



Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 23rd May 2022
6.00pm at the Pavilion, Waterhouses

Present: Chairman Mr R Sandall (RSn), Vice-chairman Dr S Martin, Treasurer Mr R Salt (RSt), Secretary Mr G Kneller (GK), Mr B McCarthy (BM), Mr D Powell (DP), Mrs M Sandall (MS) and Mr R Coates (RC), .

Apologies were received from Mrs P Coates (PC) and Mrs S Hayes (SH).

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman.

2. Matters arising:

- (a) **Benches.** These had been painted and carried to their normal positions around the green. GK suggested that whenever there was a fine Monday, some members should come slightly early before the weekly club practice session and help give a second coat to the exposed (upper) surfaces. This was agreed.
- (b) **Health and Safety Issue:** The moss surrounding the green had been sprayed and was now receding.

3. Movement of the gate leading from the boardwalk to the green.

GK had written to the Clerk to the Parish Council requesting permission for the gate to be moved further along the boardwalk, away from the green. This would enable benches to be stored there throughout the winter months, reducing exposure to the elements and eliminating any nuisance to neighbours. He had received a telephone call from Councillor David Stone confirming the Parish Council's approval, provided the gate could not be seen from the entrance to the pavilion. RC agreed to move the gate and BM and GK offered to assist. RC agreed to telephone the volunteers when he was planning to do the work.

4. Rental of the Pavilion.

GK had included this item in the previous minutes although it had not been discussed. He had received an email from the Clerk to the Parish Council, saying that the Council would like to raise the fees for the use of the pavilion, adding £2 to each letting. The fees would now be £7 for meetings and £12 for matches. GK pointed out that the fees were lower thanks to the fact that DP very kindly gave his services for free. The meeting thanked David for his generosity. Three home matches had each generated a profit of over £20, which more than covered the fee. The previous rule, where a £10 prize would be given if more than £20 had been taken, was no longer being used. MS thanked GK for managing the game at the matches.

RC suggested that if the weather was good enough, some future meetings might be held outdoors to save the rental fee. This was considered a very good idea and would be put into practice.

5. Any Other Business

- (a) **Banking money.** GK had brought along the takings from three instances of the card game, with sums of £23.00, £23.00 and £25.00 respectively (total £71.00). He had also brought along a receipt for the paint used on the benches, to a value of £26.97. RC had brought a receipt for £20 which he had spent on Iron Sulphate for treating the green. GK explained that the club's Constitution did not allow for cash to be taken to pay directly for purchases for members but that RSt found it difficult to keep depositing cash and the meeting agreed that some of the cash should be used to reimburse GK and RC for their outlay. It was agreed that RSt should take care to enter the various amounts carefully in his records.
RSt reported that the balance in the bank on 26th April had been £1346.51.
- (b) **Clearing of moss from the gutter surrounding the green.** RC suggested forming a working party to clear the moss from the gutter. He had already sprayed the moss and it had died back. What was needed now was for the remains to be scraped and shovelled out. No date was agreed for when the work should take place because it would be weather dependent.
- (c) **Safeguarding.** RC pointed out that Lynn Hubbard had been the club's safeguarding officer but that she was no longer a member of the club. GK had spoken to Barry Massey, secretary of the Potteries Crown Green Bowls Association, to whom the club is affiliated, when Lynn was nominated and undertook her training. Barry had added GK to the list because he had a Safeguarding qualification through his work at the school. GK agreed to contact Barry again to arrange training specifically relating to bowling.

(d) **Servicing of the mower.** RC pointed out that the mower was in need of a service. In previous years, prior to lockdown, the mower had been taken to Kingsley, where it had been serviced by the same person used by Kingsley Bowling Club. Since RC had been informed that the mower never needed to have its blades sharpened, he had undertaken the most recent service himself. He asked the committee to give approval for him to undertake the next service himself, which would require the purchase of oil and other items. The committee agreed and gave their approval.

6. **Date of next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place at **6.00pm on Monday 18th July in the pavilion.**

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:
