

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Monday 12th October (Zoom)

1. Present

Robert Goodhand, Ray Swallow, Anne-Marie Stevens, Phil Stevens, Ed Tuck, Frank Booth, Gerald Andrews, Paull Curtice, Lionel Mendoza.

2. Apologies

Sheila Harrison, Dave Evans, Michael Adams

3. AGM Debrief

The minutes have been put on the club and SMBTC website.

Robert suggested that we have another general meeting next spring to sort out other matters.

4. Winter Club Nights 2020

Sheila wanted to ask about when we can start these up again when safe.

Paull wants us to assess whether we can open up at each committee meeting so we can keep members interested.

Lionel suggested we could have other outdoor activities to keep members coming and prolong the season.

5. Club Build Update

Paull says that everything is going well. The first fix electric is 2 days behind, but Frank said they were there today.

We need to look at flooring so Paull can be order it.

The architect has been to see the build and has made some modifications to improve the roof.

He said that there is a good standard of workmanship.

Lionel wanted to thank everyone involved.

6. 106 Bid Status

On the 8th September the full Town Council gave approval for us to have the money.

We now have to wait for Mendip to allocate a sum of money to us, but we do not know how much this will be.

Lionel has written to them to ask when we can expect it.

7. Green Update

Frank said that the state of the green isn't too bad.

Deep-tining is needed again on the green as it made a big difference to the green when we had it done last year.

We have fertiliser but we need some fungicide spray.

We need a new seed machine which will cost approximately £664.

The mower needs servicing, but we do not have a costing yet.

The sheds are leaking very badly and some of the equipment has got wet. They have temporarily covered with a tarpaulin until we can put a new roof on next spring.

8. Site Update

The grounds team have been levelling out and preparing ground behind the flower beds for the junior bowls section.

Robert has taken some rubbish tip the tip in his trailer and will do another trip when necessary.

Generally, the site is tidy.

The changing rooms will need painting and cleaning in the spring.

The flag pole needs repairing and the flag will be replaced when someone has designed it. Steff has started the T shirt designs and when that is done maybe we can put the design onto a flag. We will invite Steff to the next meeting to discuss this.

9. Future Clubhouse Development

Covid has changed our views on how this should be done. We will need more ventilation so we will reinstate the windows in the clubhouse. This will also allow more light in and enhance the building.

Paull has asked for a quote for the bar end window.

We will move back the wall and make the main hall bigger.

The kitchen will need to be redesigned and Gerald will look into this.

10. Bowls 2021

Phil has set up the league fixtures for 2021.

He has also organised 3 mixed friendly matches for next year.

Ray is waiting for Dave Evans to ask Bowls England about their coaching courses.

11. Allotment Update

Two more allotments have been allocated, so all are let out now.

Strimming needs to be done in some areas.

The allotment beehives have been vandalised again. We need to discuss if there is anything we can do to prevent it.

Paull suggested that we should have at least 2 allotment holders to come on to the committee.

12. Any Other Business

Brian asked Robert whether we should change the paving slabs for concrete, but the committee felt that it would be too expensive and not so good for drainage.

Some of the slabs have been broken by the building works, but they will replace them.

Lionel asked if we needed to contact Freeholder if we change the look of the clubhouse. It has been established that approval for the alterations has already been obtained from the Duchy.

This was confirmed at the time in the February committee meeting minutes, Site Business, item 2.

13. Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th November at 7pm by zoom. Please note evening meeting time.