

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE  
2010

20 April

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Asst. Clerk Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K P Facer

Mrs S A Hatton

Ms B Laxton

M J R Mallows

I G Read

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

Mrs J G A Smith

Head Groundsman : Mr A Poole

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R M Richmond and D J Roberts and sports representatives Mr D McLaughlin, Mr M Roughead, Mr P Stevens and Mr K Pride.

## 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

## 3 MINUTES

The minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Meeting held on 16 March 2010 were read confirmed and signed.

**PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke to **ACCEPT**

**VOTE: 10 FOR : 1 ABSTENSION**

## 4 MATTERS ARISING – (new information only)

None

## 5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

There were no sports clubs matters as no sports club representatives were present.

## 6 GROUNDSMAN'S ISSUES

Mr A R Poole advised the Committee that he had two problems with machinery.

- Steering on Kubota
- Ransomes mower needed a new battery – the old one had been on the mower since new, which was approximately 8 years.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M J R Mallows and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that both these problems should be dealt with immediately due to the necessity of the groundstaff needing the equipment to continue with their work.

**VOTE: 11 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

Mr A R Poole also requested permission to buy fertiliser (nitrogen) for all the out fields (Spicers, Mill Lane and Lynton Way). He had obtained prices from our normal supplier (Sheriff Amenity) at a cost of £1,300 for 2 ton and also from Hadstock Farm up to a cost of £600 for 2 ton.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard for Mr A R Poole to go ahead and order the fertiliser from Hadstock Farm.

**VOTE: 11 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

Mr A R Poole also reported that despite his efforts he could not remove the graffiti on the Pavilion at Mill Lane although he did manage to remove the first letter of a very offensive word.

Councillor Miss S E Clarke agreed to contact Mr C Bradley at SCDC to see if he could organise for this to be removed permanently.

## 7 PAVILIONS AND GROUNDS

### Keys

The Chairman explained the need for a system to be put in place regarding the distribution of keys to the Pavilions. It was suggested that special locks are needed with special keys and that it is documented in the annual Hire Agreement who would be key holders with a deposit being imposed to allow the Parish Council to monitor the whereabouts of keys at any one time. It was also suggested that keys are returned to the Parish Council when key holders leave their position with sports clubs.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to seek advice from Dent Security Systems Ltd regarding locks, keys and grilles and take to Full Parish Council Meeting to be held in May.

### Spicer's

With regret, the Chairman advised the Committee that there were serious problems with the Contractors who were building the Pavilion. Due to the seriousness of the situation it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Committee authorise Councillor E C Murray to consult the Parish Council's Solicitors to take what action he deemed necessary.

**VOTE: 11 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

### Mill Lane

Mr A R Poole reported that the boiler had been fixed and the toilet unblocked.

**Lynton Way**  
Nothing to report

**8 REPLACEMENT TREES FOR RECREATION GROUNDS**

After discussion it was **AGREED** that the Committee will look into this in the autumn.

**9 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**10 COUNCILLORS ISSUES**

**Dog Fouling**

It was reported that we are not the only Council having problems with dog fouling and that other Councils have taken more serious measures to combat this on-going problem by banning dogs from all Recreation Grounds.

**SCDC Car Park**

It was reported that the new markings in the car park had vastly improved the appearance but the 'keep clear' marking had been missed. It was also pointed out that the drain had been removed which would cause excess water to flow down Selsingen Way into the High Street causing problems. Clerk to ask CCC Highways Department to investigate.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Mrs S A Hatton and Miss S E Clarke for organising a 'walk about' the village with the Enforcement Officer from SCDC and commented on how tidy the car park was at this present time.

**Overhanging foliage – The Baulks**

In the short term Mr A R Poole offered to cut the over-hanging foliage but pointed out this is a yearly occurrence and was the responsibility of CCC. Clerk to write to CCC and ask for this to be done in the future, or alternatively we would be prepared to control the foliage if they would be prepared to reimburse us for the work carried out.

**Grass Verges – Churchfield Avenue**

Bollards have appeared on the grass verges to stop the parking of vehicles which are ruining the verges. It was agreed that the bollards were the responsibility of the individual(s) who placed them on the verges.

**New Trees and Yew Hedge**

Concern was expressed about the need to water these trees and the hedge. Mr A R Poole agreed to look into ways and means of a watering system.

**Mill Land and Lynton Way Recreation Grounds**

The Groundsman advised he has been approached on several occasions by youngsters wishing to have goal facilities on the above recreation grounds, the same as the goal at Deal Grove. He advised the Committee he had suggested to them that they write into the Parish Council with reasons as to why they would like to have a goal and perhaps meet with the Councillors and present their case.

**11 AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

**Meeting closed at 8.30 pm**