



Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 4th April
at the Pavilion, Waterhouses

Present: Chairman Mr J Joyce (JJ), Vice-chairman Mr R Coates (RC), Treasurer Mr R Salt (RS), Secretary Mr G Kneller (GKn), Mr B McCarthy (BM), Mrs P Coates (PC), Mrs J Sale (JS), Mr S Sale (SS), Mr D Powell (DP), Mr K Mosley (KM), Mrs P Jackson (PJ), Mr R Jackson (RJ), Mr G Karras (GKa), Mrs L Hubbard (LH), Mr J Hubbard (JH) and Mr G Jones (GJ). Apologies were received from Mrs M Sandall.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the meeting on 7th March and they were signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

(a) Village Show

JJ had been in touch with Mr Dickie Ward, who had informed him that a sum of £341 would be made available to the bowling club from the takings of the show raffles. Clarification had been sought over who the cheque should be made out to and the money would be paid once this had been notified to the treasurer.

GKn agreed to write to the organisers of the show, expressing the club's gratitude.

(b) Cheese and Wine.

It was agreed that the event had been a success and that the speaker had been very good. GKn agreed to write to Raymond Rush to thank him for his contribution as well as the Landlords of The Crown and the Red Lion for their contribution of prizes for the raffle. Thanks were conveyed to everyone who had contributed to the success of the evening, especially Mrs Josie McCarthy.

3. Uttoxeter League: Mixed Doubles competition on Sunday 24th July

GKn and JJ had attended the league meeting and had been asked to host the league Mixed Doubles competition at Waterhouses. GKn had already written to the Clerk to the Parish Council seeking agreement. There appeared to be no impediment but the clerk would raise the matter at the next council meeting for confirmation.

4. Fixtures

GKn distributed a draft list of fixtures and highlighted several dates, including the 24th July date and the away league fixture against the Checkley C team, which would take place on a Sunday. An away friendly had been arranged against Kingsley, to take place on Sunday 1st May. Discussion took place about who might not be available. It was not clear how many members would be able to attend, but it was decided to leave the date unchanged until nearer the time.

GKn had agreed to be responsible for entering league results directly into the computer system so that they would be available more quickly and reduce the work required for the league fixtures secretary who had deteriorating eyesight.

5. Internal Mini League.

RJ distributed copies of an information sheet and described the way the internal mini-league would work. It was agreed that matches would be played to 15 points. The positions would be determined by the number of wins, falling back to points scored in the event of tied positions.

6. Green-keeping equipment.

RC had been asked at an earlier meeting to prepare a list of suggestions about equipment that would be required to maintain the green at its current very high standard. RC explained that a new verti-cutting cassette would cost approximately £1200 including VAT. A lower quality verticutter would be cheaper but would not have the same titanium finish and would not have the same lifetime. The club was currently borrowing a verticutter from another club but could only do this about twice a year. It is recommended practice to use the verticutter on a fortnightly basis. Travel to and from the other club to pick up and return the equipment would not be practical, even if the verticutter was available. It was proposed (JJ) and seconded (JS) that the club should purchase the more expensive verticutter. The motion was carried unanimously.

Purchase of replacement parts, including a part currently in need of repair/replacement, should be considered as maintenance.

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7. Seating: benches and shelters.

Six benches would be available for collection on Tuesday 5th April and RS had made his vehicle available for their collection. It was proposed (BM) and seconded (PJ) that the club should buy a more expensive preservative in a colour close to the club colours. This was agreed unanimously.

RJ and PJ agreed to buy the preservative and six two-inch brushes. A working group would meet at 10.00am on Saturday 9th April.

GKn agreed to write to the Parish Council to seek permission to buy or build a number of small shelters to cover seats and a larger shelter to protect a larger number of players whilst standing. Clarification would be sought as to what size, design and location the council would be prepared to support.

8. Scorecards

Discussion took place regarding the number and supply of scorecards. There was no history of purchases because the existing cards had been donated. BM said that he still had a stack of cards to boost the supply. GKn had looked on-line and believed that the club could buy 1000 cards for about £25. MB proposed the purchase of 1000 cards from the internet and GKn agreed to undertake further research.

9. Future community/fundraising events

Discussion took place about fund raising events for 2016 and it was agreed that community events should be restricted to two major events – the Cheese and Wine and a Fun Day. Sunday 7th August was proposed as a potential day for the Fun Day.

It was agreed that discussion of details regarding Fun Day would be postponed until the next meeting. GKn agreed to write to the secretary of the WI to determine whether they wished to share the event.

10. Any Other Business

JJ pointed out that many individuals had been singled out at the AGM for thanks, but that David and Jean Powell had been missing from the list. He wished to emphasise the club's gratitude to David and Jean for their work in preparing, opening and cleaning the pavilion whilst declining payment from the council. This enabled the club to hire the pavilion at a reduced charge. The committee agreed unanimously and asked that this should be noted in the minutes.

It was agreed that efforts should be made at the next friendly match to determine whether members wish to establish a Ladies' Cup for 2016. This would require sufficient interest and participation from the lady members.

11. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting should be Monday 9th May at 6.30.