



## **Minutes of a Wellow Recreation Trustees Meeting**

**held on the 7th July 2022 at 8pm in the Fox & Badger, Wellow**

**Present:** Beth Jackson                      Chairman  
Mike Clarkson                      Treasurer  
Debbie Clarkson                      Secretary  
Sophie Hart  
Giles Pearman  
Peter Gaines  
Sue Chivers

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Olivia Elliott and Lisa Hunt.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** The minutes of the WR Trustees meeting held on the 3rd March 2022 were approved.
- 3. Election of Officers:** The committee welcomed Peter Gaines who has returned as a Wellow Recreation Trustee. Debbie Clarkson is to stand down from Wellow Recreation having served 6 years as a WPC representative. The committee elected the following trustees to the principal roles.

**Chairman:** Beth Jackson

**Vice-Chairman:** Peter Gaines

**Secretary:** It was agreed that the role should be shared by Sophie Hart and Olivia Elliot. BJ to confirm this arrangement with OE.

**Treasurer:** Mike Clarkson

LH will continue as lead for communications and social media.

OE will continue as lead for liaison with St. Julian's School

SH will take the lead with the Community Chest.



It was noted that BJ and MC will have to resign as trustees next year after serving six terms as per the WR Constitution and that every effort should be made to find new trustees. MC stressed the importance of his successor as Treasurer working alongside him in order to achieve a smooth transition and mentioned that the role of Vice-Chair could be revived if necessary for the transition of the role of Chair.

BJ will ask LH to organise a campaign via social media to attract future trustees and mentioned that this year's focus will shift away from projects towards strengthening both the team of trustees and participation in sports and fitness on the field.

It was agreed that SC would review the Constitution and consult with PG to ensure that WR continues to work within the rules.

PG agreed to provide any necessary support for BJ and volunteered to assist MC with field management.

DC to ask WPC to appoint another representative to serve as a Trustee on the WR Committee.

## **4. Finance**

MC presented the latest accounting statements showing a cash balance of £7,569 of which £2,264 represents the balance of Play Park funds and a further £1,894 is ring fenced for sports and arts groups. He also presented a forecast for cash flows to the end of 2022 showing the need for income from Community Chest events of at least £1,000 if we are to break even.

- 5. Play Park Status:** The final invoice from the contractor for the guarantee retention of 2.5% equal to £1,081 has not yet been received. SC mentioned the accumulation of aluminium poles behind the Pavilion which children were playing with but MC reported that these had been removed last month by a scrap metal dealer.

## **6. Field Management:**

MC reported that the repairs to the goalmouths, verti-draining and

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top-dressing had been completed thanks to kind donations totalling £2,000 from Wellow Valley Tennis to WPC for repairs to the playing field and its equipment. Interest has been expressed in the hire of the football pitch by a team from Bath but the Badgers have not returned

The running track is in the process of being cleared of weeds.

SC announced that WPC has been awarded 420 saplings to plant a new hedge inside the northern boundary fence of the playing field under 'The Queen's Green Canopy' Platinum Jubilee initiative. The saplings will be delivered in early November and both St. Julian's School and Magic Box will be encouraged to take part in the planting.

MC mentioned that Keith Banks is stepping down as cricket lead and that an effort will be made to nominate a new lead.

Wellow Boules continues to attract good levels of participation and is taking part in the Thursday evening Bath Boules League.

Wellow Arts is hoping to invite Miracle Theatre to perform again on the field in summer 2023

## **7. School Liaison:**

OE sent an update in her capacity as the WR School Liaison Trustee. She reported that the St Julian's Sports Day had been a great success and thanked MC for arranging the white linings and ensuring that the grass was cut in time for the event. The whole school was joined by Magic Box Pre-schoolers and the PTA served refreshments.

Football continues on Monday after school and appears to be very well attended by St Julian's pupils and coached by Raph.

Tom Therrien from Blue Sky Tennis has reported that he is keen to work with the school.

OE is to meet with teacher and sports lead Karen Parker over the summer to discuss resuming netball on the tennis courts and an idea to train volunteers as netball umpires. She will also discuss cricket at this meeting.



OE reported that Mrs Parker had expressed a reluctance to use volunteers to assist with escorting the children to activities on the playing field. This was mainly due to not being able to rely on volunteers or letting them know if a session was cancelled due to bad weather. There are moves by the PTA however to try again to provide DBS-checked volunteers.

## **8. Pavilion:**

DC reported that there have been several hires of the Pavilion for children's parties and that there are weekly yoga sessions on Tuesday evenings bringing in a welcome regular income. The Pavilion is on regular use during tennis coaching sessions, Club Nights and Boules League matches. It was also used as a 'Green Room' for the cast of the Outdoor Theatre production of Peter Pan held on the field in July.

The Pavilion will be used for the local elections to be held in 2023.

Liz Wharton continues to do a very good job of cleaning the WC and Pavilion plus reporting anything that is amiss.

There have been some unfortunate acts of vandalism to the facilities over the past few months. These were in the form of a broken tilting door in the WC that required a visit from Booths the installers of the building. The door is now permanently closed. The loo seat was broken and had to be replaced (the culprits were identified by players on the court but denied responsibility).

There are several children who continue to climb onto the roof of the pavilion and scatter the stones that are part of the roof insulation onto the pavilion forecourt.

DC reported that WVT has suggested that a CCTV system is installed and all agreed that this action should be investigated. DC in her capacity as a member of the WVT Management Committee will look into the rules and regulations regarding data collection.

## **9. Community Chest:**

Plans are in place to hold 3 Community Chest events in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2022:

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the 10k run led by WR, a wine tasting led by the Village Shop, and a Peace and Friendship Party in St. Julian's Church in December

## **10. Website and Social Media:**

LH was congratulated in her absence for her excellent work promoting WR on Instagram and other social media and for publishing the monthly "What's On" bulletin in the Parish Post as well.

Meetings had taken place with the team managing the wellow.org domain and it is hoped that this will allow us improved access to the functionality of the WR website.

## **11. Next Meeting TBD**