

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

15 May 2012

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

Ms B Laxton

M J R Mallows

I G Read

W N Reid

R M Richmond

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

Sports Council Chairman : Mr M Roughead

Sports Council Secretary : Mr S Moir – Sawston United Youth F.C.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J W D Reynolds and Mr P Sharp (Sawston Bowls Club)

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: 9 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 Dr D R Bard 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: 9 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

5 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2012 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

6 MATTERS ARISING

None

7 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

Mr M Roughead confirmed there would be a Sawston United Youth under 20's team at Mill Lane with no training facilities being available.

It was explained that Mill Lane Pavilion was left in a mess after Sawston United 1st team had played recently. It was discussed at the last Sports Council meeting and agreed that the Sports Council would issue a fine to the club of £25.00 and the Parish Council would send them an invoice for the extra cleaning.

8 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole explained that there was a County cricket match played on Bank Holiday Monday and the cricket square had been damaged where the players had marked their positions. The Parish Council felt the cricket square was misused and this was not acceptable.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Clerk writes to the Cricket Club for their response and ask why this was not spotted by representatives of Sawston Cricket Club, why they allowed this to happen and why they did not bring it to the Parish Council's attention.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

This has caused a lot more work for the ground staff and the Parish Council needs reassurance before the next County game on 4 June 2012 that better measures will be in place otherwise games could be cancelled.

Another concern is with the cricket site screens - these must be lowered after every game for Health and Safety reasons as they could fall onto someone.

The Clerk has also been asked to bring to their attention the cigarette butts that have been left all over the grass by the Pavilion. There is a cigarette bin provided and it must be used.

Mr A R Poole also had some concern over the circus on Lynton Way and the damage it could cause to the grass due to the recent weather. The Clerk advised that no confirmation had been received by the circus if they were coming 20-27 May but assumed as there were no posters up they were not. Clerk to chase when back in the Office.

9 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

Already discussed in 'Groundsman Issues'

Mill Lane

Sawston Rovers contacted Councillor E C Murray asking that when the fencing is down at Mary Challis gardens that backs onto Mill Lane Recreation Ground for the Jubilee, would the Challis Trust allow them to put in a gate so that they would be able to retrieve balls rather than getting a ladder and climbing over the fence. It would be a lockable gate which only the Challis Garden Trust and Sawston Rovers would have access too.

The Challis Garden Trust will be discussing this at their next meeting. The Parish Council will wait for their response.

Lynton Way

The goal gates keep being left unlocked. Mr A R Poole agreed he would purchase a new lock.

10 PLAYING FIELDS LITTER

The Parish Council had received a complaint from a resident regarding the litter that is left on the playing field after football on Saturdays. Sawston Girls, Sawston United Adult and Youth all play on a Saturday.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that the Clerk writes to these Clubs again to remind them that they must clear all rubbish, including on the field.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 1 AGAINST

It was also suggested the Parish Council writes to them again in August when the season starts to remind them.

11 SAWSTON CRICKET CLUB - FURNITURE

The Cricket Club has asked if the Parish Council would allow some sofas to be put in the Community Room at Spicers.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Miss S E Clarke that the Cricket Club would not be allowed the request furniture for the same reasons as the original agreement.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

12 JUBILEE BEACON

Councillor Dr D R Bard gave an update on the Jubilee Beacon and explained that the lighting had been sorted out but he was having trouble finding volunteers to marshall the Event.

Councillor K Cuffley, Chairman for the ATC, raised concerns about the time of the Event. It was explained that the Beacon must to be lit between 10.00 – 10.30pm. After discussions Councillor E C Murray asked Councillor Dr D R Bard to make the

decision on whether to go ahead with this as he was the organiser. The decision was made that the Parish Council would not be able to go ahead with the Beacon due to lack of marshall volunteers, lack of support and for Health & safety reasons.

13 BOWLS CLUB LETTER

The Parish Council had previously asked the Bowls Club if they would be able to make a donation towards the work on the New Road entrance to Spicers. The Parish Council received a reply saying that they were pleased the work is going ahead, but would not be prepared to offer any contribution towards it.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M J R Mallows and **SECONDED** by Councillor E C Murray to defer this until a member of the Bowls Club was present to discuss the matter. Clerk to write to the Bowls Club asking if they would send a representative to the next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

15 COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Councillor E C Murray asked Councillor Ms B Laxton to provide insurance details for the bouncy castle at the Jubilee Fete and food certificates for those who may be cooking.

16 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

Meeting closed 9.30pm