

# **Winsford Recreation Association**

## **Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association**

**Held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6pm at Royal Oak Inn Winsford**

Present: Frazer Lawrence (FL) – Chair, Jayne Luscott (JL) - Secretary, Ian Whybrow (IW) -Treasurer, David Luscott (DL), Ros Dearing (RD), Sue Hayes (SH), Andrew Blackmore (AB)

FL opened the meeting at 18.00.

### **1. Opening remarks – Chair**

FL thanked all for attending.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies from BN, JO, and MH

### **3. Conflicts of interest**

None.

### **4. Approval of Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

All agreed. The pétanque court suggested for the village green has been declined by the Winsford Village Green Trust.

### **5. Financial Update**

IW handed out a summary of the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Donations, Halloween and Father Xmas events are to be added before the year end. IW has renewed the electricity contract. IW stated that the fire extinguisher tests were due soon. Insurance due 1<sup>st</sup> April. FL said that the mole catcher was called in due to moles in both fields, awaiting the invoice. DL stated that one of the December winners in the 100 club has very kindly donated back £40.

### **6. 100 Club Subscriptions Update**

DL will prepare the annual flyers for delivery at end of March, and the spreadsheet for 2025.

### **7. Financial Reserves Policy**

FL said that it had been suggested we donate to other charities. After much discussion it was decided that with the tennis courts due to be resurfaced in the next few years, it would be wise to have at least 50% of the cost available (resurfacing circa £30 - £40K). Plus at least a years cover for normal expenditure. FL said that unfortunately the Grant he had applied for from the LTA was refused due to them not doing capital projects. RD suggested that when an event is on to do a raffle for a charity and support a charity for a year to make a donation too.

## **8. Future Events**

Skittles and Duck Race  
Halloween  
Father Christmas  
Further events to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **9. Cricket Club Update/Costs**

AB said he will paint the pavilion when there is better weather. There are to be 18 matches (home & away) this year. The first game on 26<sup>th</sup> April, last game in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September.

## **10. Tennis Update**

FL said that he would contact Mike Hillier as he had offered to repair the shed. FL to approach more organisations for grants. IW suggested Greene King pitch in to help with grant. FL is also going to ask a tarmac firm to quote for the tennis courts. FL will contact Dan Passmore to commence grass cutting and spraying etc. Charles Hayes was asked if he would make the first cut, which he agreed to.

## **11. AOB**

DL stated that JL and himself were standing down as trustees at the end of March. FL thanked them for their support over the past 7 years. Discussion took place on replacing the trustees. FL stated that he was happy to continue as Chair for the next year. FL thanked AB for cutting down the tree in the corner of the recreation field that had fallen during the storm, by Howetown Lane bridge. Dog mess is still an issue despite signage. WRA request owners to pick up after their dog(s) in both recreation fields. A bin is available in the recreation field car park.

## **12. Closing Remarks**

FL thanked all for attending.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at the Royal Oak Inn at 18.00.