

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 2nd February by Zoom

1. Present

Robert Goodhand, Ray Swallow, Phil Stevens, Frank Booth, Anne-Marie Stevens, Gerald Andrews, Lionel Mendoza, Dave Evans, Steph Boucher, Janet Ross, Maureen Neale, Sheila Harrison, Ed Tuck, Paull Curtice.

2. Apologies

None

3. Club House Update

Phil told us that the remedial work inside the clubhouse is finished. The kitchen installation has started and should be completed by mid February.

A new worktop, sink and cupboards have also been put into the bar.

The materials for the new windows in the clubhouse have been ordered and Phil will make them by the end of February.

All the fixed side benches have been taken out.

We are within budget for the kitchen.

We will have vinyl flooring in the kitchen and carpet tiles in the main clubhouse. Maureen asked why we couldn't have vinyl flooring throughout.

Steph explained that we had 3 quotes for flooring and all the companies had said that we would have to have a wooden over-floor down first and would have to have commercial vinyl. The cost was just too much at £5000.

We will buy extra floor tiles so if they get damaged, we can replace them.

Robert has put in a bid for £1500 to Sports England, from the National Lottery, for new furnishings in the clubhouse.

Paull suggested folding tables and stackable chairs.

Steph was concerned that folding tables may be unstable.

Anne-Marie said she preferred folding tables because if other clubs eventually wanted to rent out the space the tables and chairs could be put to one side.

Gerald said that his experience of folding tables at his church were folding and felt stable and

Dave Evans said that the schools folding tables were good.

Robert will put options forward to the committee and email them out so we can make a decision later.

Gerald suggested that maybe we should put shutters on the inside of the windows for security.

Ed thought that putting some outside the windows would be a better deterrent.

Paull said that we should wait and see if we get a problem first and Phil has purchased a security system for the club which will soon be installed.

4. Toilet and External Build

Paull said that there hasn't been much more progress due to the weather.

The builders are coming back to paint the window frames.

Steph said that the paint on the window has flaked. Paull said this is due to the paint that he purchased. He didn't realise the builders had put on a self-priming paint.

The doors have expanded due to the weather and will have to be planed back.
The builders will fix the path in drier weather.

We are very grateful with all the work done by Phil, Frank, Paull and Steph.

5. 106 Bid

Lionel said there was some delay getting some more information to the council. They now have it and it has been passed to the legal department.

We will just have to wait. We have haven't had any signs that it won't go through.

6. Bowls Coaching

Dave has had some more information from Bowls England. We will wait to go through it when we are able to start bowling again.

7. Club Kit

Steff said that he has put the orders in and they are now being manufactured.

He had orders for 25 shirts, 6 raincoats and 5 gilets.

8. AOB

Ray asked whether we should email members so we can gauge who will be re-joining the club as playing members.

Steff wants a banner put up to encourage new members at a cost of £56.

Dave said that we need to start thinking about how we can recruit new members.

Paull suggested that we promote the club on social media, such as local Facebook pages.

Janet said that we could invite local young people groups, such as scouts or guide to encourage younger members.

Anne-Marie said that all membership fees need to be agreed. Robert suggested a zoom meeting with officers of the club to discuss it first and then put a plan to the committee.

Sheila wanted to know the cost of a social member and we said she would know by the end of the week. This was so she could help promote the club and let people know the cost.

Paull, Frank, gerald and Jane have been moving the borders, the shrubs and plants etc, so we can grass the area for a marquee to be put up in the summer.

Paull said that there is a leak in the roof of the clubhouse. He has made Phil aware of it as it needs sorting out.

Dave was asked if he wanted to borrow Phil's paint sprayer for the ceilings in the changing rooms, if he still has time to do it. But these rooms will need to be cleared first and the benches are still in there, so it isn't viable at the moment.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd March at 7pm by Zoom.