

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

19 February 2013

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

Ms B Laxton

(arrived 7.33pm)

M J R Mallows

I G Read

W N Reid

R M Richmond

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

Sports Representative : Mr K Pride – Sawston Cricket Club

: Mr M Roughead – Chairman, Sports Council

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Cuffley.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2012 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor I G Read to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

None

Mr K Pride of Sawston Cricket Club requested that item 14 (Correspondence – Letter from resident, Cambridge Road regarding cricket) was brought forward to allow him to take part in the discussion as he had another important meeting to attend elsewhere.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton to bring this item forward.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

14 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from resident, Cambridge Road regarding cricket

A letter was read out to the Committee by Councillor E C Murray regarding concerns of the resident and cricket balls retrieved from his garden, which was across the Cambridge Road from Spicers Sports Ground where cricket was played during the summer months. The resident requested a higher safety net to prevent this from happening in the future.

After much discussion it was **AGREED** that the only possible area of play was where it was at the moment as the main cricket square was for 1st team only. All possibilities had been explored and it was agreed that raising the net would not cure the problem.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to monitor the situation during the coming season. Clerk to write to the resident to advise the outcome.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mr K Pride left the meeting at 7.50pm

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

Mr M Roughead informed the Committee that he was standing down as Chairman of the Sports Council.

Councillor M J R Mallows advised the Committee that footballers were using the rear of the Pavilion as a toilet. This matter will be brought up at the next Sports Council Meeting on 4 March 2013.

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

None

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

Councillor E C Murray reported that during the Christmas break the Pavilion double doors were not locked, the light was left on in the bar area and not only were the gates left unlocked but were left wide open. Councillor E C Murray also reported the carpets were dirty, there was mud in the changing rooms and main community room and he felt that the whole area was being abused by those who were using it.

Mr M Roughead said he would investigate the matter.

Mill Lane

It was reported that the shed had still not been repaired but Sawston United Youth were using it.

Lynton Way

It was reported that the adult goals had been stored incorrectly and had blocked the mini goals making them inaccessible. Mr M Roughead agreed to speak to Mr C Hall of The White Lion F.C.

8 REPLACEMENT TREES AT DEAL GROVE

In 2011 four cherry trees were removed but had not yet been replaced. It was agreed that Head Groundsman, Mr A R Poole, the Clerk, Mrs J Keeler and Councillor Miss S E Clarke would visit the site to decide on species, position and number of replacement trees to make a recommendation to the next R & O S Committee.

9 REPLACEMENT TREES AT SPICERS

This matter was discussed at length and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton to accept Revd B Waldron's donation of £160.00 from Sawston Free Church to plant two trees in the village.

It was suggested that after the mountain ash was removed and replanted near the bus stop, two sizeable oak trees could be purchased and planted in the Cambridge Road/New Road corner by the traffic lights on the sports field. It was also suggested that once planted there could be a ceremony involving the Parish Council and Revd B Waldron of Sawston Free Church for their kind donation.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

10 ENTRANCE TO HUCKERIDGE HILL FIELD

As the entrance to Huckeridge Hill field was not very firm due to bark chippings being used several times, it was discussed how to improve the surface for general use and for the Bonfire Night event when it would be used by the public.

It was **AGREED** that this would be deferred until the next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting allowing Mr A R Poole to obtain prices for hardcore/fine crushed concrete.

11 GOALS AT SPICERS

Mr A R Poole reported that the goals at Spicers Sports Ground were in need of replacement.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to take money out of this year's budget to purchase new goals, take down old goals and remove from site, remove Sawston Girls F.C. locks and nets and replace with nets taken from old goals. Sawston Girls F.C. nets to be returned to them. New goals to be purchased ready for the new football season.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

12 MEMORIAL BENCH AT SPICERS

The family of the late Doug Bright have requested permission to place a bench on Spicers field in his memory.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton that a bench, supplied by the Parish Council, was placed next to the late Mrs Jo Ling's by the Pavilion. Details of inscription on the seat to be confirmed by the family. Once this had been received costings, including cost of seat, would be sent to the family.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

13 VILLAGE SKATE PARK

In the absence of the resident who enquired about a village skate park it was agreed to defer this item until the next R & OS Committee Meeting in March and invite the resident to attend.

**15 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING :
CONCERNING R & OS ONLY**

Potholes

Councillor W N Reid advised potholes outside Cambridge Building Society and Shingay Lane. Councillor Miss S E Clarke confirmed these had already been reported.

Lighting

It was reported that the street lamps on the Sawston by-pass were on 24 hours. Clerk to report.

Meeting closed 8.40pm