

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

18 May 2010

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Asst. Clerk Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K P Facer

M J R Mallows

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

R M Richmond

Mrs J G A Smith

Sports Representatives

:

Mr P Stevens : Sawston Sports Council

Mr K Pride : Sawston Cricket Club

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D J Roberts and Ms B Laxton and Head Groundsman, Mr A R Poole.

2 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor E C Murray was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke for the position of Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor E C Murray was elected Chairman.

VOTE: 9 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

3 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Miss S E Clarke was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith and **SECONDED** by Councillor K P Facer for the position of Vice Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Miss S E Clarke was elected Vice Chairman.

VOTE: 9 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

5 MINUTES

The minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Meeting held on 20 April 2010 were read confirmed and signed.

PROPOSED by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ACCEPT**

VOTE: 9 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

6 MATTERS ARISING – (new information only)

Sports Club Matters

Mr P Stevens, Chairman of the Sports Council, stated that in future Mr R Rule would deputise in the event of him not being able to attend any Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meetings.

Keys for Pavilions

The Clerk had contacted Dents who advised that fobs would be the way forward and that a representative would be checking the Pavilions on Thursday to make the necessary recommendations.

Dog Fouling

It was reported that dog fouling was on the increase in the Cemetery and it was suggested that temporary notices be displayed to this effect and this problem to be made an Agenda item for the Cemetery Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1 June 2010.

Councillor K P Facer volunteered to write an article for publication in the Sawston Scene together with a plan of where dog bins are situated.

SCDC – Car Park

It was reported that Gravelle Budgens had taken up a 99 year lease on the car park from SCDC. Clerk to check conditions of lease for any charges that could be made for parking.

Yew Plants

It was reported that the yew hedge plants were was not looking good and it was suggested that an alternative site should be found for the remaining healthy plants. Councillor M J R Mallows to discuss with Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman.

7 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

There were no sports clubs matters as unfortunately the meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 May 2010 was cancelled by the Chairman of the Parish Council due to excessive work load. A suggestion was made that a notice be displayed on the noticeboard to inform sports clubs of this decision who do not usually attend.

8 GROUNDSMAN'S ISSUES

In the absence of Mr A R Poole, Councillor M J R Mallows reported that although it had been agreed for Mr A R Poole to purchase 2 ton of fertiliser at a cost of £600 he also needed top soil for Lynton Way and Mill Lane Recreation Grounds.

Mr A R Poole to be asked to make a decision on what ratio he would like to apply between fertiliser and top soil up to a cost of £600.

It was also reported that the Cemetery was in need of replacement watering cans. It was agreed under Chairman's Action to purchase 4 x galvanised watering cans marked as being the property of Sawston Parish Council.

9 PAVILIONS AND GROUNDS

Spicer's – New Pavilion

Councillor E C Murray reported that Inspire, building contractors, had been sent their final letter by Mr S Ward, Architect for the project, and had now vacated the site. The Parish Council had taken over the responsibility of the security fencing until a new contractor is in place. The project has gone out to tender and within the next two weeks a decision will be made. At the moment the project is approximately three months behind schedule.

Mill Lane

Graffiti is still not satisfactory. SCDC has advised that an extra chemical is needed to complete the work, but this will only be carried out if the Parish Council purchases the new material.

Lynton Way

It was reported that the goals have been unlocked and moved again. Mr P Stevens advised that the Sports Council will deal with this problem and that security fencing could become available for use on Lynton Way and Spicers if necessary.

10 BENCHES – BUS STOP AT CAMBRIDGE ROAD

A quotation had been received from T Butler (Sawston) Ltd at a cost of £831.00 + VAT. Although this seemed excessive it was pointed out that one seat needed to be rebuilt with the other two seats needing minor repairs which all equated to a week's work.

At this point Mr K Pride left the meeting (8.30pm)

Mr P Stevens left the meeting at 8.33pm but before leaving informed the Committee that the next Sports Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 2 June 2010.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council that the quotation from T Butler (Sawston) Ltd to repair all three seats is **ACCEPTED**.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

11 COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

As part of a new Government Scheme aimed at getting unemployed people back to work, unskilled 18-24 years olds who have been on Job Seekers allowance for 6-12 months get 12 week placements doing unpaid work within the community. During meetings with the Projects Supervisor, Councillors and the Groundsman it was suggested that the wetland area and relaying the bark path could be our first project. This proposal was put forward and accepted by this scheme.

The Committee felt that this was very advantageous to the village and suggested that photographs be taken before the work commenced and also afterwards so the improvements could be documented in a newsletter. It was also suggested that if managed properly it would be an area for school children to visit.

12 CYCLE RACKS

It was reported that Cambridge has been awarded National Cycling Town Status and has £7.2M to spend on cycling improvements in the city and surrounding villages. Part of this money is to be spent providing cycle racks and their installation, but not the concrete bases. Sawston is just on the perimeter of National Cycling Town Status, so is eligible.

The Committee thought this was a very good idea and that our Groundsman, Mr A R Poole, should be involved in this project as it did involve constructing concrete bases for the cycle racks to be sited. Suggestions for these racks to be installed were Orchard Park, Lynton Way play equipment area, Mill Lane and Spicers.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor M J R Malloys to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that we gather prices for the cost of bases and decide locations before sending written proposals for consideration by Cycle Projects Team.

13 KEYS FOR PAVILIONS

Already discussed

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

15 COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Green Bins

It was reported that several parishioners were having problems with green bins not being collected or being emptied and left in the middle of the path especially the area between Shingay Lane and Kingfisher Close causing an obstruction for the safe passage of mobility scooters, buggies etc. Councillor Dr D R Bard to contact SCDC to investigate the problem.

Former John Falkner School

It was reported that the middle of the grassed area in front of the school had been cut but the perimeter had not, leaving a very untidy affect. CCC to be advised.

Cambridge Road

It was reported that the Cambridge Road banks needed cutting. Grass Contractor to be informed.

16 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm