

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

15 November 2011

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard (arrived 7.40pm)

Miss S E Clarke

Mrs S A Hatton

Ms B Laxton (arrived 7.40pm)

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

R M Richmond

D J Roberts

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

Sports Representatives : Mr K Pride – Sawston Cricket Club

Chairman Sports Council : Mr M Roughead

+ A G Orgee : County Councillor
Dr G Kenney : County Councillor (arrived 7.35pm)

+ Ms L Malting : CCC
Mr M Davey : CCC
Mr D Harty : CCC

+ Mr R Cullum : Friends of Sawston Library
Ms Y Emerson : Friends of Sawston Library

+ Ms S Brindley :
Ms P Glasbey :

Councillor E C Murray then welcomed Mr M Roughead as the new Chairman of the Sports Council

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M J R Mallows, I G Read and Mrs J G A Smith.

2 LIBRARY UPDATE

Ms L Malting and Mr M Davey from the County Council had come to the meeting to give an update on the Library. Ms L Malting apologised for Ms C May's absence.

The CCC has listened to the communities about libraries and had answers to the following questions:

- There was huge support for all libraries to stay open – the CCC have said no libraries will close
- Communities did not want to take responsibility for the full running of the service – the libraries will continue to be managed by the CCC

- Communities did not feel they should ‘pay twice’ for/fund the service and thought the savings went too far – The CCC will continue to meet the basic costs for running the service. Savings are being looked at holistically across the Council.
- Communities were concerned about their capacity to organise and manage teams of volunteers – The library service will recruit, train and manage volunteers
- Communities wanted paid staff to run the library service – CCC will continue to fund a paid member of staff in each library

Dr G Kenney arrived 7.35pm

- Sawston library will have its opening hours reduced from 24 to 23 per week and there will always be one member of staff on duty.
- The CCC is hoping to encourage more self service use and also combine with other public services in the community and is looking to implement this approach from April next year, by which time self service facilities will have been installed everywhere.

Opening times proposed are:

Sat – 10am-1pm
 Mon & Tues 2pm-5pm
 Weds – 10pm – 5pm
 Thurs – 10am-5pm

Ms L Malting then thanked everyone for their hard work campaigning for the library.

Councillors Ms B Laxton and Dr D R Bard arrived 7.40pm

The Mobile Library was reduced 18months ago to a monthly service in most areas but will continue with the capacity to have new stops if needed.

It was also explained that there are volunteers that go door-to-door to provide a service changing books for elderly or disabled people. There are around 450 people who are served by 250 volunteers in our area.

Councillor E C Murray asked what the ‘basic costs’ would cover. Ms L Malting explained it would be for 1 member of staff for 23 hours in Sawston library and the running costs which would be around £5,000 per year. There will be back up staff to cover holidays etc so the library should never have to close, but with more volunteers the Sawston library may be able to open for longer hours.

CCC advised they would like to brighten up the library and are looking into getting it repainted. The CCC is also hoping to refurbish some of the shelves in the second room, but cannot refurbish the shelves in the first room as some of the shelving is listed.

Councillor E C Murray thanked all those involved for coming.

At this point Councillors A G Orgee and Dr G Kenney, together with Mr R Cullum, Ms Y Emerson, Ms S Brindley, Ms P Glasbey, Mr D Harty, Ms L Malting, Mr M Davey and 2 members of the public left the meeting at 8pm.

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared

4 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October were read, confirmed and signed

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

5 MATTERS ARISING

None

6 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

There was no new information, but it was advised a majority of Clubs wanted to continue with the Sports Council Meetings.

7 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole explained he needed new hand tools, spades, shovels, forks, rakes etc to replace old ones at a cost of approximately £150.00.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton that Mr A R Poole would be allowed to spend up to £150.00.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mr A R Poole also explained he wanted to look into getting a leaf collecting machine. He already has a blower but would ideally like a machine to collect the leaves too, and would obtain quotations. Once these had been received he would advise the Clerk.

8 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

The Parish Council had received a letter from the Cricket Club asking for the Parish Council's permission to undertake work to allow them to have water available at the edge of the cricket square to allow easier watering of the square. This would involve making a narrow trench for the stand pipe at the Bowls Club fence to the edge of the square, inserting an underground water pipe and establishing an underground connection tap at the edge of the square.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond the Parish Council **ACCEPTS** their offer but would like a meter put on the standpipe so it could monitor how much water is used, subject to getting a cost for having a new meter installed. Clerk to get a price for next full parish.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

The entrance to Spicers in New Road has many bumps/holes in the grass from vehicles driving in and out. Mr A R Poole to obtain a price for the grass matting before the next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

Mill Lane

There was a leak at Mill Lane and when investigated it appeared the over flow pipe did not actually run outside. The Clerk had three quotations for the pipe to be extended to go outside:

Chris Watson Plumbing	:	£154.79
B M C	:	£183.00
The Roman Touch	:	£201.00

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor Dr D R Bard and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor R M Richmond that the quotation from Chris Watson Plumbing was ***ACCEPTED***.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

There are two old goal posts which are to be removed as they have recently been replaced with new ones. Councillor E C Murray has instructed Mr A R Poole to remove the as soon as possible.

Lynton Way

Nothing to report.

9 CIRCUS ON LYNTON WAY 2012

The Parish Council had received two requests for a circus, Circus World Entertainments and Circus Tyanna although Circus World Entertainment wanted to come in September which would not be possible due to the start of the football season.

The Parish Council has no objections to either. Clerk to contact them both with the dates in June and then add to next Full Parish Agenda.

10 BONFIRE NIGHT 2012 – ROAD CLOSURE

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor N Thomas and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Ms B Laxton that the Parish Council goes ahead with the road closure on Saturday 3 November 2012.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

11 TREES – 22 QUEENSWAY

The Parish Council had received a letter from a parishioner who asked if the trees that were taken down in Deal Grove were going to be replaced. The Parish Council did agree that they would plant a couple of trees to replace them. Clerk to ask Ms R Richardson, SCDC Trees Officer to visit the site and advise which trees would be best suited for the area. Clerk to write to the resident to advise the Parish Council will be replacing them once we have had expert advice, hopefully in the spring.

12 LETTER FROM MR & MRS FOSTER

The Parish Council received a letter for a parishioner whose child had unfortunately broken their arm on the nest swing at Mill Lane Recreation Ground play area. The Parish Council was informed he fell off the swing onto the hard earth around the edge

of the wet pour (safety surface). The parents have asked if the safety surface could be extended.

The Clerk will be speaking to the company who installed the play equipment and will reply to Mr & Mrs Foster.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would reply to Mr & Mrs Foster.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

13 BRICK WALL – HALL CRESCENT

There is a damaged brick wall in Hall Crescent down Church Lane that is in need of repairing. After much discussion it was **AGREED** that the Clerk contacts the Land Registry to try and establish who owns this area as the Parish Council were unsure.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

None

Mr M Roughead and Mr K Pride together with Councillor J W D Reynolds left the meeting at 8.55pm

As time had run out is was *PROPOSED* by Councillor Dr D R Bard and *SECONDED* by Councillor R M Richmond that a 15-minute extension is granted to continue

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

16 BUDGET SETTING FOR THE YEAR 2012/2013

Total Expenditure	:	£86,127.00
Income	:	£ 7,050.00

Total Budget for 2012/2013	:	£79,077.00
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It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish a budget of £79,077.00.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Meeting closed 9.45pm