



Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 16th August 2021
at the Pavilion, Waterhouses

Present: Chairman Mr R Coates (RC), Vice-chairman Mr R Sandall (RSn), Treasurer Mr R Salt (RSt), Secretary Mr G Kneller (GK), Mrs P Coates (PC), Mrs M Sandall (MS), Mr B McCarthy (BM), Mr D Powell (DP), Mr R Jackson (RJ), Mrs S Hayes (SH), Mr K Mosley (KM), Dr S Martin (SM).

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

No minutes were available for the meeting held prior to COVID-19 lockdown.

2. AGM and Club Officials

No AGM had taken place in 2020 due to lockdown. It was agreed that existing officials should remain in post until the 2022 AGM.

3. Captainship of League teams.

Captains of both the Saturday and Veterans teams had expressed a desire to stand down when league matches resumed in May 2021. GK had reluctantly agreed to take on both roles in the absence of other volunteers. BM had kindly agreed to resume the role of captain of the Saturday team for 2021 only. It was agreed that discussions would need to take place at the 2022 AGM to establish new captains for both teams. It may be that the role would circulate between several members of the team to ease the burden.

4. Mixed League Competition

GK had received an email from Ken Unwin, secretary of the Uttoxeter League, proposing a new mixed league in 2022, with matches taking place on a Thursday. The idea would be that each team would require six players, three men and three women. Cards would be drawn male v male and female v female, giving 6 singles matches. This would be considered at the league AGM in February but had been sent to clubs for their consideration in advance. Discussion took place and the overwhelming view was that none of the members would wish to take part in this new league competition.

5. Sunday 29th August: League Singles Competition.

GK had been asked, at a recent Uttoxeter League meeting, whether Waterhouses would be willing to host the league singles cup competition on Sunday 29th August. Venues for five or six league competitions normally rotate between the clubs so that each club hosts one competition every three years or so. Only two competitions would be taking place in 2021. GK had confirmed with the Clerk to the Parish Council that there was no football match on that day. He had also spoken to close neighbours to explain that there might be people on the green quite early on the Sunday. The competition would start between 9.30am and 10.00am and would be played to its conclusion, lasting into the afternoon. It was agreed that the club could host the competition and volunteers were sought to open up, provide tea/coffee and biscuits. SM, BM, SH, RJ, GK, RC and PC agreed to help, although BM and GK would need to leave early.

6. Tea/Biscuits and the Card Game.

GK pointed out that tea and biscuits had been provided at home matches but that no income had been gathered from the card game due to a reluctance to handle cash in COVID times. Members had voluntarily provided tea, coffee, biscuits and milk. The cost of using the pavilion also needed to be addressed. Discussion took place about ways in which other clubs raise funds to cover costs. MS suggested that each person who had played at least two league games should be asked to contribute £5. It was agreed that this was a good idea and MS agreed to collect the money from relevant players.

7. End of Season Social.

SH had suggested that the club should organise an end of season social event, in the form of a meal at a local pub, to take place after the league matches had all been completed. Discussion took place about when and where such an event might be held. It was agreed that the best location would be Ye Olde Crown in Waterhouses and RSt agreed to speak to the owners to check whether they could lay on an appropriate meal on 4th or 5th October.

8. End of Season Green Maintenance.

RC said that the main work that needed doing was to spread more seed to fill any gaps. He would approach Kingsly Bowls Club to arrange the loan of a tiner machine to spike the green prior to members sweeping seed into the holes. There was an imminent game at Kingsley where he could speak to the members there about the loan. Arrangements would need to be made about the pick-up and drop-off of the machine.

9. Any Other Business.

(a) Fund Raising: Discussion took place about ways of fund raising and reference was made to previous years when a 'Fun Day' was held. The most recent fund raising event was the March 2020 Cheese and Wine Evening, which had been the last major village event prior to lockdown. GK agreed to book the Parochial Hall for March 2022, ready for another Cheese and Wine Evening.

(b) Honoraria: Neither RC (Greenkeeper) nor GK (Secretary) had received honoraria for 2020 or 2021. It was agreed that these should be paid and RSt prepared cheques to accompany £100 cash (paid to RC). It was agreed that discussion should take place at the 2022 AGM about the values of future honoraria.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place after the match on Monday 6th September in the Pavilion.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:
