

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 8th December by Zoom

1. Present

Robert Goodhand, Ray Swallow, Phil Stevens, Frank Booth, Paull Curtice, Anne-Marie Stevens, Sheila Harrison, Gerald Andrews, Ed Tuck, Lionel Mendoza, Dave Evans, Steph Boucher, Janet Ross, Jen Coles.

2. Apologies

Michael Adams

3. Club Build

Paull gave us an update.

The windows are now in. One of the doors had to be replaced because it was warped.

We are still waiting for the painter. We need a few dry days. We are hoping it will be done before Christmas.

We have one more payment to make to the builder.

Robert thanked Paull and Frank for all their hard work.

4. Club Nights

It will be the New Year before we can consider opening for a club night. But we do not know yet what tier we will be in and if we can open.

Ed said that we would need to extend the bar licence if we opened.

Robert said he would send out a brief of our existing licence to committee members.

5. S106 Bid Status

Lionel had a phone call from Carol Taylor saying she had instructed the legal team to produce a document for the council to proceed with our bid of £11,600.

This will go towards our toilet build.

We will probably have to send invoices to MDC to show where we have used the money.

6. Bid to Sports England

Robert has put in a bid to Sports England for the windows in the clubhouse.

This is a grant for improving ventilation in sporting venues.

7. Green Update

Frank says that the green is doing ok.

The company trying to fix the lawnmower has not got back to us yet.

8. Site update

Gerald and Frank have rolled and fertilised the new Junior rinks that have been laid.

The Town Council has written to the Duchy of Cornwall to repair the boundary wall between the allotments and the park. The Duchy said that it isn't their wall so the Town Council has agreed to repair it.

Jen would like an area with brambles to be cleared so they can plant some wild flowers and shrubs. Jen said one of the allotment holders has a mini digger and that could help clear the designated area.

Jen asked if Robert could send her a list and contact numbers of all the allotment holders so she can organise a working party.

Frank said that we need to discuss the allotment fees at the next meeting. We will need Jen's input with this.

Paull has found damp in the ceiling of the clubhouse where the wasps' nests were. This will need repairing.

The flagpole is now back up and we need to sort out the flag. It was agreed that the design shouldn't change.

9. Kitchen Update

Steph has designed the kitchen and showed the committee the plans. It is a B & Q design, with cream shaker units and a charcoal worktop.

The wall will be removed between the kitchen and the clubhouse and a low boundary wall will replace it to give an open plan appearance.

All white goods are to be retained but Paull reported that the fridge freezer has just stopped working, so we will need a new one.

The costing at the moment is £1800 but we will look out for the January sales and see if we can reduce the price.

Phil can do much of the work with help, but we will need an electrician.

The whole project cost is approximately £3055.

Gerald said that we will also need a new kitchen water heater.

The committee all agreed that we were happy with putting up to £4000 into the kitchen build.

We will also run the flooring from the kitchen into the clubhouse as one area.

Steff will send a PDF to Phil with the plans.

Phil would like the kitchen finished by the end of January.

Robert has put in another bid for Covid-19 wipe down furniture for the clubhouse.

10. Bowls

Phil said that the fixtures are in place for next season. He will send out a fixtures list to all committee members. This is appended to the minutes

Robert reported that Bowls England has said that some clubs across England have folded.

Phil said that it hasn't affected our fixtures.

11. Club Kit

Steph has designed a new club kit. Samples were put in the men's changing rooms for committee members to view.

All members agreed on the design and Steph will now submit it to Somerset Bowls to agree it.

No club member will have to purchase the new shirt and can still wear the current design.

Dave Evans said that a couple of members he has spoken to were not happy with buying a new shirt and should have a discount if they bought last year's design.

The committee decided that this was not feasible as mostly all members bought last years shirt and so everyone would get a discount.

It was reiterated by Steph, Anne-Marie and Paull that they did not have to buy a new shirt and can still wear the current ones.

It was voted that there would be no subsidy for new shirts.

Steph will need to order 10 shirts at first. There is a four to five week turn around.

Phil suggested that we just order a large quantity of shirts in different sizes as then they will be readily available for existing and new members.

Steph showed us the new branding and the most popular was chosen. He will send out the design to the committee to agree.

The new shirt was proposed by Steph and all agreed.

Steph suggested that new member should pay £30 - £50, with a new shirt included. It was settled on a figure of £50 including a club shirt which will be ratified at the next meeting where membership fees will be discussed.

12. Any Other Business

Gerald said that there had been an issue with other committee members with a non-member joining the 100 club last week.

He couldn't see a problem, but non-members are not normally able to play in the 100 club due to gambling legislation. He wanted them to be an associate member.

This was not agreed as they need to join the club as a social member first.

The cost of social membership was agreed that it need to increase. Steph suggested £15.

Robert will write a written proposal to the committee about membership and then we can discuss it at the next meeting.

Paull suggested a lifetime membership for those who can't play anymore. He will draw up a list.

Robert has a gas barbeque that the club can have for club nights in the summer. This was suggested by Gerald for cooking sausages and burgers.

It was agreed that we would not have a plaque for the anonymous doner for new toilets, but the committee agreed that a socially distanced opening ceremony would be enough.

Ray asked if we could have the next meeting at the clubhouse, but this is not possible yet with the tier 2 rules.

13. Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th January at 7pm by zoom.