

Winsford Recreation Association

Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association

Held on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 6pm at Royal Oak Inn Winsford

Present: Frazer Lawrence (FL) - Chair, Jayne Luscott (JL) - Secretary, Ian Whybrow (IW) - Treasurer, David Luscott (DL), Sue Hayes (SH), Ros Dearing (RD), Jane Orchiston (JO), Andrew Blackmore (AB), Bryany Neal (BN)

FL opened the meeting at 18.03.

1. Opening remarks – Chair

FL thanked all for attending. FL stated that he thought the Halloween, Neil Diamond and Santa events were highly successful.

2. Apologies

Apologies from MH

3. Conflicts of interest

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of 5th October 2023

All agreed. FL stated that he had two more signs to put up by the river.

5. Financial Update

IW handed out the accounts to 11th January 2024, showing a surplus of £2,654. IW stated that by the end of the financial year (March) we should have around £2,500, paying out 3 months 100 club, and income from Santa and the Charibond. FL led a discussion on contribution to the cricket club concerning the mowers etc. AB stated that the cricket club spent around £3,000 last year. IW said that Greene King were backing a scheme for grants to cricket clubs, which he would be happy to submit if the cricket club let him know. FL proposed that the WRA donate £1,000 towards the costs, all agreed. AB said that the Cricket Club AGM is on 16th February, and he would put forward the proposal.

6. Tennis Court Lower Field – Update

FL asked BN if the transfer of land had gone through. BN said she thought it had. FL thanked the Parish Council for paying the legal fees on both sides. FL requested that we have a copy of the relevant paperwork when it comes from the solicitors. BN to follow up. Regarding the cutting of the lower field, FL reiterated the Dan Passmore quote of £150 per month for 5 months of the year (£750). IW said he may know someone else who may do it, he will ask Paul Jones for a quote. SH said that Charles Hayes would cut it with a tractor to help level the field. FL said once the field is reasonable, portable goal posts could be bought. AB said he would have a look at the maintenance of the gates, FL requested a quote from him.

7. Future Events

JO said she had Race Night Game; dates were discussed and 2nd March was decided. DL to do posters and inform Across Exmoor. The ticket price of £5 to include cheese and biscuits on the tables.

FL requested the proposed events for the year, which are as follows: -
BBQ & Skittles May/June
August Bank Holiday Skittles and Duck Race
Halloween Pumpkin Competition
Jersey Boys in November
Santa in December

All to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Cricket Club Update

AB said all that had been discussed in the financial update.

9. Tennis Update

FL to get new sign, requested an agreement of up to £100 to be spent. FL also said that once the weather is better, he would like to get the courts sprayed and de-mossed etc, at a cost of up to £150. FL stated that the shed would need replacing in the future.

10. AOB

FL said that Jayne Davis (Royal Oak Inn) had approached him with a request for the Shoots to land Helicopters on the Recreation field during the winter. FL emailed the Civil Aviation Authority, and if we had a temporary HLS which is to use for less than 28 days a year, there is no restriction on this, they just advised to check with the National Park. FL has spoken to Colin Wilkins and he has agreed to raise it at the next Parish Council Meeting to confirm that the council has no objections. FL said that this would give us another line of income. Charges to be researched. Insurance to be covered by the operator. Paperwork to be emailed to JL. All agreed.

JO requested we minute a thank you to Steve Pickard, Ian and Ellen Chamberlain and Claire Sams for their help with Santa's visit.

JO had been in correspondence with IW concerning insurance for Exercise Classes at the Village Hall. IW said that the Village Hall is covered for its own liabilities, so if someone is leading an exercise class, they should have their own insurance. IW stated that as Ian & Ellen Chamberlain were part of the 100 club, hence part of the WRA, so we do have insurance for things like walking rugby etc. Ian and Ellen Chamberlain have agreed to run exercise classes on behalf of the WRA. IW to add a disclosure when the Insurance is up for renewal. JO then said she had been asked if music was being played, if so a PRS license is required. After much discussion it was decided that the WRA would buy the PRS license, this would cover exercise classes and other activities where music is played. i.e. Santa, Halloween, etc. JO to acquire relevant forms.

DL said he was in the process of doing the Welcome Letter for newcomers, and he would include the 100 Club information. It was decided to discuss the 100 club at the next meeting.

11. Closing remarks (Chair)

FL thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 19.07

12. Date of next meeting

Thursday 29th February 2024 at the Royal Oak Inn at 18.00