grass Cutting – January 2022	420.00	84.00	504.00
31.2.22	Shropshire Verti-Drain and Turf Services (Invoice: 308)	Clearing of Linden path	1200.00	240.00	1440.00
11.02.22	J. B Watson	Epicormic growth cut	1406.00		1406.00

- b. It was noted that a repayment claim payment of £6304.03 from Gift Aid Donations Scheme

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- It was noted that the brush sweeping of the Linden path had made a noticeable difference. It was suggested that another brush to be done in the summer when the mud dries.
- It was agreed that the shockwave treatment should be done on the football pitch only, when the ground is dry enough to proceed.
- It was noted that fertiliser application had been applied to the playing fields.
- Sand dressing – It was agreed in principle that sand dressing would be applied in September to the football pitch only and not the cricket pitch pending costing quotes.

7) Reports from User Groups

Members noted reports from the following user groups:

- Bowling Club**
No representative present
- Cricket Club**
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GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held remotely by video-conference
at 7 pm on Monday, 7th March 2022

Present:

Cllrs Duncan White (in the chair), Marcus Themans, David Fenwick, Wilf Grainger – Much Wenlock Town Council
Bill James – Much Wenlock Cricket Club

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting as stated that the Linden path was a much improvement after being brushed cleaned. The epicormic growth cutting had much improved the appearance of the trees and thanks was expressed to Joffrey Watson for his wonderful carving of a bench out of a fallen tree

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Andrew Scott – Wenlock Warriors

Absent:

Chris Bowden

Samantha Moore

Ian Dadswell

Peter Gylard

3) Declarations of interest

None.

4) Minutes

The draft minutes of a meeting held on 9th November 2021 and 17th January 2022 were considered for approval. Not all committee members were able to view the 9th November 2021 minutes at the previous meeting **It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2021 and 17th January 2022 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.**

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- a. It was AGREED to formally approve payments made between meetings for the following invoices:

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- b. It was noted that a repayment claim payment of £6304.03 from Gift Aid Donations Scheme

6) Grounds Maintenance Requirements

- It was noted that the brush sweeping of the Linden path had made a noticeable difference. It was suggested that another brush to be done in the summer when the mud dries.
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- Sand dressing – It was agreed in principle that sand dressing would be applied in September to the football pitch only and not the cricket pitch pending costing quotes.

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