



Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 13th February
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), Mr Dennis Higton (DH), Mr B McCarthy (BM), Mr D Powell (DP), Mr M Barlow (MB), Mr Gunther Karras (GKa) and Mr K Mosley (KM).

Apologies were received from Mr E Bagshaw (EB), Mrs J Sale (JS), Mr S Sale (SS), Mrs L Hubbard (LH), Mr J Hubbard (JH) and Mrs P Jackson (PJ).

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2016 and they were signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Indoor Bowls

GKn had visited Caudon Village Hall and RC had visited Whiston. Whiston had several mats and were willing to let the club use the hall, mats and equipment for £20 per week. Caudon Hall had no equipment but were willing to let the club use the hall for £20 per week. GKn had emailed members to seek their preference but had received no replies, so no indoor bowls took place during the winter months.

Mower

RC had received a quote for the repair of the mower of £1200 + VAT, including a large number of parts that RC considered unnecessary. GKn agreed to write to Campey's expressing the committee's dissatisfaction and emphasising the need for prompt action.

Shelters

JJ had met with Andrew Carr to explain the club's perspective and had received a very positive response. GKn agreed to write to the council again to arrange a visit by club representatives to a Parish Council meeting.

Benches

RC and JH had stacked the benches and stacked them under a tarpaulin behind the pavilion.

3. League Matters

GKn congratulated JJ, who had been voted chairman of the Uttoxeter League at its most recent meeting.

Fees

It had been agreed that club league fees would remain the same this year.

Rules

A number of rule changes had been agreed at the recent meeting and JJ explained some of those to the group. The key change related to players turning up more than an hour after scratch time: it was made clear that any player turning up more than an hour late would not be allowed to take part. A second important point related to grievances, which must be brought to the grievance committee's secretary within three days.

4. Mini League

RJ explained that three games were outstanding from the 2016 season. It was agreed that the outstanding games would be played in April.

5. Draft Fixtures List 2017

GKn distributed a list of draft fixtures. The list contained league fixtures and four friendly fixtures. Further friendly fixtures would be added to the list after liaison with the other clubs. Bank holidays and Father's Day were highlighted in colour. GKn pointed out that there was a league fixture arranged versus Checkley C on Sunday 22nd August, the bank holiday weekend when the club has previously held its finals day. At the September 2016 meeting it had been agreed that Finals Day would be held in September instead of on the bank holiday.

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6. AGM, 6th March

GKn had produced letters for existing and past members, inviting them to the AGM and including membership forms for 2017. The letter invited members to pay their fees on or before the AGM to avoid any increase that might be made at the AGM.

7. Cheese and Wine Evening, 18th March

Mrs Josey McCarthy (JM) had very kindly agreed to help with the planning of food and arrangements in the Parochial Hall.

Fine detail would be discussed nearer the time, but the following provisional arrangements were agreed:

Buying and Preparing Food:	JM
Advice and decision on assistance needed, i.e. other bits of food needing to be prepared.	JM
Setting up the room with assistance from any volunteers.	JM, BM
Collection of Drinks from Manifold Stores	JJ, BM
Bar duties:	DH, RC, GK, JJ
Clean up and tidy room at the end	All Members

8. Dates

It was agreed that for 2017, Finals Day would take place on Sunday 3rd September.

GKn had agreed to attend a WI planning meeting to discuss dates for Fun Day. It was agreed that GKn should suggest either Sunday 23rd July or Sunday 6th August.

9. Any Other Business

Invoice from Parish Council

The club had been invoiced for ten meetings (10 x £5=£50) and ten matches (10 x £10 = £100) during 2016, but had actually made more use of the facilities. GKn had calculated 17 times when the club had used the pavilion for making hot drinks and preparing food, using electricity and heating. This included matches, the Fun Day and Finals Day as well as the Uttoxeter League doubles cup competition. There had been 9 meetings. As a result, the club owed £215 rather than £150. JJ and GKn felt that the club should be run properly and be seen to be doing so. This would encourage councillors to treat the club fairly when requests are made for funding for fertiliser or permission to erect shelters.

It was agreed that the club should pay £215 instead of the invoiced amount. GKn would arrange for a new invoice and RS signed a cheque for the agreed sum.

Future payment for use of the pavilion

Discussion took place about the amount of money paid for the use of the pavilion. The club pays £5 for meetings and £10 for events such as matches that require the use of electricity and heating, including hot water. David and Jean Powell (DP, JP) had previously kindly declined their normal pay for opening/closing up and for cleaning after the pavilion is used. When the club first started, there were far fewer matches and other events than for the current year. GKn felt that it was time to consider paying extra to allow David and Jean to receive payment for their work. Discussion took place and DP said that they would consider claiming for time used to clean after club events. It was agreed that the club should be prepared to pay extra if the council wished to pass the cost on to the club.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 6th March, 2017, immediately after the AGM.

Signed: _____

(Chair)

Date: _____