

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

19 June 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

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

R M Richmond

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

Sports Representative : Mr P Oglesby – Bowls Club President

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I G Read and R M Matthews, Mr Roughead (Sports Council Chairman) and Mr K Pride (Sawston Cricket Club)

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2012 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

9 – Mill Lane

Challis Trust turned down the request for fencing for security reasons.

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

None

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole requested permission to order 5 cubic metres of soil at a cost of £692.55 + VAT for the cricket square which would be delivered in September 2012.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton that the soil is ordered.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

It was reported that the Cricket Club was not putting their equipment away after use. On several occasions the Clerk had to clear up the kitchen before showing other users around.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the Clerk writes to the Club, with a copy to the Sports Council, advising if this happens again then the Parish Council would consider fining them.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mill Lane

The shed at Mill Lane needs some work doing on it. Clerk to write to Sawston Rovers F.C. with a copy to the Sports Council, explaining it had been brought to the Parish Council's attention that the wooden slats and guttering needed attention as it was deteriorating.

Lynton Way

Nothing to report

8 SAWSTON BOWLS CLUB LETTER

Councillor E C Murray explained that the Parish Council recently wrote to Sawston Bowls Club asking if they would make a donation towards the cost of resurfacing the entrance to Spicers/New Road entrance and replacement of the gate.

The Bowls Club had written back to say they would not be able to donate as they had already spent considerable sums on their Club property, including improvements to the protective fencing on the sports ground boundary.

Councillor M J R Mallows expressed his disappointment that the Bowls Club would not make a donation towards these costs as this entrance was mainly used by them.

Mr P Oglesby agreed to go back to the Bowls Club Committee to discuss the options and would get back to the Clerk when a decision had been made.

9 STATE OF SPICERS PAVILION

Discussed earlier

10 PICKET FENCING AT SPICERS

Councillor E C Murray explained the Cricket Club had asked if the Parish Council would put a picket fence along the field at Spicers from the Cambridge Road gate up to the Pavilion. This would stop the balls rolling onto the car park and potentially damaging cars during the cricket season.

90 Metres of fencing would be needed - Pale wood fence panels

Scotsdales	- £1,249.50
B&Q	- £ 628.20
Homebase	- £ 573.18

Plastic White fence panels

B&Q - £ 311.22

Councillor Miss S E Clarke asked if the Cricket Club could use small sponsored advertising boards, which could be removed after the cricket season, rather than fencing. It was discussed that the Parish Council would not want the fencing to be permanent as Mr A R Poole would need access for his machines on the field and also they would not want it up for the football season as it could be a hazard.

Councillor Ms B L Laxton **PROPOSED** the Clerk writes to the Cricket Club advising the Parish Council had obtained prices but felt a permanent fence would make maintenance of the ground difficult. Another option would be to have temporary sponsor boards, or any other solution for all users of the ground.

11 SAWSTON WANDERERS FC

The Parish Council had been advised that due to insufficient players Sawston Wanderers F.C. would not be continuing in the new season.

Councillor E C Murray explained that as Sawston Wanderers F.C. failed to re-affiliate by the due date Sawston White Lion F.C. had promptly sent forms in and paid fees for their slot. If the Parish Council did allow this, the rules must be made clear from the beginning to make Sawston White Lion F.C. aware that the Groundsman's decision was final and they cannot move to other pitches if their pitch is unavailable. The Parish Council is aware that there was an issue with this before and does not want it to happen again.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard no objection to Sawston White Lion F.C. taking over the slot.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

12 CORRESPONDENCE

None

13 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

Meeting closed 8.25pm