



Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 10th October**  
at the Pavilion, Waterhouses

Present: Chairman Mr J Joyce (JJ), Treasurer Mr R Salt (RS), Secretary Mr G Kneller (GKn), Vice-chairman Mr R Coates (RC), Mrs P Coates (PC), Mr R Jackson (RJ), Mrs L Hubbard (LH), Mr J Hubbard (JH), Mrs J Sale (JS), Mr S Sale (SS), Mr Dennis Higton (DH), Mr B McCarthy (BM) and Mr K Mosley (KM).

Apologies were received from Mr D Powell (DP), and Mrs P Jackson (PJ).

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The meeting approved the minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September and they were signed by the chairman.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes**

**Fun Day: Donation to WI Charity.**

GKn had spoken to the president of Waterfall WI. The WI's chosen charity was the Midlands Air Ambulance. A recipe book was in development by the WI, to raise funds for the charity. A £50 cheque to the WI was prepared by GKn and RS, and the committee agreed to support sales of the recipe book, including at the Cheese and Wine Evening in March 2017. GKn would send the cheque and offer the club's support with sales.

**Green-keeping Equipment and Supplies**

GKn had written to the Clerk to the Council asking for clarification regarding invoices for purchases. The Council have asked that any groups wishing to ask the Parish Council to fund supplies, work and other expenditure do so by firstly writing to the Council stating full details of the request, including cost so that a decision can be made on whether to support such a claim. If a request is made that will incur costs of usually over £500.00, the Council may ask for three separate quotes to be provided in order to support the claim and to use as backup for our accounts in the event of an auditor requesting the information. The recent invoice passed on by RC for materials for use on the green had been accepted by the Council and a cheque was being raised.

**Keates Trophy**

RC and PC, the club's only representatives, gave brief feedback about the event

**3. Indoor Bowls**

RC had been to the hall at Whiston to look at the facilities and discuss their use by Waterhouses bowlers. It would cost £20 per week (Monday evening) and those attending would need to get the mats and equipment out and put them away again at the end of the evening. Alternatively they could attend with the Whiston bowlers on a Tuesday evening, which would require a small payment per person. GKn had called and left a message about use of the hall at Cauldon and would need to follow it up. RS had seen a used mat for sale in the Leek Post for £60 and would follow it up. The committee gave provisional approval for the use of up to £100 to be spent on a mat and storage rack if the Cauldon hall rental turned out to be cheaper.

**4. Cheese and Wine Evening, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

GKn asked for clarification about members' wishes before contacting potential speakers/entertainers. It was agreed that a talk would be preferable to a singer/musical act. The committee agreed that GKn should contact several of those on the list and book the least expensive act for March.

**5. Any Other Business**

**(a) Mower**

The mower was currently unavailable as it appeared to have ceased up. It was agreed that a quote from Campey's, the supplier of the mower, should be obtained before any repair goes ahead.

RC had been maintaining the mower and had changed the oil regularly. JJ thanked RC on behalf the club. A log of green treatments had been kept, but it was agreed that this should be formalised to include a log of the mower's use and a group of 'apprentice greenkeepers' established to update their skills to be able to deputise for RC in an emergency. BM, JH and KM expressed their willingness to take part.

JJ suggested that the club should consider having the mower serviced professionally on a regular basis, in addition to the regular maintenance by RC.

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**(b) Shelters**

JJ agreed to speak to Councillor Andrew Carr regarding shelters in order to try to clarify the club's wishes.

**(c) Benches**

RC suggested that a tarpaulin be obtained to cover the benches through the winter months. JH said that he had a tarpaulin and it was agreed that RC and JH should liaise with one another about storing and covering the benches.

**6. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting should be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, at 6.30pm in the pavilion.

Signed:

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(Chair)

Date:

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