

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

20 March 2012

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

W N Reid

R M Richmond

Mrs J G A Smith

Head Groundsman	:	Mr A R Poole
Sports Representatives	:	Mr K Pride – Sawston Cricket Club
	:	Mr P Sharp – Sawston Bowls Club
Chairman Sports Council	:	Mr M Roughead (arrived 7.35pm)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Read, J W D Reynolds, and D J Roberts

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2012 were read, confirmed and signed with the following amendment:

Mr P Sharp of Sawston Bowls Club attended the meeting but was not shown as present.

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

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

7 - Spicers Pavilion

It was reported that after Wednesday 21 March 2012, when the electrics were repaired, the Pavilion work was complete.

8 – Diamond Jubilee Hedgerow Pack

Councillor W N Reid reported that these had been planted with publicity provided by Cambridge Evening News. Councillor W N Reid requested that the area was cordoned off to allow the plants to establish. Mr A R Poole agreed to this request.

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

As the cricket season was fast approaching with the cricket square needing constant attention it was requested to minute the fact that no hosepipe ban was in force in Sawston at the present time as Sawston comes under the auspices of Cambridge Water Company, not Anglian Water.

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole requested permission to order 10 bags of seed. He had obtained two prices:

Sheriff	£762.60
Frederick Smart	£740.00

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton that the seed is purchased from Sheriff as their seed has a higher percentage of rye grass.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mr A R Poole also requested 20 ton of top soil but at the present time was unable to obtain any prices, but would have prices ready for Full Parish in April.

Mr A R Poole read out a letter received from Sawston United Youth FC advising proposed teams for 2012/13 season which included three new teams (U7, U8 and U20).

In order for the 2 junior teams to be accommodated it would require the purchase of another marker up to a cost of £300 + VAT and up to £70 per year for a different colour mix so as not to confuse the players.

The U20 would be able to play at either Mill Lane or Lynton Way, but there would be no training facilities for this team at present.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the marker and mix is purchased and that the Clerk writes to Sawston United Youth FC advising them of the decision.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

Councillor Ms B Laxton reported that Mrs M Oglesby had approached her concerning the memorial bench placed in Spicers Sports Ground in memory of the late Mrs Jo Ling. It seems that Mrs Oglesby felt that the seat had been positioned in an inappropriate location and that it had been damaged. Mr A R Poole felt this was not correct, but agreed to check the bench in the morning. Clerk to contact Mrs M Oglesby with a view to meeting her at Spicers to discuss the situation.

Mill Lane

It was reported that the outside lights are still not working but the Committee was advised that it has been difficult to contact any electrician. It was suggested that the Clerk speaks to the electrician who will be on site at Spicers on Wednesday.

Lynton Way

Nothing to report, although Mr M Roughead did advise that he was looking into costings for extra floodlights.

8 TRACTOR

It was reported that it would cost in the region of £2.5k to repair, but at the present time no quotations were available. This item to be taken to the next R & O S Committee Meeting once quotations had been acquired. Mr A R Poole to contact SawMoCo to obtain a quote.

9 MILL LANE FLOORING

Three quotations had been received for this work:

Sawston Carpets	Kitchen and small room Both rooms & kitchen	797.87 + VAT 1686.01 + VAT
NRS Carpets	Kitchen and small room Both rooms & kitchen	801.60 + VAT 1678.40 + VAT
M & B Flooring	Kitchen and small room Both rooms & kitchen	829.79 + VAT 1737.35 + VAT

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond at **ACCEPT** the quotation from NRS Carpets for all rooms at a cost of £1,678.40 + VAT. Sample to be provided for Full Parish Meeting in April.

VOTE: 9 FOR: (UNANIMOUS)

10 SKATE RAMP

The Chairman read out an email received from a 16 year old resident of Whittlesford asking for a skateboarding ramp (halfpipe) in Sawston.

After much discussion it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the email should be forwarded to Sawston Village College with a request for pupils to research project and for the Clerk to research other Councils experiences.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 2 AGAINST

11 SPICERS PAVILION

The Chairman read out a request from Sawston Cricket Club to put some blinds up in the Community Room.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that before any decision is made more details would be required i.e. type, colour etc. Also a contract would need to be drawn up between the Cricket Club and Parish Council regarding responsibility.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 3 AGAINST : 1 ABSTENTION

12 HEDGEROW – LONDON ROAD

The Chairman read out a letter of complaint from a resident of London Road regarding damaging work carried out on the hedgerow fronting her property.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the Clerk writes to the resident advising that due to the many complaints received from the public regarding the overgrown state of the hedge, the Parish Council carried out the work to allow easy passage for pedestrians, buggies and mobility scooters.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 2 ABSTENTIONS

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Complaints had been received today concerning a bonfire being lit and causing a smoke problem with the bungalows/houses in Johns Acre adjacent to the allotments resulting in the Head Groundsman checking on the situation. The offending allotment holder had left the scene but it was obvious which allotment was at fault.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor M J R Mallows that the Clerk write to all allotment holders reminding them that as part of their contract bonfires and fires in dustbins must not be lit before 7pm or dusk and must not be left unattended and also to write to the individual allotment holder separately.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

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

Spicers rear security light

Councillor M J R Mallows reported that a prowler was present at the front of Spicers Pavilion at 3.30am this morning and that the security light was not working correctly. It was **AGREED** that the timing needs to be adjusted to allow the light to stay on longer.

It was also reported that the football club left the lights on in the social area toilets over the weekend. These do not currently have sensor switches and it was suggested that automatic lights would be beneficial.

Meeting closed 8.50pm