

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

CHARITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at the Guildhall
at 7.00 pm on Thursday 16th June 2022

Present:

Cllrs Daniel Thomas (in the chair), Marcus Themans, Duncan White, Linda West, Wilf Grainger, David Fenwick, – Much Wenlock Town Council
Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates

In attendance:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked the management committee for their continued hard work and a successful 12 months.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Chris Tyler

Mike Grace

Samantha More

Christian Toon

These apologies were ACCEPTED.

ABSENT:

William Benbow

John O'Dowd

3) MINUTES

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 9th December 2021 were considered for approval. It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that the minutes be approved.

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

4) Financial Matters

- a. Members received an overview report for the Treasurer and the following financial figures.

2021/2022 Financial Year – Income and Expenditure

Balance brought forward at 1st April 2021 was £19,259.86

Income received from 1st April to 31st March 2022 £25,171.21

Expenditure from 1st April to 31st March 2022 £13,314.95

The Year end balance in the bank as at 31st March 2022 £31,116.12

Expenditure

The year end fell under budget of £9285.05

Fertilising and reseed of the football pitch at £2394.00 and shockwave of £720 was undertaken in Feb/ March but paid in the next financial year.

Income

£6304.03 was received for HMRC gift aid refund and £361.18 from wild flower donations not budgeted.

We received funds from Town Council, William Brookes School and Wenlock Warriors.

It was noted that donations from Wenlock Estates and Wenlock Olympian Society had been invoiced for but not yet paid. The Bowling Club and Cricket Club were yet to be invoiced pending user agreement finalisation.

Water charges were paid back to the Town Council and yet to be agreed how to recharge back to users.

It was **AGREED** that the financial report be **NOTED**.

- b. Members considered for approval the year-end accounts for 2021/2022

It was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** and unanimously **AGREED** that the year-end accounts for 2021/2022 be **APPROVED**

- c. Members considered income and expenditure to 31st May 2022 for approval.
- d. Members to note the bank statement to the end of 31st May 2022

2022/2023 Financial Year – Income and Expenditure

The balance brought forward at 1 April 2022 was £31,116.12

Income received from 1 April to 31 May 2022 is £0

Expenditure from 1 April to 31 May 2022 is £3,714.00

The balance in the bank as at 31 May 2022 is £27,402.12

It was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** and unanimously **AGREED** that the income and expenditure to 31st May 2022 be **APPROVED**

The bank statement to the end of 31st May 2022 was **NOTED**

5) Minutes of the Management Committee

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

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

it was **AGREED** that these minutes be **NOTED** and **ADOPTED**.

6) Report from Management Committee

Members received a report from Duncan White - Chair of the Management Committee, on the previous years work on the Gaskell Ground and thanked committee members and the Secretary for their hard work.

7) Queen's Green Canopy

Members considered the proposal from Wenlock Olympian Society for the gift of an Oak sapling for planting to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was **AGREED** and **APPROVED** to accept the offer as long as it was agreed that the planting be a joint approach between the Gaskell Charity, Wenlock Olympian Society and GB Olympians.

Further discussion ensued on the following topics:

Benches – With the removal of a weather worn and damaged bench, the question was put forward as to whether a bench maintenance plan need to be put in place. It was agreed that an agenda item needed to be created for the next committee meeting for the "maintenance and replacement of ground assets"

Trees – It was noted that a number of trees were in need of maintenance. It was agreed to add tree maintenance onto the agenda of the next committee meeting with a view to discussing a 20 year plan review and tree survey.

Representatives – It was requested that another member be added as a representative of Wenlock Estates to the Gaskell committee.

Drainage – Discussion was held on the drainage issue next to the hedging in the playground area. Chris Bowden reported that he had rodded the drainage pipes and found blockages in a couple of the pipes, notable the pipe towards the school. It was suggested that it be added as a committee agenda item to hire a drainage company to relieve the blockages.

8) Date of Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the Annual General Meeting would take place on Thursday 8th December 2022

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The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed
Chairman

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