

Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Committee meeting
13th April 2016 at MWBC Pavilion, Gaskell Recreation Ground
MINUTES

Present:

R Kinson (RK)	Mrs B Moore (BM)	Mrs V Hodgetts (VH)	
A Swales (AS)	D Turner (DT)	M Theobalds (MT)	E Bree (EB)
P Gylward (PG)	B Davies (BD)	V Skidmore (VS)	D Davies (DD)

1. Apologies:

R Mumford	Mrs E Mumford	W Jarvis
K Gardner	R Perry	

Action

2. PG welcomed Committee members

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2016 were approved, following some amendments, as a true record

4. Secretary's report:

No report

5. Treasurer's report:

No report

6. Green maintenance

- a. DT read out the correspondence that had been exchanged between MWBC and the Gaskell Management Committee (GMC) since the last meeting.
- b. The GMC secretary's response denying a request for a meeting on 14th or 15th April was noted.
- c. Issues to be considered in further response to GMC:
 - AS - No reference by GMC regarding maintenance to ensure municipal use of the bowling green.
 - BD - Water and electric is supplied by the school, therefore GMC's comments about it not charging MWBC for it seems strange.
 - BD - Believes that the contract was only awarded 12th April and the contractor had only just acquired a suitable mower, which is now being serviced. Apparently he has little experience of this work. He was asked a bowling club member how to cut the grass. The grass has not yet been cut by GMC, so two weeks' maintenance has been missed already.
 - RK –Contractor has asked if he can store the mower in the bowling club pavilion.
 - MT – Response from GMC is discourteous.
 - In response to a question from DT, DD confirmed that the principal complain about FastTrack was their reliability rather than the quality of the cut when they turned up. As requested by GMC, a note had been made of the missed cuts and this had been provided to GMC. There had been no financial recognition by GMC of the cost to MWBC in having to provide substitute cuts.
 - DD – Since 1979, increases in the annual maintenance charge had been in the order of 2%-3%. MWBC had exclusively maintained the pavilion, which is owned by GMC or the Town Council, at its own expense through volunteer effort and MWBC resources. GMC should maintain and insure the pavilion. DD further described MWBC's budget which allowed no leeway in expenditure and could not meet this unreasonable and unprecedented 35% increase.

DT

- AS – What measures have been, and will be, taken by GMC to drain the Gaskell Recreation Ground? The water-logging is unprecedented in recent times, especially around the bowling green
- **It was decided:**
 - to write to GMC setting out MWBC's concerns as expressed at this meeting and before.
 - to write a letter for publication in the May edition of the Wenlock Herald
 - to refrain from contacting the press until any further response from GMC had been considered.

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

It was noted that committee meetings would *normally* be called for the third Wednesday of the month in future.

8. AOB

As regards GMC's request for a plan of the soakaway from the septic tank, BD said there is no plan, but he knows where it is and can show GMC.

Meeting closed at 19:15