

Winsford Recreation Association

Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association

Held on Thursday 13th April 2023 at 6pm at Winsford Village Hall

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), Bryany Neal (BN)

FL opened the meeting at 18.00.

1. Opening remarks – Chair

The chair welcomed everyone attending. FL stated that he had looked back at the year and that the committee had achieved everything which had been set out, and that the accounts reflected this.

2. Apologies

Apologies from MH

3. Conflicts of interest

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of 26th January 2023

All agreed. FL commented on Item 7 concerning the trees which had been offered by the Parish Council. FL declined the offer due to a decision not being made as yet as to what the field will be used for. FL commented on Item 8 that the Jazz Event was a success. FL commented on Item 9 stating that the update of The Articles was still with him. FL commented on Item 10 risk assessment of the recreation field. FL thanked AB for removing the fallen down fence. FL stated he didn't think we needed to put up another fence, but to put signs up stating a fast running river, another sign saying no swimming or paddling, a sign at the entrance to the recreation field stating no unsupervised children near the river please. FL then tasked himself and DL to review every 6 months. FL will circulate the risk assessment to all for any other comments.

5. Financial Update

IW had issued a spreadsheet by email with summary of the current position and details of the Elvis and Jazz events. IW stated we had made a surplus of just under £1,300, and this was due to the events throughout the year, as the 100 club covered everything else. The income against electricity was due to the government payment of £150. Insurance has gone up to around £800 this year. Net resource is currently around £10,000. There was discussion around the Charibond value and IW stated it was now being monitored.

6. 100 Club Subscription Collection Plans

DL said that RO, JO, and himself have distributed all the flyers around the village. The collection so far is around £800. David to distribute lists to JO and RO for door collections and a list to FL for Tennis members. AB requested DL to send flyer to him for the cricketers, as they had agreed at their AGM for all members to join the 100 club. FL then stated that the April draw was to be delayed, so that April and May's draw will be done together once we have collected more monies. DL to send flyer to Sarah Cox to be included in Across Exmoor.

7. Tennis Court Lower Field – Proposals

JL asked if the field had been handed over yet. BN said that it was still with the solicitors and the Parish Clerk. JL stated that we would have to raise funds for this and questioned if we wanted to do this. FL said that in the spirit of the bequest it could be a low maintenance field mowed a couple of times a year. FL stated that he had been approached by some villagers with ideas such as: an Orchard, a Dog agility Course (2), a Wildflower Meadow, and a Recreation field for use especially when the recreation field is being used for cricket

AB suggested planting fruit trees for the community. After much discussion the front runner proposal is a Community Recreation Field. FL asked BN if, at the next meeting of the Parish Council if she could find more information on status. BN also said that she thought Colin Wilkins was going to approach FL to speak at the Village Assembly on 27th April 2023.

8. Future Events Ideas

JL said that she had received an email from JO concerning getting more people on the committee for new ideas and help with the events. FL agreed that we need more people to help with events, and that we could get another 3 members on the committee. JO said that it is quite hard work doing the events. All members agreed on six or more events this year. JO said that if we wanted to book an act for November Music Night we needed to decide quickly. JO put forward Tom Jones, it was agreed she would try and book for 11th or 18th November. Events agreed upon:-

- Duck Race & Skittles August Bank Holiday
- Halloween 28th October
- Music Event Tom Jones 11th/18th November
- Father Christmas (date TBA)

FL suggested discussing other events at the next meeting. BN suggested to FL to bring the matter of additional Trustees and Event Supporters to the Village Assembly. JO asked if he could also ask for suggestions on events the villagers would like to attend.

9. Insurances & Inspections

FL stated that between IW and himself they have all the insurance and inspections in place. AB requested to have a copy of the Insurance put up in Pavilion as it is requirement for the cricket league.

10. AOB

FL had a phone call from Brenda Coates asking if she could put a bench with a plaque for her late husband who died last year in the cricket field. All agreed. FL to call her.

SH asked if AB could arrange to have the cess pit pumped out.

11. Closing remarks (Chair)

FL thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 19.02.

12. Date of next meeting

Thursday 29th June 2023 at 18.00 in the Pavilion.