

Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Committee meeting
2nd December 2016 at 45 Sheinton Street, Much Wenlock
MINUTES

Present:

P Gylward (PG)	Mrs B Moore (BM)	Mrs V Hodgetts (VH)
D Davies (DD)	Mrs E Mumford (EM)	M Theobalds (MT)
D Turner (DT)	R Mumford (RM)	B Davies (BD)

1. Apologies:

E Bree	W Jarvis	R Kinson	A Swales
R Perry			

Action

2. PG welcomed Committee members and thanked BD for hosting the meeting

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2016 were approved as a true record, subject to one minor change.

4. Secretary's report:

- DT presented recent correspondence to the Gaskell Management Committee (GMC):
 - 30th September re. green maintenance – no response
 - 23rd October re. outstanding matters – no response save for a summons to the Chairman and Secretary to attend the bowling green 19th November to discuss matters raised
 - 21st November from GMC advising water supply being turned off

5. Treasurer's report:

- MT set out financial position, with the current account at [REDACTED] including £100 prize as runners-up in the Highley League, £9 for the Handicap Cup and the £250 grant from Much Wenlock Town Council.

6. Team and League reports

- RM presented his report from the Mid Shropshire Bowling League report. There is a course on first aid coming up via the league:
 - Full qualifications £30 per person
 - Introduction to first aid £150 for up to 12 people.
- The league will start on 7th April 2017 finishing on 27th September, no games on Good Friday.
- For 2017, team entries must be into the league by March meeting
- DD and VH presented a report from the Highley League, having attended the pre-AGM meeting on 8th November. Shropshire County Bowls now have over £21,000 in hand and can be approached for grants. Apparently they could have helped us with the children's equipment, if asked. The Highley rep is Tony Roche 01952 502573 and he has given us the County person to contact is - mocorl@aol.com 01939 235064 at 19 Sun Grove, Wem SY4 5HH
- It looks as if Cleobury Mortimer (the A team) will be dropping out of the league next year.
- We are being asked if we are able to field a Tuesday team
- DD advised that Pensioner's presentation evening would be held in March
- BM suggested that the Club create a list to put to the County and **it was decided** that it should include the cost of the lighting work and the security upgrade. DT to approach Barry Rudge as to likely cost. RM DT
- DT to write to establish what information is required in order to make a grant application. DT

7. Much Wenlock Town Council grant

- MT reported that £250 had been received and that we had written a letter of thanks.
- The grant had been awarded against our ambition to encourage young folk to take part in bowling. MT said that Much Wenlock Primary School intended to include a session in their curriculum and MT undertook to carry out an afternoon session on the green during next season.

8. Lighting

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

9. Water supply

- In addition to the GMC's decision to turn off the water in Station Road, the club had received correspondence from Shropshire Council, seeking to identify what is supplied from meter MSN 03A089403. BD will meet their representative, Cameron Le Gallia-Pound, on site along with a representative from the Cricket Club.

DT

10. Meeting with Gaskell Management Committee

- PG had met members of the GMC, including the Mayor, at the bowling green on Saturday 19th November with our member Keith Banks.
- Pavilion Security: The GMC have given consent for MWBC to make the pavilion more secure, but will not be contributing to the cost. The Club has discretion as to what is stored in the pavilion. **It was decided** to write to GMC asking for written confirmation of their consent that the work may be carried out.
- Access between the Wm Brookes School car park and the Gaskell Recreation Ground remains a matter for negotiation and we await the outcome.
- The playground pathway toward the cricket pavilion - We know this pathway is under the Council's jurisdiction so we should direct our complaints to them. On a brighter note they are going to install some floodlighting along the pathway but will only be on until 21:30.
- Disability access and health & safety were raised by the GMC on site. The implication was that, if a number of matters could not be addressed, the Bowling Club would not be allowed to use the green (next season?). All electrical appliances need to be tested and certified.
- **It was decided** to write to the GMC asking that they set out their requirements and who is responsible for the works, bearing in mind that the green, pavilion etc. are owned by the GMC.
- The bowling green - GMC would like a plan of works to be carried out and have already made a payment for Keith Banks's expenditure on moss killer etc. PG was told there is little or no hope of reclaiming past expense paid out to previous contractor and the Bowling Club must bear this financial burden. This is an unbudgeted burden on the Club finances. GMC will adjust the green cutting dates for next season. A more detailed list of dates etc. need to be provided
- GMC is not averse to the Club finding its own greenkeeper.
- A number of issues arose and there was a lengthy discussion about matters such as the requirement for GMC to provide a utility cut of the green on a weekly basis whether or not the Bowling Club is using it.
- Finally, it had been announced that GMC plans to construct a new combined bowling and cricket club house on the Gaskell Recreation Ground. Precise location still to be determined but likely to be between the two large conifers.

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12. Any other business

- BD asked that a junior subscription scale be considered. Possibly £1 p.a. up to age 16 and £5 p.a. up to age 25, but for discussion at the AGM as an agenda item. DT/BD
- DT advised that Mid Shropshire League has organised a DBS renewals evening on the night of the management committee meeting on Tuesday 6th December, at the Sir John Bayley Club from 7pm onwards. RM to attend. DT to notify MSBL. RM/DT
- DD advised that proposals to be considered at the AGM should be on the agenda and that members should be notified that they had to put any motions forward by the end of December. DT

13. Date and location of next meeting

- 4th January 2017 at 32 High Causeway

Meeting closed at 15:30