



Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 11th September
at the Pavilion, Waterhouses

Present: Chairman Mr J Joyce (JJ), Vice-chairman Mr R Coates (RC), Secretary Mr G Kneller (GKn), Mrs M Burn (MBu), Mrs P Coates (PC), Mrs J Sale (JS), Mr S Sale (SS), Mr K Mosley (KM) and Mr D Powell (DP). Apologies were received from Mr R Jackson (RJ), Mrs P Jackson (PJ), Mr B McCarthy (BM), Mr D Higton and Treasurer Mr R Salt (RS).

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2017 were approved and signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Mower: There had been a major problem with the mower, which had ceased up whilst in use verticutting the green. RC, JJ and GK had discussed the matter and the mower had been sent to a person based in Kingsley who also repairs and maintains the Kingsley BC mower. A replacement engine and other parts had been installed and the mower had now been returned. The same person would be used to maintain the mower in future seasons.

Pavilion Garage Storage: No news had been received from the parish Council about the proposed lockable storage for chemicals. Instead the First Responders were storing equipment in their own lockable section.

Invitation to WI to join us for bowls: MBu, as President of the WI, would include bowling when planning the 2018 calendar. It had not been possible to arrange a date in 2017.

Intra Club Cups/Finals Day: GKn congratulated JJ and DP on their success in the singles (JJ) and Doubles Cups (JJ & DP). The afternoon had not been very well attended due to poor weather.

Fun Day 2017: The Fun Day had been cancelled because of a clash with the annual Duck Race and it had not been possible to arrange an alternate date with the WI. MBu would include discussion of the Fun Day in the WI's 2018 calendar planning.

3. Mini League: outstanding fixtures.

Discussion took place about the 20 outstanding matches. Several had taken place shortly before the meeting, but matches involving four members were still causing a backlog. It was hoped that these could be completed before the end of the season.

4. Red Lion Rox: Bowling Club fund raising.

The Red Lion Rox event would be taking place on 16th September and RJ had made a game, originally for the Fun Day, to be used for fund raising. RJ and GK would be attending and would help run the stall, and other members were encouraged to volunteer to help between 12.00 noon and 6.00pm.

5. Indoor Bowling, Winter 2017-18.

New member Colin Bradshaw (CB) had close ties to Cauldon Low Village Hall and had asked about indoor bowling. He believed that the management committee of the hall might be persuaded to purchase a mat and bowls in order to let the hall for indoor bowls. GKn had investigated the costs and discovered that an initial starter pack of mat, bowls, jack etc. could be purchased for just over £1,000. There was no interest from members in taking up indoor bowling, so GKn agreed to pass the information to CB and close the matter.

6. Uttoxeter League

a. League Results 2017

There were three outstanding fixtures to be played, but it was highly likely that that the club would finish in second place in division 3. This would earn promotion to division 2 for 2018. JJ was also leading the bowling averages and likely to win the trophy and cash prize for a second year.

b. Presentation Evening

The league presentation evening would be on Friday 20th October at Bradley House. In 2016 a number of members had attended a very pleasant evening to see JJ receive his prize. Those who had attended in 2016 recommended the event to members. The cost is less than £10 for a buffet meal and an entertainer. Drinks are very reasonably priced. Members should speak to JJ or GKn if they wish to purchase tickets.

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c. Vets Team 2018

A number of members had expressed an interest in entering a team into the Tuesday afternoon Veterans League in 2018. A minimum of 6 players would be required each week. The club would need to decide by early spring a team is to be entered. Five players had expressed a wish to play regularly. It would be necessary to have at least 8 players who were willing to take part, to cover absences. No decision was taken at this meeting.

7. Any other Business

RC had investigated the prices of top dressing and seed for the green. Top dressing was available for £35 per tonne and seed at £108 per bag.

Discussion took place about the best time to complete work if the green was to be completely reseeded. It was decided that there was insufficient time to complete the work in 2017 so only repair/maintenance work should take place. A complete re-seeding should be postponed until the end of the 2018 season.

8. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Monday 2nd October at 6.30pm in the Pavilion.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:
