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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Gaskell Recreation Ground Board of Management held at 7.00pm on Thursday 8 October 2009 in the Guildhall, Much Wenlock

Present: in the Chair, Cllr Mrs L Durbin

Councillors: Mrs P Daffurn, Mrs A Dugdale, Mr M Grace, Mr E W Humphries, Mr T Pinches, Mr R Stuart and Mr D Turner, Mr M Whiteman OBE

Messrs Mr C Bowden, Mr G D A Bowden and Mr T Childs (representing Wenlock Estates).

In attendance: Mrs W Burd

47 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mr T Lathe, Mr D Davies.

48 Declarations of Interest

Personal

Cllr Turner declared a personal interest as a member of Much Wenlock Bowling Club.

Cllr Whiteman declared possible interest as a governor of William Brookes School - appointment to be confirmed

Prejudicial

Cllr Grace declared a possible prejudicial interest as a committee member of Much Wenlock Cricket Club.

Cllr Pinches declared a possible prejudicial interest as a committee member of Much Wenlock Cricket Club.

49 Adjournment: It was

RESOLVED: The meeting be adjourned to hear the presentation by Pleydell Smithyman on the Vision for the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

The meeting was adjourned.

Nat Healy, of the consultants Pleydell Smithyman, gave a presentation on a vision for the Gaskell Recreation Ground. The presentation was followed by an open forum when members of the public asked questions about the future management of the Gaskell Field, Pleydell Smithyman's findings and recommendations.

The meeting resumed at 20.50pm

50 Discuss and agree next steps

Cllr Durbin proposed that a further Special Meeting of the Board be held to discuss Pleydell Smithyman's report, after it had been received. Board members agreed but also expressed the need to discuss issues raised by members of the public during the presentation, including the Joint Use Agreement, funding and car parking provision. It was agreed that the Special Meeting should be held c 10 days after receiving Pleydell Smithyman's report.

The Board agreed the importance of establishing the funding that Shropshire Council would offer for the Gaskell Field at the forthcoming meeting between the Town Council's delegation and Shropshire Council officials to discuss the Gaskell Field and a replacement for the Joint Use Agreement.

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Board members agreed that the presentation represented value for money. It was agreed that letters of thanks be sent to Pleydell Smithyman and Advantage West Midlands.

Mr C Bowden asked for an electronic copy of the Pleydell Smithyman presentation.

51 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that a Special Meeting would be convened to consider the Pleydell Smithyman report.

Signed Chairman

21 January 2010

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