

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

17 January 2012

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

M J R Mallows

I G Read

R M Richmond

Mrs J G A Smith

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

Sports Representatives : Mr K Pride – Sawston Cricket Club

Chairman Sports Council : Mr M Roughead

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S A Hatton, Ms B Laxton, W N Reid and J WD Reynolds.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2011 were read, confirmed and signed

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 6 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

4 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY

13 - Brick Wall – Hall Crescent

To be made an Agenda item for next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee as Councillor Mrs S A Hatton, who was looking into this matter, was not present at this meeting.

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

It was reported by the Mr M Roughead, Chairman of the Sports Council, that the last meeting was well attended by Sports Clubs who were all happy to continue with the bi-monthly meetings.

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole put forward a proposal, supported by paperwork, for the purchase of a new multipurpose John Deere 740 machine incorporating provision to collect leaves at a cost of brand new £9,200 + VAT or a demo machine at a cost of £8,250 + VAT. Both supplied by Ben Burgess. These prices include discounts and trade in value of the current machine.

Mr A R Poole also had a quote for an Iseki SXG 22 at a cost of £7,100 + VAT. This price also includes trade in, although in Mr A R Poole's opinion was not as efficient as the John Deere.

After much discussion, it was suggested that Mr A R Poole obtains two more quotations. It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor I G Read and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to defer a decision until the next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

VOTE: 4 FOR : 2 AGAINST : 1 ABSTENTION

Mr A R Poole then asked for a new Nikita cordless drill as the current one, which was 9 years old, had ceased working.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith that Mr A R Poole obtains a price up to a maximum of £200 for a new drill.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

Mr M Roughead advised that he had a meeting with Cambs F.A. who reported that the Pavilion met with their requirements to allow Sawston United to play teams in a higher division should they be promoted.

Mill Lane

This would also apply to Sawston Rovers should they be promoted.

Lynton Way

It was reported that the new trees were now in place.

8 SEATS AND BINS

Councillor E C Murray explained that there was £1,169 left in this year's budget for the purchase of seats and bins. Costs as follows:

Green bin + delivery was approximately £500 + VAT
Metal seat £486 + VAT

As there are already 2 bins in stock it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that one seat and one bin be purchased, to be placed on footpath between Whittlesford and Spicers, but other designs to be looked at before an order is placed.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mr M Roughead left the meeting at 8.15pm

9 TREES – ORCHARD PARK

As the resident has not replied to our recent correspondence or visits to his residence by Councillors it was agreed that the Parish Council contacts their Solicitors for legal advice.

10 SPICERS ENTRANCE IN NEW ROAD

The incline from the sports field at Spicers to New Road was causing concern as the entrance was becoming very muddy in adverse weather conditions.

After much discussion on the best way to deal with this problem it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that concrete, matting, 10' gate, 4' gate + 2 hanging posts, soil and hire of digger at a cost of approximately £2,500 + VAT be purchased to alleviate this problem.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

It was also suggested that the Clerk writes to Sawston Bowls Club asking for a donation towards this work as they are frequent users of this entrance.

11 QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Councillor E C Murray had received a request from Sawston Scene by Councillor Ms B Laxton to use Spicers on the Bank Holiday Tuesday as a Jubilee Celebration venue.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that permission was granted, with no charge for the venue, providing Public Liability insurance was obtained, and all rubbish cleared after the event. There would also be conditions issued shortly for this event.

Councillor E C Murray had also received a letter from the Challis Trust with several requests:

- Organising Tree Surgeon to cut the tops of 2 Sycamore trees in the garden but in order to do so would need permission to gain access from Mill Lane Recreation Ground. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that permission is granted for this work.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

- The Challis Trust was proposing on 3 June 2012 to hold a service in the morning with music and picnic lunch and sports for children on Mill Lane Recreation Ground with tea and cake in the gardens in the afternoon. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor

R M Richmond to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council no objection to this function taking place provided Public Liability insurance has been obtained.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

- For the function to take place the Challis Trust also asked permission to remove one of the fence panels between the Challis Trust Garden and Mill Lane Recreation Ground. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by R M Richmond to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that permission be granted.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

12 CORRESPONDENCE

None

13 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING CONCERNING R & O.S. ONLY

None

Councillor E C Murray requested the following issue be discussed in camera due to its sensitive nature.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke this request be granted.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

At this point Mr K Pride (Sawston Cricket Club) was asked to leave the meeting but Mr A R Poole (Head Groundsman) was asked to remain

RESERVED MATTERS

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 – it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press are asked to leave the meeting during consideration of the sensitive staff issue in reserved matters

Councillor E C Murray reported to the Committee that an accident occurred on 12 January 2012 involving the shutter doors at the Groundstore on Mill Lane Recreation Ground.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M J R Mallows and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that The Parish Council's insurance policies are looked into and a decision is made by Councillor E C Murray to which course of action to take.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Meeting closed 9.10pm