



Wednesday 13 January 2010

The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery

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## Present

JB (Chair), AB, JW, DT, KG, RK. CD attended to report on the progress of building work.

### 1 Apologies

BC, SD, NT, RY

### 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 9 November 2009 were agreed.

### 3 Matters Arising

JB attended the Shropshire League AGM in November and received the Division 5 trophy and prize money of £110 on behalf of the second XI. The proposed merger between the Shropshire League and the Premier League has been abandoned.

DT has booked a coffee morning for 19 June.

AB has booked Shrewsbury School nets for four weekends in March / April.

### 4 Correspondence

DT tabled the fixture grid for the coming season and noted that the season started on 1 May and ended on 25 September.

The Committee considered a questionnaire asking the club for their opinions on changes to the structure of the league. The club supported single team clubs joining the first division, but did not support third XIs playing in the first division or the creation of a separate league for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th XIs.

### 5 Financial Update

AB tabled the draft Annual Accounts Summary and noted that they are being audited by Mark Cadwallader. Both he and Mark think a new format is required - one that includes a balance sheet to show the assets of the club. This will be ready for the Annual General Meeting, and will be tabled on the night. The Committee agreed to this approach.

AB explained that the 'cash in bank' figure of £17,891 is misleading because around £11,000 was already committed to the development programme. He explained the difference between 'normal' income / expenditure and development related income / expenditure. The distinction is necessary to ensure that any issues relating to the annual running of the club are not obscured by the high income and expenditure figures related to the development programme.

The club is waiting for news about three grants – from NatWest, the Co-op, and Laura Ashley. The majority of other grants have now been received, and the major fund raising activities of the development programme have also been completed. The main event for 2010 is the Sportsman's Dinner. Apart from the non-turf pitch, the fund raising programme for the development plan outlined two years ago is close to being complete. It may be possible, with the planned fund raising for 2010 and success in grant applications, to go ahead with the non-turf pitch sooner rather than later.

AB raised concerns about the rise in insurance costs because of new equipment at the ground. The committee recognised this is inevitable, but agreed that insurance should cover replacement value rather than full costs. This should reduce the increase in costs.

The committee considered the cash forecast for 2010, and welcomed the figure of £5,086 for December 2010. This has reduced from the estimate of around £10,000 provided at the last Committee meeting, but AB explained that this is due to slightly increased costs in the extension of the clubhouse and the expected rise in insurance costs.

## 6 Fund Raising

JB thanked all those involved in organising the Casino Night, and KG commented that it was a good example of the club working well together. The Committee considered it the kind of event worth repeating.

Ian Gourdie is organising a wine tasting evening, probably in March.

JB enquired whether any more was known about Elin Yewdall's plans to erect a marquee on the ground. As no one had heard anything DT will contact her and explain that the ground will only be available from October because of the late end to the season. If Elin's event is not going ahead the Sportsman's Dinner may be better held in February.

RK suggested the event should have a family focus, and the committee welcomed this suggestion. It was agreed to consider the format of the evening later in the year.

## 7 Ground Issues

CD reported on progress to extend the clubhouse, which is running about two weeks behind schedule because of recent bad weather. This was not considered a major problem, but volunteers for decorating and other jobs would now be required in late February rather than earlier in the month.

NT has informed AB that the work is coming within estimated costs, but that the cost of the stairs and balustrade has not yet been fixed. AB and CD both tabled quotes for this work. The quotes did not include galvanising the metalwork as it is hoped this can be covered by an agreement made with Technocover. AB agreed to ask SD to confirm this offer, but otherwise CD was asked to raise the order with the firm that had provided the lowest quote.

The Committee considered the quotes for the covers, and again CD was asked to raise an order with the firm that had provided the lowest quote for the steelwork, also depending on the outcome of discussions about galvanising. CD was also asked to obtain further quotes for the tarpaulins. The successful quote is a 'three covers for the price of two' offer dependant on the supplier having the firm's name and logo on at least one of the covers. The Committee agreed in principle, but AB will discuss the matter with Mark Cadwallader, whose firm has also offered money to sponsor them. Mark will also be shown the plans so he can decide how his firm's logo is displayed. The committee emphasized that they are keen to have covers for the start of the coming season.

The Committee are concerned that the price for the steelwork in the pavilion and the covers is higher than budgeted for. AB suggested using the contingency costs in the Development Plan to cover this, and the Committee agreed.

CD noted that plans for the clubhouse extension do not show the change in level between the existing building and the new extension. The means of resolving this is in dispute between himself and NT. CD would like one of the hand basins in the toilet removed to allow space for internal steps leading to the home changing room and toilet, while NT would prefer to raise the level of the floor in the corridor and put external stairs on the front of the pavilion. The Committee preferred CD's suggestion as they are concerned that external stairs may be a health and safety issue.

AB informed the Committee that Anthony Mould has offered to sponsor a weather vane and small clock tower on the pavilion. The Committee welcomed this offer.

The committee agreed to revise the plans and re-submit them to the Planning Committee. AB does not see any problem with this as the local authority are supportive of the project. The new plans will also be shown to Tom Till.

JW informed the meeting that the cost of the cassette for the mower that the committee agreed to buy at the last meeting did not include the gearing system to run it. As this would have to be purchased the total cost of the cassette is now be around £1,000. The committee agreed to postpone the purchase of this until after discussion later in the year.

#### 8 Captains Issues

There were no captain's issues.

#### 9 Child Protection Issues

JB informed the Committee that he intends to step down as child protection officer at the AGM. He suggested that a member of the club with appropriate qualifications take the role.

#### 10 Youth and Coaching Issues

KG reported that five junior members have attended 'developing excellence' courses, and that 13 have been invited to attend mid-Wales squad training which starts on 17 January.

There are a number of courses available to club members, including an umpiring course that Thomas Corfield and AB are attending. DT enquired whether Keith wanted to be informed of courses run in Shropshire, and he replied that it would be useful if similar courses are not being run in Wales.

New bowling regulations for young bowlers have been issued, and KG noted that they can bowl more overs than last season. AB agreed to investigate insurance cover for use of the nets and bowling machine. JB suggested a list of guidelines on how to use the nets be drawn up and the committee agreed.

#### 11 Communication Officer Issues

DT will prepare a newsletter for the beginning of the season. He has also placed photographs of the building work at the club on the website.

#### 13 Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on 11 February in the Dragon Hotel. DT has booked the Dragon Hotel and arranged a buffet to follow. He will notify members and circulate papers at least 21 days before the date.

14 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be set at the Annual General Meeting.