

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Monday 17th August

1. Present

Robert Goodhand, Ray Swallow, Paull Curtice, Anne-Marie Stevens, Sheila Harrison, Lionel Mendoza, Maureen Neale, Di Baker, Brian Brown, Michael Adams, Gerald Andrews

2. Apologies

Phil Stevens, Ed Tuck, Dave Evans.

3. Frank Booth resignation as groundsman and greenkeeper

Frank resigned last week. He is still a member of the club.

We will give him a card and Robert will write a thankyou letter for all the hard work he has done. Anne-Marie will take it round with a bottle of good whisky.

There are 6 volunteers who are willing to learn how to look after the green : Gerald, Peter, Cliff, Dave, Steff and Jim from the allotments. Gerald will be coordinator.

Hedges and other grass areas will be maintained by the green team as well.

Robert will email club member to ask for more volunteers.

Frank has said that he will be happy to come and show them how to use the equipment and to advise them on how to look after the green.

They will also be guided by Matt and Dave who come every month to advise the club.

4. Party and Singles final on 29th August

Some members will be bringing gazebos for shelter if it rains.

It was decided that if it is raining heavily it will have to be cancelled.

There will be one rink for target bowls and Brian will ref. He will put up £20 for the winner and £10 for the runner up.

We have ordered fish and chips for 4.50pm and Sheila is organising it. Mark will pick them up.

There is a list at the bar and the money is needed by the 21st August.

Robert will email the information to members.

5. Membership Report

We haven't recruited anyone for bowls this year.

We have lost some members due to illness and some have sadly passed away.

We have 37 playing members.

There are 10 playing members of tennis. We had 0 last year.

6. Allotments

This year the allotments have 57 participating adults on 38 cultivated allotments.

Last year there were 38 participating adults on 28 cultivated allotments.

Everyone agreed that they have been successful due to Frank and Paull's hard work.

Paull suggested that we should have at least one member from the allotments on the committee. He will ask Jim if he would be interested.

There are 2 empty half size allotments which need some work before we can allocate them.

There is no waiting list so Anne-Marie suggested that she would advertise them on The Gardening in Mendip Facebook page when Robert and Paull advises her when they will be ready.

We have had a quote of £50 pounds to remove the wood at the side of the allotments.
The other rubbish Robert said he would bag up and members could maybe take a bag and take it home for the bin or take it down the tip.

7. Bowls Leagues 2021

We will step back from the Wild League next year as we haven't got enough ladies to play it.
Robert will contact them.

We will participate in the Men's League and the Wessex League.

There is also a Knock out Cup that Ray would like us to enter.

Robert will coordinate with Phil about the leagues.

8. Update on Build

Paull has advised the builders that they can start on 21st September.

We will need to buy the flooring as that is not covered in the bid, only the fitting of it.

9. S106 bid

We have the support of the local councillors.

Lionel has put a request in to The Town Clerk to ask if she can put it on the agenda at there next meeting. No reply as yet.

He has written to all the Town Councillors but only 2 have replied.

He also asked Mendip if we could have the £9800 that was allocated to us before, but they said no, we will have to wait for the new bid.

10. AGM

It was agreed that the AGM will be on Saturday 21st September 2pm at St Pauls Community Hall.

Robert wants some changes to the constitution put forward:

2. Take this out so we are not binding ourselves to a national body.

4.3 It will be a committee decision to fix membership subscriptions.

6.4 Change to participating member instead of social member.

8.2 All bank accounts must have the same signatures.

10.2 Take out the line 'the letter of the law'.

We will need 5 people voted on as Officers of The Club.

Paull, Robert, Michael, Brian and Anne-Marie offered their names to be put forward. Ed was also suggested.

We will need to appoint an accounts examiner.

It was decided to have an award for best new allotment holder and it will be announced at the AGM. We will ask Frank to judge it.

11. Court Application from Lester Holley

The Courts wrote back to Robert and said it is not urgent and will take a long time to process.

12. Use of Croquet Lawn

Anne-Marie suggested we have our own marquee at the front to use all summer.

Paul suggested we use an area as a small bowling green for young people to use and try out bowls.

13. Any Other Business

Paull said that when we have the extension, we will lose the storage area so we need to get rid of some stuff and clean it out.

Sheila and Di said they will do it at 10am on Wednesday.

Anne-Marie wants the tables separated from each other in the Club House so we can ensure socially distancing. Also, to remove the bench cushions into the changing rooms so members aren't tempted to use them. The extra chairs should also be taken out so members can't add more to the tables.

It was agreed to do it before the social evening tonight.

14. Next Meeting

Monday 14th September 10am