

**Much Wenlock Bowling Club**  
**Committee meeting**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at MWBC Pavilion, Gaskell Recreation Ground**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:**

R Mumford (RM)	Mrs B Moore (BM)	Mrs E Mumford (EM)	R Perry (RP)
A Swales (AS)	D Turner (DT)	M Theobalds (MT)	E Bree (EB)
P Gylward (PG)	B Davies (BD)	V Skidmore (VS)	

**1. Apologies:**

R Kinson	K Gardner	W Jarvis
Mrs V Hodgetts	D Davies	

**Action**

**2.** MT welcomed members and introduced item 3

**3. Election of new chairman**

MT asked for nominations for chairman. DT nominated Peter Gylward who was elected by popular acclaim. PG took the chair

**4. Minutes** of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved, following some amendments, as a true record

**5. Secretary's report:**

No report

**6. Treasurer's report:**

No report

**7. Green maintenance**

- It was clarified that the maintenance/rent for 2015 was £1,200.
- a. RM reported on the committee's meeting with some of the Gaskell Management Committee (GMC) members on 9<sup>th</sup> March
  - GMC had received three quotes for maintenance
  - MWBC was offered the choice of three alternatives:
    - 1. All work undertaken by contractor
    - 2. All work undertaken by MWBC
    - 3. A mixture of 1 and 2
  - MT said that C Bowden of GMC had asked if MWBC would support 'Big Projects', but there was no clarity about what this meant.
- b. A decision was required at this committee meeting in order that the contract could be placed by GMC by 1<sup>st</sup> April
  - **It was decided** that the green needed a cut on Monday and Friday and probably also on Wednesday.
  - MT said that there was no indication what the charges for the current season might be and that the Club has no financial flexibility.
  - RP clarified that in 2015 the charge of £1,200 was for 26 weeks' maintenance.
  - BD proposed that we ask GMC for two cuts per week and one hedge cut p.a. MWBC should do the remainder - scarify, fertilise and spike.
  - RM clarified what the Club had undertaken itself in preparing the green for the 2016 season in recent days (two cuts on Monday, cuts on Tuesday and Wednesday, working party on gutters, rubbish etc.). He had purchased two floodlight bulbs
  - **It was decided** that MWBC should respond to GMC along these lines, stressing the amount of work undertaken by Club members for the benefit of all users. Further emphasis should be put on the meagre income and limited resources of the Club.
  - It was further noted that, in any event, GMC would have to provide one cut a week

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to playing field standard.

**8. Other matters concerning the green**

- a. BD reported that proposals to alter the workshop end of the pavilion had been shelved because they would have compromised disabled access.
- b. RM advised that the horse chestnut and two limes had been lopped by GMC
- c. BD clarified that current insurance only covered players and work on the green. Equipment is not covered. MT undertook to provide an inventory and ascertain replacement value.

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**9. Players' list to MSBL**

Team captains to populate MSBL website

**10. Communications**

- a. DT advised that agendas, minutes etc. would be distributed by email wherever possible to save money and time.
- b. Minutes would be displayed on the MWBC website, save that sensitive matters may have to be redacted.  
In response to a question from EB, DT advised that the only cost incurred was £13 for the domain name: [www.muchwenlockbowling.club](http://www.muchwenlockbowling.club)

**11. Date of next meeting** to be fixed once a response had been received from GMC

**12. AOB**

- a. In response to a question EB, MT stated that there are 26 members. EB will print 40 fixture books
- b. RM will provide club competition dates in due course
- c. Former member Bill Walter had died
- d. Garry Richards, having left the district, was no longer a member
- e. RM reported that Ken Willis (Shrewsbury) wants a pensioners' Thursday friendly
- f. BD suggested inviting new members to an introductory roll-up on the first two Thursdays of the season, subject to favourable weather.
- g. Thanks was expressed to club members who comprised the recent green working party

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Meeting closed at 19:50