

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 24th March

BOWLS

1. Present

Ray Swallow, Paull Curtice, Anne-Marie Stevens, Sheila Harrison, Gerald Andrews, Lionel Mendoza, Maureen Neale.

2. Apologies

Robert Goodhand, Brian Brown, Diane Baker, Ed Tuck.

3. Response to Covid-19

No more than 2 people from the same household will be able to have a roll up. There can be no social meetings on the green or at the club house. Members cannot play at all if self-isolating for medical reasons or if they have symptoms. There can be no more than eight members on the green at any one time as they will need a rink between each couple.

(The above has now changed due to Government guidelines and the greens will be closed until further notice)

It was agreed that the club cannot have a sign-up day. There will be options to pay by bank transfer or by cheque posted to Robert.

A letter will be emailed and posted out to all members with information about sign up and using the green. It will also include some sort of marketing to get money into the club.

4. Fees

It was decided that we should ask for a donation of fees for this season. We hope that members will still pay the full fees or near to it. Anne-Marie and Robert will create a letter explaining that if the membership do not pay some fees the club would be put into some difficulty paying the bills we still have to pay such as green maintenance, rent, water and electricity.

5. Communicating through Whats app.

Some members are using this but some still don't know how.

In the letter to members we will explain how to download it so we can all communicate better with each other.

6. Booking Venues for 2020

We will not book anything at the moment.

7. Confirm Fixtures Secretary for 2021

Phil Has agreed to be Fixtures Secretary. Robert will forward information to him.

8. Any Other Business

Robert and Brian will look into any savings we can make from the Duchy.

SITE BUSINESS

1. Toilets update

Paull has had 2 bids for the toilets so far, £51,000 and £42,500. There are still bids outstanding.

When all the bids are in Lionel will present them to the council for the 106 monies.

In these difficult times we will need to check the financial viability of companies before putting any deposits down for the work.

Lionel suggested that we could have a joint account with the company requiring both signatures.

Lionel will send an email to the council to see if they are still working. We only have 18 months left before the 106 monies are available so we need the rest of the bids as soon as possible.

2. Allotments

We agreed to keep the allotments open as per government guidelines.

It was agreed that we need to take action on non-payers. Robert has already emailed these tenants and has asked for payment by 31st March. If he has had no reply he will write again and say that if they haven't paid by 6th April they will lose their allotment and they will be allocated to someone else on the waiting list.

The combination on the allotment gates will need to be changed and only given to paid up tenants. Also asking allotment holders not to give out combination to any else. This will ensure non payers cannot get on to their allotment.

We want to discourage bonfires on the allotments, but at the moment there are no recycling facilities open. It was suggested that maybe we could allocate a space for their allotment waste only and this could be burnt and supervised by Frank or Paull. Robert will talk to Frank about whether this is an option.

Robert wants to measure and restructure the allotments, but this will not be done until the end of the year if agreed.

The best quote for a skip so far is £524. We need more quotes.

3. Tennis

A fee of £30 has been set by Robert for the tennis fees. Robert says this should cover the basics as we have £1430 in the pot just for the tennis.

Paull was worried that the fee would not cover the insurance and maintenance, but Robert says all costs would come out of the tennis money only.

Someone has offered to run the tennis, but it was agreed that all monies would come directly to us and they would need to be accountable to the club. It was suggested that he should join the committee.

4. Any Other Business

The window for the bar has not been sorted out yet. We will leave it for now until businesses can reopen.

5. Next meeting

Tuesday 28th April 10am by Zoom.