

Extra-ordinary meeting of the Playing Fields committee was held on Monday 20 June 2020 in Roly Tavernor's garden at 6.30 p.m.

Attendance was limited on account of the Coronavirus restrictions. Present were:-

Philip Smith	Chairman
David Milburn	Treasurer
Alan Eardley	President
Roly Tavernor	Cricket club
Mary Tavernor	Tennis club
Jim Blackburn	Bowls club
Martin Rowley	Cricket club – via Zoom

There followed a brief discussion on how each of the clubs was faring during lockdown.

The tennis courts are up and running but only with restricted numbers and strict hygiene. No competitions have yet been able to take place.

Bowls – the green is available for use again by limited numbers of people using their own woods and jack.

Cricket – the cricket club has purchased a bowling machine and, although no competitive matches can take place, some practice and coaching of senior and junior members is taking place on the ground.

Maintenance of building and playing fields and mower

Roly Tavernor reported that to improve hygiene the purchase of a blow dry hand dryer in at least the gents toilet is needed. Paper towels are considered more messy and not ideal. The meeting approved the purchase of a hand dryer for the gents.

He also reported that he wondered if the fire alarm in the building was working properly. All present agreed that it should be looked in to.

The Gang Mower had required a full and comprehensive service for which the cost was £1,000. It was agreed by all this should be paid from the Gang Mower account.

Our Treasurer reported that he has been successful in his applications for grant aid to help us through the shutdown period, when costs still accrued, but with little income to meet them. A grant of £2,350 has been received from Sport England and £10,000 from Shropshire Council's hospitality and leisure funding.

It was agreed by those present that a sum of £500 be sent to each of the clubs, cricket, tennis and bowls immediately to help with their ongoing costs.

It was also agreed that when lockdown measures permit, we should hold our delayed Annual General Meeting and at that meeting consider the current finances and, how they might be used to benefit the aims of the charity.

Thanks were expressed to Roly and Mary for hosting and to our Treasurer for his diligence in protecting the charity's funding and future.

The meeting closed at 8 p.m.