

Buxton Cricket, Bowls and Tennis Club Management Committee Meeting, 9/9/2022

Present: Bob Marsden (chair), Phil Slater (treasurer), Allan Ramsay (secretary), Arthur Braybrooke, Will Annison (by skype)

Apologies: Steve Thompson

1 Lease

Bob Marsden is pursuing the signing of the new lease, but needs details of the place and date of the deaths of the trustees from the old lease. He has details for Reg McNaught, but not for Dorothy Jackson (ex-tennis club member). Allan Ramsay will try to get these details.

2 Finance

Phil Slater reported that the overall club has £25K in the bank following various grants for supporting charitable and community organisations and sports clubs over COVID, obtained largely by members of the cricket section. He further reported that it is expected that the club's electricity bill will increase fourfold, to around £4.8K pa (subsequent newspaper reports suggest that it may not be quite this bad, but there will definitely be a substantial increase). There was some inconclusive discussion of the best way to make use of these funds, but nothing was decided. The matter will be reconsidered prior to the main club AGM.

3 Pavilion project

Will Annison reported on the progress of the plans to redevelop the pavilion, as follows:

- An asbestos survey has been carried out on the existing building. This survey indicated that there is very little loose asbestos in the building and that there would therefore be no need for asbestos removal specialists to be contracted. This survey should have been carried out irrespective of the plans for redevelopment, so it is helpful that it has now been done.

It was also noted later in the meeting that a fire inspection was overdue, and should be carried out regularly.

- A bat survey will be required. There are bats in the general area, but it is not known whether they are nesting in the pavilion. A similar survey was carried out when the tennis club's lights were installed and found that there was no issue, so hopefully that will be the case for the pavilion.
- The architects have submitted initial plans, with the aim of improving the changing areas and toilets and increasing the social space. It is recognised that these changes will largely benefit the cricket section, but the tennis section will also have access to better changing facilities and all three sections will benefit from the improved toilets, particularly the ladies' toilets.

It is expected that the architects will submit revised plans in time for the cricket section's AGM in November, and these plans will be made available to the other two sections. Bob Marsden proposed that the main club would make a contribution of £3K to the architects' fees and £1K for the bat survey. After some discussion it was agreed that the various

sections would discuss a £2K contribution from the main club funds with their committees, with the expectation that this would then be confirmed or otherwise in time for the main club AGM.

As an offshoot of this discussion it was suggested that the main club should keep a float equivalent to a year's expenditure in its account. This was generally agreed, and this suggestion will be included in the budget to be brought to the AGM.

4 Fireworks

It has been agreed with the organisation that runs the firework display will contribute £1200 as last year. Last year they also made a £300 goodwill payment, and while this was very welcome it is not part of the agreement. They propose to make adjustments to the main gate to facilitate access to the site by larger vehicles. These adjustments will be paid for by the organisers, but may be useful to the various sections (notably providing improved access for the pavilion redevelopment if and when funds for that become available).

It was noted that last year the organisers had left fireworks to burn out on the outfield, which is both dangerous and damaging. Bob Marsden will discuss the use of fire pits, made by removing turf and replacing it later, with them.

The bar and provision of hot drinks (tea, coffee, hot chocolate) produced a useful income stream, but took considerable effort on the part of the people running them (Will Anniston, with some help from other people from the cricket section, was in charge of the bar, Steve and Anne Thompson and others from the tennis section ran the hot drinks service). The sections are asked to try to provide people to help with catering on the night, since the funds raised from this go into the general club accounts.

5 The drive

The possibility of resurfacing the drive from the lower gate to the upper car park was raised by Bob Marsden. After some discussion it was agreed that this question, along with the need to fix an overflowing drain in the bank by the pavilion, will be revisited in the spring.

6 AOB

A number of minor items of AOB were considered.

- Bob Marsden reported that an organisation for supporting people with mental health issues wanted to book the pavilion for half day sessions on alternate Tuesdays. This was welcomed, and it was agreed that a charge of £50 for a half day booking was appropriate. The electricity bills incurred by the previous users was raised, but it is understood that the new users will not need to have the heating switched on the night before. Allan Ramsay was asked to check that the pavilion booking system was still running and to provide details of its use to the committee.
- It was noted that the council had removed one of the bins following a misunderstanding about the contract. Phil Slater agreed to find out whether a single larger bin could be provided, since having just one standard size bin was not adequate.

- Arthur Braybrooke asked for the pool table to be moved to make access from the bowls pavilion to the main pavilion easier.

The date for the main club AGM was agreed as Friday 20 January 2023.