

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

18 September 2012

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

M J R Mallows

I G Read

R M Richmond

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

Sports Representative : Mr P Sharp – Sawston Bowls Club
: Mr M Roughead – Sawston United F.C.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms B Laxton and W N Reid 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 19 June 2012 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

None

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

As there had not been a Sport Council Meeting there were no matters to discuss.

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole had obtained a price for spraying Huckeridge View Cemetery and grounds due to prolific plantain growth, but due to the cost and the lateness in the season it was decided to postpone this until 2013. It was also suggested that due to the high cost other Suppliers should be contacted for prices.

Mr A R Poole also agreed to compile a machinery replacement timetable ready for the next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting in October 2012.

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

Mr A R Poole advised the Committee that Sawston Girls F.C. had purchased a set of nets to use with the spare goals.

Councillor M J R Mallows remarked on the amount of equipment stored outside by Sawston Cricket Club to which Mr A R Poole replied that there was no other option. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to the Club to ask them to take apart the roll on net and store in the loft in the garage.

Councillor M J R Mallows also brought up issues with Sawston Bowls Club:

- Donation towards the New Road entrance refurbishment – Mr P Sharp commented that the issue was still unresolved, but due to a misunderstanding it was agreed that a possible donation for the two gates needed plus voluntary labour may be available.
- Water bill to be looked at as the Bowls Club has not received an invoice

It was also reported that one tree was dead on Cambridge Road side. A replacement would be obtained.

Clerk to write to Sawston Village College to advise that the trees seemed unsafe on their boundary with the Pavilion and concern was expressed that left unattended it could be an issue if they were to fall on the Pavilion.

Mill Lane

Mr A R Poole reported that the guttering was continually being broken. It was agreed that Mr A R Poole would obtain prices for metal guttering for next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

Mr A R Poole also reported that some of the roof tiles had been replaced.

Mr A R Poole also reported that the concrete bollards sited on the boundary of the car park were being vandalised by youths and after re-fixing three times it seemed futile to continue down this route. Mr A R Poole suggested using a heavy metal chain welded to a post at one end and locked with a heavy duty padlock the other end.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by Councillor I G Read and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that Mr A R Poole obtained costings for this project ready for the Full Parish Meeting in October 2012.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

The shed adjoining the Pavilion was still in a state of disrepair. Clerk to contact Sawston Rovers F.C. to obtain confirmation that they no longer require the shed in which case it would be offered to Sawston United Youth F.C. provided they would carry out the necessary repairs.

Lynton Way

Councillor K Cuffley reported that he witnessed children jumping at the wire fencing and was concerned about injury/suing the Parish Council. It was explained that as long as the Parish Council had done everything possible to make it safe that was legally all that needed to be done.

8 SMOKE ALARM - SPICERS

On a recent fire check at Spicers Pavilion it was recommended that a smoke alarm was installed in the garage due to H & S Fire Regulations at a cost of £200.00 + VAT

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that this work is carried out.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

9 LYNTON WAY GATE

Mr A R Poole reported that he had done all he could to secure the gates where the goals were stored but it was not sufficient to cure the problem. Mr A R Poole obtained a price from Tomlinson Steel Limited of £72.00 + VAT to supply two metal posts with wheels to be fixed to each gate two feet in from the centre to strengthen the gate.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that this work was carried out.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

10 CIRCUS

An email from a resident was read out concerning the unsociable hours the circus moved on to Lynton Way causing disturbance to nearby residents.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that when the circus applied to visit Sawston next year they would be made aware that one of the conditions would be a time frame for arriving and leaving the site so as not to cause any disturbance to local residents.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

11 REPLACE GATE AT AWARD LAND HUCKERIDGE HILL

The Clerk had obtained prices for a replacement gate, but it was decided a larger gate would be more practical. This is to be made an Agenda item for the next Full Parish Council in October 2012 when new prices would be put forward.

12 REMOVE GRASS BANKS AT ORCHARD PARK

Mr A R Poole had received a price for removing the grass banks around the perimeter of the car park and play area. Due to the high cost, it was agreed to investigate this project further involving Mr A R Poole obtaining prices for fencing and hedging to be a direct replacement for the banks.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** by Councillor I G Read and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that this project was set in motion.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Over & In Coaching Excellence

The Clerk had received an email flyer promoting Football Coaching using Mill Lane Recreation Ground as a base.

After much discussion it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor I G Read and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that this venture must not be allowed to continue due to no areas being available as all grounds were fully booked. Clerk to contact the organisers to advise the outcome of the Committee and to ask them not to use Mill Lane Recreation Ground pending final decision of Full Council in October 2012.

14 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Former Falkner School – Mill Lane

It was reported that bush/hedge needed trimming. Clerk to contact owner.

Meeting closed 8.50pm