

Winsford Recreation Association

Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association
Held on Monday 10th January 2022, at 2pm at Middle Glebe, Winsford.

Present: Beverley Flanagan (BF) - Chair, Gerry Flanagan (GF) - Treasurer,
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

None

2. Approval of minutes meeting 19th June 21

All agreed.

3. Matters Arising

BF announced that herself and GF would be standing down from the Committee at the end of the financial year 31st March 2022.

BF enquired if anyone from the current members were interested in either position of Chair or Treasurer. There were no volunteers so BF said she will put an advert in the Parish Magazine for both positions. If no one comes forward the WRA will be handed back to the Parish Council.

4. Report on Cricket Pavilion and Recreation Field

Pavilion to be painted in the spring by CH.

KNS Fire Extinguishers have issued an invoice, BF did not know when they visited or what they had done. GF has requested they come back and meet at the Pavilion. There was also a discussion about changing supplier to the same as the Village Hall. Damaged Tree. BF thanked for offers to fell the damaged tree and explained as it is in a public place the contractor must be accredited and insured tree surgeons. Three Atop Tree surgeons have been contacted and quoted £525 + VAT. They will leave the wood in manageable lengths for residents to collect and make donations. All agreed to accept this quote.

CH mentioned that an Ash Tree between the recreation field and Tennis courts was not looking too good either. BF to ask the tree surgeons to have a look at it when they come back.

BF stated that it would be good to get the new fencing around the recreation field painted. BF said she had the paint to do this.

BF has the new Dog bin and new signs for the recreation field. DL offered to put the bin up and inform the Parish council, so they can arrange for it to be emptied.

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

GF mentioned that the fencing at the bottom of the recreation field has come down in places. It was decided to get some quotes for this.

5. Tennis Courts

Tennis Court signs have all been taken down and remade or refurbished by BF. The sign for the usage of the tennis court pricing is not complete, this will need to be decided when either a new Chair is appointed or somebody takes responsibility for the Tennis Courts.

The roof of the Tennis Court shed has lost some felting. CH said he would deal with it.

BF said that there were grants available for the fund raising of the tennis courts, they should be applied for in May or September. They are match funded grants. BF to supply the names of the organisations they have already contacted.

GF stated the website he has used is Charity Excellence.

There was a discussion as to whether the village wants to keep the Tennis Courts. A suggestion that a poll/survey may be undertaken or when the Parish Council have their annual meeting this could be raised. BF thinks we should keep the Tennis Courts but stated that a time will come when they are unusable.

It was discussed that the people who use the tennis courts should be more involved and possibly be on the committee, similar to CH and MH for the Cricket. It was agreed that the Tennis players should be approached. BF also commented how difficult it can be to get regular players to pay.

The Tennis courts will need weed treatment in the spring.

6. Events

Halloween was held on 30th October on The Green. Once again it was good fun and a success. BF hoped it will be a regular event. Costs were £60.

Santa visited on 22nd December in the tearooms. 34 children attended. Costs were £138 and we received £75 in donations. Thanks to all involved especially to Roy and Teresa.

7. Treasurers Report

GF stated the financial position of the WRA concluding with a balance of £10,378.45. GF stated that an anonymous donation of £2,000 is for the upkeep of the Tennis Courts. A full breakdown will be available at the year end 31st March 2022.

8. Chairs Report

BF thanked all for attending. BF stated we will convene a meeting at the end of March to see where we are and decide the way forward.

9. AOB.

Winn 100 club was drawn and the winners were:-

1. 101 - Freddie Hayes
2. 41 - Mel Mileham
3. 50 - Sue Brooks
4. 49 - Robin Alan

Next meeting date in March - TBA