

Winsford Recreation Association

Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association
Held on Monday 28th March, at 2pm in Winsford Village Hall

Present: Beverley Flanagan (BF) - Chair, Gerry Flanagan (GF) - Treasurer, Frazer Lawrence (FL) Jayne Luscott (JL) - Secretary, Chris How (CH), Mike Hayes (MH), David Luscott (DL), Sue Hayes (SH), Jane Orchiston (JO), Ros Dearing (RD)

BF opened the meeting at 2pm.

1. Apologies

Ian Whybrow (Treasurer from 1st April)

2. Approval of minutes meeting 10th January 22

All agreed

3. Chair's Welcome & Report

BF announced that herself and GF would be standing down from the Committee at the end of the financial year 31st March 2022. BF proposed Frazer Lawrence for Chair this was seconded by JO. BF proposed Ian Whybrow for Treasurer seconded by JL. BF announced at the end of this meeting they would hand over to FL.

BF thanked the remainder of the committee for continuing.

Outstanding matter from previous minutes are:-

Ann Le Bas Will leaving the land adjacent to the Tennis Courts to the Parish Council for the use of the Recreation Committee. This was raised in January 2021. BF spoke to the Chair of the Parish Council Colin Wilkins, who informed her that they were to use a different solicitor. The land is still not held by the Parish Council. DL informed the meeting that the Parish Council had appointed new solicitors in Minehead, that had not been suitable and they are reverting to the Dulverton solicitors. BF explained that until the land was owned by the Parish Council there was nothing that could be done.

4. 100 Club

The March draw has taken place and published on www.winsfordvillage.info

BF said that she has the spreadsheet of everyone who paid last year, and collectors lists on her laptop. BF explained that she would normally produce a flyer for every household explaining that the collections for the 100 club would be in the next couple of weeks. The payments for the 100 club are split between Cash, Cheque and Bank Transfer. There is an addition issue this year with Data protection. BF suggested that when the advance leaflet/collection form goes out it should have a line requesting they confirm they are happy for us to have the information. BF explained that collections are from 1st April. It was explained that it is £15 per person for people living in the village and £50 for Tennis players not from the village. JL raised the point that in previous discussions, a subscription for holiday homes should be included which would cover the use of the tennis courts for holiday makers and this should be looked at again.

5. Cricket - Recreation Field

BF thanked MH and CH for the presentation of the Cricket Pitch and Pavilion. CH explained they had started preparing for the start of the season. CH said they had a full team and the first match at home is 14th May. BF asked if they would be posting the fixture list again. CH said they would be.

CH asked about the insurances. BF explained that the insurance covers the cricket players when playing at home, but they all needed to have completed a registration form. BF requested that CH produced a list of all the players to make sure everyone is covered. The insurances are still through Meadons. GF explained that he has not paid next years insurance as he wanted FL and IW to look at the policy and agree it was fit for purpose. FL explained that they have requested a word change to cricket club members to be specific. FL said it was good to pay. BF asked if the new mower was covered on the insurance. GF said it would worth checking the policy. BF also asked about the housing of the mower. CH explained that through the winter it is housed on MH property and through the summer it is locked and parked behind the pavilion.

Recreation signs concerning dogs on recreation field has been put back up. Two trees have been felled at a cost of £870. The wood that is usable has been left by the entrance to the field.

It was decided that Friday 1st April collection of the logs would be available between 10-12 and would be manned by some members of the committee and appropriate donations can be either given to a committee member or posted through the Tennis Club shed post box. DL offered to put up posters in the bus shelter and the recreation field.

BF stated that K&S Fire Extinguishers had replaced another fire extinguisher in the Pavilion so that now all are up to date and the outstanding bill has been paid. BF explained that in future they have told K&S to contact the Chair FL, as any works needs to be overseen by a member of the committee.

BF said she had a quote for post and rail fencing for the bottom of the recreation field by the river for health and safety reasons. This came in at around £2,000.

There was discussion about putting up a disclaimer in the meantime.

Paul Sams has the directional sign for the start of Howetown Lane. BF to follow up to see when he can put it up.

Hedge cutting has been done around the recreation field as well as the adjacent field which is the Ann Le Bas land. It was decided that the Recreation Association would pay the £294 and not split it with the Parish Council. This had not been budgeted for as Ann Le Bas estate had paid it previously. It was suggested that the Parish Council pay for it next year.

Dogs are only allowed on the recreation field from the 1st of April for organised events i.e., cricket/fete and should be kept on a lead. The dog bin has been put up at the car park. The parish council have agreed they will pay for this to be emptied. DL to update on if the Parish Council have now submitted the form for the bin to be emptied.

6. Tennis Courts

BF has the brass sign to be put back on the gate. BF also has the sign for the tennis court gate explaining the pricing and where to put the money through the letter box on the shed. BF stated that it is currently at £3 per person per day for non members/holidaymakers etc. FL proposed that the daily rate went up to £5. There was a discussion about family/holidaymakers using the Tennis Courts for a week, no decision on charging was made. The contact on the sign will now have FL home

telephone number. New signs will cost around £30 from Signbuilder. BF to arrange for this year. BF to pass on information to FL on the anonymous donor and other interested parties. FL stated that Becky Brown had assisted in getting a National Lottery funding for other Tennis Courts, FL stated that it was 100% funded.

GF stated the website he has used is Charity Excellence.

A discussion took place on cleaning and tidying up of the Tennis Courts similar to last year. FL stated he would ask the regular tennis players to help with this. There are circa 16 regular players. Further discussion on charges and fund raising was suggested.

7. Treasurers Report

GF stated the financial position of the WRA concluding with a Balance of £8,877.16. A copy of the breakdown is attached. Mandate for new signatories is in the process of being completed between the new Chair and Treasurer.

8. WRA Sponsored Events - Halloween and Santa

BF Hoped that both events would happen again this year.

9. Fund Raising

BF explained that there hadn't been any fund raising due to Covid.

BF said that Stanley Johnson has offered to do a talk on one of his books. Also, Rachel Johnson said she would do a cookery demonstration.

10. AOB

MH thanked BF & GF for their running of the WRA for the last several years.

11. Handover

BF announced that from Friday 1st April FL will take over as Chair and Ian Whybrow as Treasurer.

FL thanked BF & GF for their professional handover. FL also thanked the rest of the committee. FL thought that 100 club plans needed to be acted upon quickly. DL agreed to meet with BF to go through the running of the 100 club on 31st March. FL asked for volunteers to collect the 100 Club fees. JO, JL, RD, DL, SH said they would do it. It was agreed that the April draw would be at the end of April once collections have been done.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm

Next meeting date Monday 6th June 2022 @ 2pm at Winsford Village Hall.

SH to book hall.