

Winsford Recreation Association

Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association Meeting

Held on Thursday 20th July 2023 at 6pm at Winsford Pavilion

Present: Frazer Lawrence (FL) – Chair, Ian Whybrow (IW) Treasurer, Jayne Luscott (JL) - Secretary, David Luscott (DL), Sue Hayes (SH), Ros Dearing (RD), Jane Orchiston (JO), Andrew Blackmore (AB)

FL opened the meeting at 18.00.

1. Opening remarks – Chair

The chair advised that it was quite a busy agenda. FL apologised for moving the meeting from June. FL thanked Charles Hayes for mowing the field around the tennis courts.

2. Apologies

Apologies from MH and BN.

3. Conflicts of interest

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of 13th April 2023

All agreed. FL commented on Item 4 concerning the risk assessment and signage for the recreation field. The signage wording is Unfenced River at the bottom of the Playing field. Please supervise Children if near the river. NO swimming. Cost £58.22 for four signs. FL suggested that himself and DL to do a risk assessment every 6 months. FL stated that he spoke at the village assembly on 27th April 2023, he informed of future events and asked for thoughts or views and also asked for volunteers to help us. No feedback as yet. IW stated he had investigated why the Pavilion did not need a 5-year electrical certificate, when the village hall did. The reason being we do not rent out the Pavilion.

5. Financial Update

IW issued a spreadsheet of the current financial position. It was noted and thanked SH for the Garden Party income of £790.71 and a further £50 donation.

6. 100 Club Subscription Collection Plans

DL handed over £120 from the cricketers joining the 100 Club to IW, who then passed the £120 onto FL to assist with Monthly Draw payments. DL stated that income was up 20% on last year's collection. It was decided there would be no more chasing of collections.

7. Tennis Court Lower Field – Lease

IW explained that the new supplemental lease just links the new bit of land to the existing land in the original lease of 1991. There is about 68 years to run on the lease. Obligations remain the same. IW stated that Ian Brooks would join at the end of the meeting and witness the signing of the lease.

It was agreed to formally state that this piece of land was going to be a 2nd Recreation Field. FL said he would investigate getting a contractor to mow the field on a regular basis during the summer months. Research and discussions will be conducted at a later date as to whether we have portable goal posts, benches etc. Discussion about entry to field, there are two entrances one by the Tennis Courts and one at the bottom of the recreation field by the bridge. The Tennis court entrance is not level and very narrow. AB suggested taking the rails

down at the bottom of the Recreation Field. It was decided to do this after the Fete. RD volunteered to look into policy for public land.

8. Future Events

Skittles, Duck Race and Walking Treasure Hunt – 26 & 27 August (JO to liaise with SH and Jayne Davis)

Halloween – 28th October

Neil Diamond – 18th November

Father Christmas – TBC

JO stated that The New Jersey Boys who performed at Xmoor-Rox were extremely good. JO has penciled them in for 9th March 2024, at a cost of £1,200. Tickets would need to be £20. SH said that they were going to be playing again at Xmoor-Rox. JO to speak to the organiser of Xmoor-Rox. Other suggestions, were a quiz, disco, race night, beetle drive. JO requested to buy a motor for the mirror ball, circa £20. All agreed.

9. Cricket Club Update

AB stated they had purchased a gang mower, cost of £1,200, the Cricket Club to pay a couple of the players for this. The big mower has come back from being repaired at a cost of £1,500 + VAT. Unfortunately, it is overheating and will need further attention. AB will speak to James How to discuss if the WRA needs to make any donations towards the costs. Cess pit invoice has come through and AB will pass on to James How.

10. Tennis Update

FL stated that the courts were in a reasonable state. FL to get quotes on repairing the surface, with differing options through to refurbishment. To be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Thought on Additional Trustees

It was decided that we needed helpers at the events rather than additional trustees. Several names of villagers were suggested. People to be approached ahead of any events.

12. AOB

AB asked if the water heater had been fixed. AB to test. IW to check if it had been paid for. FL thanked Ian & Ellen Chamberlain that had handed over £35 from their Boot Camp on Monday evenings, and also thanked Peter & Sheila Hedges that did a divining of water for the History club on the recreation filed on 19.7.23 and handed over £29. A thank you to Bev & Gerry Flannagan who have donated some plastic chairs, an umbrella and BBQ to the Association. They have also offered a microwave oven. JO to check with them if it is still available. AB will speak to Dan Bowley to get fridges and microwave checked. FL thanked the Parish Council for payment of the legal fees for transfer of the land. FL thanked Ian Brooks for witnessing the signatures.

13. Closing remarks (Chair)

FL thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 18.55. Signatures then signed the lease.

14. Date of next meeting

Thursday 5th October 2023 at the Pavilion at 18.00