

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

17 May 2011

**PRESENT:** Chairman: E C Murray

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

Mrs S A Hatton

Ms B Laxton

(arrived 7.35pm)

M J R Mallows

I G Read

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

R M Richmond

D J Roberts

Mrs J G A Smith

Sports Club Representative

: Mr K Pride : Sawston Cricket Club

Head Groundsman

: Mr A R Poole

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Stevens (Chairman of Sawston Sports Council)

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

Councillor E C Murray was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond for the position of Chairman.

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

**VOTE: 11 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 R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton 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: 11 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

**4 TREE PLANTING – REVD BRUCE WALDRON**

As Revd Bruce Waldron was unable to attend the meeting, he was invited to attend the next R & O S Meeting to be held on 21 June 2011.

**5 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

None

**6 MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2011 were read, confirmed and signed.

Councillor Ms B Laxton arrived at 7.35pm

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

**VOTE: 11 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION**

**7 MATTERS ARISING**

**Mill Lane**

It was confirmed the extraction fans at Mill Lane Pavilion had been mended.re now working.

**8 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS**

There have been ongoing discussions with the Sports Council regarding the fine for Sawston Athletic F.C. using the pitch and also entering Mill Lane Pavilion without permission. The Sports Council has now come back to the Parish Council proposing a fine of £35 plus the match fee as they feel the previous £50 fine was too high.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton that the Parish Council should encourage sport and accept their offer at £35.00 and by supporting the Sports Council

It was then **COUNTER-PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Parish Council keep the fine at £50.00 + match fee of £45.00

The Counterproposal was voted on first:

**VOTE: 7 FOR : 3 AGAINST : 1 ABSTENTION  
: 1 NO VOTE**

**As the Counterproposal was won it becomes a substantive motion and was voted on:**

**VOTE: 7 FOR : 3 AGAINST : 1 ABSTENTION  
: 1 NO VOTE**

## 9 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman, thanked the Parish Council for accepting the quotes for the seed/soil etc. at the previous Full Parish Council Meeting.

## 10 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

### Spicers

Councillor M J R Mallows reported there are 3 dead conifer trees near the Pavilion that belong to Sawston Village College. The concern is that they could become dangerous and fall onto the Pavilion. Clerk to write to Sawston Village College.

### Mill Lane

Mr A R Poole reported that the shutters on Mill Lane Pavilion are completely bowed now as children have been seen kicking balls against them. They used to kick the balls against the wall but now the cycle racks are there they are prevented from doing this. The shutters do work at one end but ideally need replacing as they are not very strong. It was suggested that the Parish Council remove the shutters totally but they do protect the windows and also prevent people congregating in the alcove. Clerk to obtain prices for some stronger replacement shutters and take to the next R & O S Meeting.

The door to the shed at the back of the Pavilion that belongs to Sawston Rovers F.C. has been damaged and can now be accessed easily. Clerk to contact them to ask them to repair it or the Parish Council could remove it if they preferred as there was not much stored in it.

### Lynton Way

The Clerk was getting some quotes for the showers as it was reported that the water pressure was not very good. Mr A R Poole advised the Parish Council that he was there playing football at the weekend and all 4 showers were running efficiently and he felt the pressure was fine and had no complaints.

Clerk to go back to the team that made the complaint and ask them if they now feel the showers are adequate.

### Spicers

Nothing to report

## 11 CLUB FEES – LATE PAYMENT PENALTY

It was explained that Sawston Wanderers F.C. had not yet paid all their fees for the season even though they should have paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. The contract states that if they do not pay on time they will be charged 5% which normally equates to about £10.00. As this late payment fine is so minimal the Clubs have no incentive to make the payment until the next season.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that all fees must be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> May otherwise the Club will lose their rights to play on the pitch the following season

**VOTE: 12 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

## 12 DOG BINS

There had been several requests for dog bins in Teversham Way and on footpath 11 (Churchfield Ave – Babraham Road)

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Clerk orders 2 dog bins for these areas.

**VOTE: 12 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

## 13 CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 14 COUNCILLORS ISSUES

### **Allotment Rubbish**

Councillor Miss S E Clarke reported that the rubbish at the allotments was still there. Clerk to contact JHC again as we urgently need this removed as more rubbish is being added to it.

### **Footpath between Queensway and Deal Grove**

Councillor Ms B Laxton asked that the footpath between Queensway and Deal grove be looked at as it is overgrown. Mr A R Poole agreed he would go and strim back.

### **Overgrown trees in Chapelfield Way/Babraham Road - Footpath 11.**

It was confirmed that all the trees on the left towards the Babraham Road end of the footpath belonged to the residents of Roe's Close as they were never adopted by the Parish Council.

### **Allotments/John's Acre**

It was reported that several trees seem to have been cut and the debris left in John's Acre car park. Clerk to ask JHC to remove these whilst they are clearing the other rubbish from the allotment area as soon as possible.

## 15 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

**Meeting closed 8.25pm**