

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

19 July 2011

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

Mrs S A Hatton

Ms B Laxton

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 Representative : Mr K Pride – Sawston Cricket Club

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Miss S E Clarke : Item 9 - Allotments

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2011 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 12 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

Buggy Boot Camp

It was reported that as the Organisers of these Sessions have advised attendance is only 2-4 ladies they cannot afford to pay for the use of Lynton Way and will no longer use this Recreation Ground. Councillors confirmed larger numbers have been seen at some of these sessions. It was also reported that the Organisers are talking to Sawston Childrens Centre with a view to holding their sessions at Icknield Primary School.

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

It was noted that no sports representative was present.

It was confirmed that notices were put in the changing rooms reminding players not to use abusive language whilst using the Sports/Recreation Grounds – no complaints have since been received.

Training on Lynton Way would not resume until Mr A R Poole advised the pitch was ready.

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole requested permission to order 4 cubic metres of cricket square soil at a cost of approximately £574.04 + VAT.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton to **AGREE** to allow Mr A R Poole to go ahead and place the order.

VOTE: 12 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mr A R Poole also advised the Committee that he had had a request from Mr P Stevens (Sawston Wanderers F.C.) to move from Lynton Way to Mill Lane if 'The Rock F.C.' declines the use of the pitch.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke that the Clerk contacts 'The Rock F.C.' to see if they were still interested in playing at Mill Lane, if not Mr A R Poole confirmed he had no problem with Sawston Wanderers moving from Lynton Way to Mill Lane to use this as their home ground.

VOTE: 12 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

It was reported that someone has been spotted playing Golf on the Sports Ground. Mr A R Poole to monitor the situation. It was **AGREED** to lock the gates when the ground was not in use. Mr A R Poole also confirmed that the gate was locked at the awarded land at Huckeridge Hill.

Mill Lane

It was **AGREED** that the gate to the car park must be locked and Mr A R Poole to obtain a price for posts to secure the car park by the play area plus price for two drop down posts to allow access for the annual visit from the fair.

Lynton Way

It was **AGREED** that it would not be possible to secure Lynton Way Recreation Ground as it was too open with many possible entrances on to the ground.

8 REMOVAL OF CRACK WILLOW TREES, ORCHARD PARK

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that a registered letter is sent to the parishioner, together with all previous correspondence, asking for payment within 21 days, and advise if payment is not received by this time the matter will be passed to our Solicitor.

VOTE: 12 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

9 ALLOTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

The Chairman advised the Committee that due to ill health our current Allotment Superintendent has resigned.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton that the Clerk arranges to send a suitable gift to him under Chairman's Action.

It was also **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor WN Reid to send out a letter to all allotment holders to see if anyone would be interested in taking up the position if the Parish Council were to continue with this post.

VOTE: 11 FOR : 1 declared interest (SEC)

10 MILL LANE SHUTTERS

It was **AGREED** to defer this Agenda item to Full Parish Council Meeting in September when all relevant information will be available.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITMES FOR NEXT MEETING CONCERNING R & O.S. ONLY

Fire Drill

It was suggested that a fire drill could be carried out at Full Council.

Footpath 11

It was reported that trees were overhanging the footpath by 1 Elder Close. Councillors Mrs S A Hatton/Dr D R Bard agreed these trees were possibly owned by SCDC. It was also reported that despite a new dog bin sited at the Babraham Road end of footpath 11 dog fouling was still present in the area.

Footpath – The Baulks/Mill Lane

It was reported that this is becoming overgrown. Councillor Miss S E Clarke advised that the group called 'Community Payback' would eventually clear all the footpaths. Mr A R Poole agreed the Groundstaff would assist.

Meeting closed 8.15pm