

Minutes of the Bowls, Allotments and Site Committee Tuesday 1st July 2021

1. Present

Robert Goodhand, Ray Swallow, Phil Stevens, Anne-Marie Stevens, Gerald Andrews, Lionel Mendoza, Maureen Neale, Sheila Harrison, Ed Tuck, Jen Coles, Michael Adams

2. Apologies

Dave Evans, Steph Boucher, Janet Ross.

3. Structure of the Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club - Phil

Phil gave an explanation about the structure of **Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club (SMBTC)**.

There are three autonomous sections to the club, Bowls, Allotments and Tennis.

The officers run the SMBTC as a whole and are not answerable to the Bowls Committee.

The Bowls Club is a wholly autonomous section of the SMBTC and has no authority over the SMBTC.

The SMBTC officers are there for administrative guidance and legal authority.

It was suggested that if the name was changed from Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club it would be easier to understand the distinction between SMBYTC and SMBC. This could be presented at the AGM and if the Duchy were to agree. Robert will ask them.

Anne-Marie suggested that perhaps the Allotment should have their own committee. Jen said she will look into it.

4. Greenkeeping

Dave Alway is cutting the green with George Jamieson.

Phil has bought the club a new watering system. This will take less time, only about one and a half hours.

Phil has put in for a lottery grant for an inset automatic sprinkler system for the club.

If we don't get the grant, we may need a water storage tank and pump.

Michael suggested that we could try for a Viridor grant.

There was a meeting on Sunday 28th June for the greenkeepers, with Mike Clutterbuck, the greenkeeper from Castle Cary. He was giving instruction on the greenkeeping kit that we have in our sheds. 8 Members attended.

The hedges along Frithfield Walk to the park have now been cut by 6 volunteers from the Bowls Club.

5. Bar Report – Robert

Robert wanted to give recognition to Ed and Sheila for all the work they do in the bar.

We want to extend our license so we can open the bar through the winter months. We will need to be more precise about the measures and our paper accounts in the bar.

6. Team Selection

Ray wanted to make it clear that the Captain selects the team, and if any one has problems they should ask to meet him face to face and discuss it. He had a very irate phone this week, and it was not acceptable.

7. First Aid Kit

Gerald said that we need an accident book and some proper first aid kits for the club.

We decided that we would put one inside the clubhouse and one outside or in the disabled toilet.

8. Opening Ceremony and BBQ

Anne-Marie and Gerald suggested that we have this on Monday 26th July from 5pm to about 8pm. The 1st August had to be cancelled due to holidays etc.

We can still have a toast and sausages and burgers. There will be a charge of £2.00 per roll as per normal club nights.

There will be target bowls and no roll up that evening.

Lionel will inform the guests of the change of date and Anne-Marie will talk to Ivor.

9. Life Members

It was already agreed for Ivor to be a life member and Michael wanted to put forward Ted Gould who was our president for many years and a very long serving active member.as well. This was agreed unanimously.

10. AOB

Jim Kent is seriously ill and someone needs to go and see him. Cliff and Frank go regularly and Robert has written him a letter. Ray and Robert will go to see him.

Ray wanted to know if we should postpone Wednesday's match because of the football. Phil said that if England win, he will contact Wyrall Park to see.

Gerald said that if we have parties such as the one last Saturday that we will need to secure a bond in case of damage also are people vetted before the facilities are hired.. Robert said he will deal with it.

The alarm key fob needs to be gone through with some other members that have them.

Gerald said that the Bowls Club do most of the ground work and would like the allotments to do more. Jen stated it was probably because they have never been asked.

The Next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd August at 7pm in the clubhouse.