

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

21 January 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

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

Sawston Cricket Club : Mr K Pride

Sawston Bowls Club : Mr P Sharp

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None as all committee members were present

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr Miss S E Clarke : Item 8 – Allotments

Cllr M J R Mallows : Item 7 - Pavilion (Spicers – Bowls Club)

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2013 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

Presentation by Romsey Mill

Councillor E C Murray explained that as all Committee members were impressed by the work carried out by Romsey Mill within the village the Parish Council increased the donation to them from £2,000 to £2,500.

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

None

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Machine Servicing

Councillor W N Reid asked Mr A R Poole what was happening with the servicing. Mr A R Poole advised that the John Deere and Ransome were being serviced by a company in Saffron Walden and all hand mowers were serviced by him.

State of pitches

Councillor W N Reid also asked about the state of pitches to which Mr A R Poole replied they were just playable but if it rained, as forecast for the rest of the week, he would have to call off all games to preserve the pitches for the rest of the season.

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

Photographs were passed round for the Committee members to witness the state of the home team changing rooms which was discussed at length as the situation was not improving. The photographs also included one of Mill Lane Pavilion home to Sawston Rovers F.C. where the W.C. was covered in urine.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that the Clerk writes to all clubs concerned setting out cost of fines, extra cleaning and decorating. If these costs are not met then the clubs may be stopped from using Parish Council facilities. This to be made an Agenda item for the next meeting when the situation would be discussed more fully once all members have studied the Hire Agreement rules, which may need updating to accommodate this problem.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Sawston Bowls Club

Mr P Sharp reported the holes behind the New Road gate entrance were very deep causing problems for vehicles and pedestrians alike. Councillor E C Murray agreed this will be investigated.

There was also the issue regarding rights of parking for the Bowls Club in the light of the possible Community Hub being built.

It was also reported that one site screen has snapped (one that folds down) Mr K Pride said he would deal with this.

Mill Lane

See Spicers Pavilion

Lynton Way

Nothing to report

8 ALLOTMENTS

A letter had been received from an allotment holder regarding his disappointment at the banning of bonfires on the allotments and felt this to be unreasonable.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to uphold the ban as set out by SCDC Environmental Health.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 1 declared interest (SEC)

9 PLAY EQUIPMENT – ORCHARD PARK

Councillor E C Murray explained that the present equipment at Orchard Park was very old and was the last play area to be updated. It was time to replace as no spare parts for the apparatus were available.

Three quotes had been received to replace the equipment:

£84,341.00 + VAT

£85,553.00 + VAT

£92,439.00 + VAT

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor Dr D R Bard and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Ms B Laxton to ***ACCEPT*** the quotation from Play and Leisure in the sum of £84,341.00 + VAT

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

10 PAVILION CHANGING ROOMS

Already discussed under Item 7 - Pavilions and Grounds

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING CONCERNING R & OS ONLY

Sports Club Agreements

Councillor W N Reid requested the Clerk sends copies of the Sports Club Hire Agreements to all Committee Members ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Church Lane

Councillor Ms B Laxton suggested there might be a possibility of putting a limited amount of play equipment on the triangular piece of land at the bottom of Church Lane. This was discussed but it was felt the area was too small and therefore not viable.

Meeting closed 8.25pm