

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 10th August 2021

1. Present

Robert Goodhand, Ray Swallow, Phil Stevens, Anne-Marie Stevens, Lionel Mendoza, Maureen Neale, Sheila Harrison, Ed Tuck, Jen Coles, Michael Adams, Steph Boucher.

2. Apologies

Dave Evans, Janet Ross, Gerald Andrews.

3. Greenkeeping- Dave Alway

Dave wanted to reiterate that he is only cutting the grass and we need other members to help with the other jobs.

Dave has spoken to Frank but he will only come back on his terms, which were not acceptable. Tony and Peter have offered to help but Dave would like Phil to email members and ask for more volunteers.

The green has needed treatment twice in the last month but it hasn't been done.

Matt is coming on the 25th August and we need to ask him what needs to be done.

Robert and Anne-Marie suggested that we need to pay for a greenkeeper and Ray had a contact number for someone should we require it.

Dave said he would ring Matt about the worming of the green.

4. Watering System - Phil

Phil hasn't used it much yet as we have had so much rain.

It took 2 hours to water the green instead of 6, but he would like a storage tank so it can fill up with rain water and then it would only take an hour with a pump as well.

Phil has bought a pump from Ebay worth £1000 for £25.

George has offered to help put the storage tank in.

5. Bar Report – Robert

The bar has taken £2500 this season so far.

6. Alarm

Phil said that the alarm has now been set and only members with a fob can get in.

Dave Alway needs to get a fob.

7. First Aid Kit

Phil has now fixed a first aid kit on the wall outside the disabled toilets.

We need an accident book with the box. Robert will sort it out.

Michael said that the Masons will want a meeting with us before they can kindly donate a defib box near the green.

8. Short Mat - Lionel

Lionel put forward that we could build a multipurpose building and short mat would be able to use it.

We could try to get some grants or borrow some money.

Robert said that The Lawn Tennis Association encouraged this before but nothing happened about it.

Most of the committee thought it would be good to look into it. We can all think about it while Robert will look into it.

9. Disability Funding

We have been granted the full amount of £837 for the disability aids from the Town Council. Phil went to a Town Council meeting last Tuesday with a presentation to put forward our requirements.

It will be paid into our bank account.

10. Membership and Financial - Robert

We have 45 playing members, 30 social members and 12 tennis members.

There are 2 more bowls members joining on Friday.

Justin came with his carer Julie and he would like to join.

He will only have to pay £15 if he wants to be a social member through the winter.

Anne-Marie will contact Julie.

11. AGM

It will be on Thursday 16th September.

12. Lester Holley

Robert says that the club is still being sued for £2600.

It was suggested by Steph and Anne-Marie that maybe we should get some legal advice.

Robert said he would manage the case even if he steps down.

13. AOB

Steph wants us to spend some money on woods for the Bowls Club. We need some 0 and 00 woods. Phil will look on Ebay for some used ones.

Maureen wants some hooks put up in the changing rooms.

Anne-Marie said that the blinds that were put up are not in a good condition and should come down.

Phil has some window frosting that can go on the windows.

Nothing will be done until after the season has finished.

Benches were mentioned about being put in but the wood is now too expensive.

Michael wants to know what has happened to the president's medal. No one seems to know, but Robert will look into it.

Sheila asked about raffle prizes for this year but Anne-Marie said that we won't be having any raffles this year now.

Robert will apply for an extended license for the bar.

The Next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th September at 7pm in the clubhouse