

**Much Wenlock Bowling Club**  
**Committee meeting**  
**4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 32 High Causeway, Much Wenlock**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:**

R Perry (RP)	Mrs B Moore (BM)	Mrs V Hodgetts (VH)	R Kinson (RK)
D Davies (DD)	Mrs E Mumford (EM)	M Theobalds (MT)	A Swales (AS)
D Turner (DT)	R Mumford (RM)	B Davies (BD)	

**1. Apologies:**

E Bree	W Jarvis	P Gylward
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**Action**

- 2.** In the absence of the Chairman Peter Gylward, DD took the chair and welcomed Committee members and thanked RM and EM for hosting the meeting
- 3. Minutes** of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016
- Approved as a true record.
  - Urgent matters arising:
    - RM is DBS certified for a further three years
    - BD had met Shropshire Council and established that the water supply to the green comes from Station Road
    - Reference the green maintenance MT asked if the contractor was tied into a two-year contract? Was there a six-months trial?

**4. Secretary's report:**

- DT presented recent correspondence to the Gaskell Management Committee (GMC):
  - Exchange of emails with GMC – response received today (4<sup>th</sup> January) – see item 9

**5. Treasurer's report:**

- MT set out financial position, with the current showing little change from the position reported at the previous meeting.
- In the light of the budget proposals that members of the Club had heard at the Gaskell Field Charity and Town Council Finance Committee meetings recently **it was decided** that MT should approach the GMC Secretary for the green maintenance invoice before the Club AGM.

MT

**6. Team and League reports**

- VH reported that we don't know if the Club is to be promoted in the Highley League. If it is, there will be an opportunity to field a second team – bowler numbers available and willing.

**7. Lighting**

- RM would be meeting John Heath on site to discuss the lights

RM

**8. Water supply**

- BD reported that the water is turned off at the main and that the pavilions taps have been drained and are open.

## 9. Correspondence with Gaskell Management Committee

- Following the meeting held at the green in November and the decisions taken at the December Committee meeting, PG had written to GMC asking for written confirmation of consent for us to make the pavilion more secure. As regards disability access and health & safety matters raised by the GMC on site, the email asked what were the GMC's precise requirements and who is responsible for the works, bearing in mind that the green, pavilion etc. are owned by the Management Committee?
- The Secretary to the GMC responded as follows.  
*"It is my understanding that the Management Committee has given permission for the Bowling Club to:*
  - Make the building more secure at your own expense.
  - Store equipment relevant to bowling activities, although flammable or hazardous liquids must be stored safely and securely.
  - The premises are not owned by the Management Committee, they are owned by the town council which is the custodian trustee. However, the Management Committee will do what it can, and is already in negotiations with partners, to improve disability access.

The Management Committee is willing to meet with the Club as soon as is convenient. I hope this clarifies the situation."

- In the light of the qualified nature of the response, **it was decided** to await further information.

## 10. Annual General Meeting

- The Committee considered the draft agenda and acknowledged that we should record the sad loss of Keith Gardner, elect a Vice-Chairman, elect team captains, make a proposal about subscriptions to include a junior subscription and insert a final item about fund-raising.
- The meeting to be advertised in the Bridgnorth Journal and through the good offices of Malcolm Fletcher (MSBL).

DT

## 11. Date and location of next meeting – AGM 25th January, Methodist Church hall 7:00PM

## 12. Any other urgent business

- DD reported that he had been told that the Town Council is making some progress regarding access from the school car park onto the Gaskell Field.
- It was encouraging to learn that the Mayor wants bowling to be restored to be part of the Wenlock Olympian Games programme.

Meeting closed at 20:44