

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

18 February 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard (arrived 7.35pm)

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

Ms B Laxton (arrived 7.32pm)

M J R Mallows

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I G Read (working late)

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Clr Miss S E Clarke : Item 9 – Allotments

Councillor Ms B Laxton arrived at 7.32pm

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2014 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

None

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

Mr K Pride (Sawston Cricket Club) asked what progress had been made regarding the photographs the Committee had been shown at the last meeting regarding the state of Pavilions.

Councillor E C Murray explained that this was being discussed under item 8 on the Agenda.

Councillor Dr D R Bard arrived at 7.35pm

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole requested the possibility of purchasing a Verti Drain machine which would improve the recreation/sports grounds by drainage as over the years the soil had become compacted. The cost of a new machine 2 metres wide would be £14,000 00 although Contractors could be brought in to do the work at a cost of £400.00 per pitch or the machine could be hired.

Mr A R Poole had sourced a used machine at an approximate cost of £6,500, but the Committee felt that a demonstration would be necessary before any decision could be made. Mr A R Poole was asked to organise a demonstration and invite Councillors along to watch. He was also asked that when booking a demonstration to advise them that there was no likelihood of an immediate purchase.

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

Mr A R Poole reported that in the high winds a ridge tile had blown off the Pavilion. A Roofing Contractor had been contacted and would visit the site the following week, but Mr Poole was assured that the roof was not in any danger of causing leakage problems.

Mr A R Poole also reported that there were unlawful activities taking place by the entrance and that he had contacted PCSO, C Wiseman, to keep a watchful eye on the Pavilion after normal working hours.

Mill Lane

Nothing to report

Lynton Way

Nothing to report

8 REVIEW OF SPORTS CLUB RULES AND CHARGES

This issue was discussed at length to decide the best way forward to stop on-going vandalism and disrespect to Parish Council property.

After much discussion it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the following procedure was adopted:

Fine for offence	:	£30.00 + cost of replacement/repair + VAT with 30 days to settle invoice
If not settled by this time	:	£60.00 + cost of replacement/repair + VAT with 30 days to settle invoice
If still not settled	:	The entire Club would face suspension until the amount was paid and no future one off hire bookings would be accepted until this time

The Club would have the right to Appeal in writing within the first 30 days when the Parish Council would make a decision.

It was also suggested that when entering the premises the Manager of the incoming team should check and report any damage seen immediately to the Office. A message can be left on the answerphone out of office hours. This would then eliminate the Club from blame.

This procedure will be reviewed in 12 months.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

9 ALLOTMENTS (STATE OF PATHS)

A complaint had been received in the Office by an allotment holder regarding the state of the main roadway into the allotments on London Road. This was mainly due to the extreme weather conditions over the past few weeks made worse by compost and large chunks of concrete being placed in ruts and allotment holders not parking in the designated parking areas.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton to erect a double gate (one for vehicles and one for pedestrians) at the Tannery Road entrance providing there was sufficient space to do so. The main gate could then be locked during extreme weather conditions. Vehicles would then have to enter the allotments via John's Acre. The area immediately inside the allotments by Plot 1 would be cleared to allow extra parking and a tape placed across the roadway at an appropriate place so that cars would not be able to proceed further along the roadway.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 1 declared interest (SEC)

10 SAWSTON UNITED YOUTH 5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT AT LYNTON WAY

A request had been received in the Office by Sawston United Youth to hold a 5-a-side Tournament on Sunday 15 June 2014 at Lynton Way Recreation Ground.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **AGREE** to this request at a cost of £100.00 to cover the labour regarding pitch marking.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

11 NEW LITTER BIN AND BENCH ON FOOTPATH 11

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to site a metal bench together with litter bin on the large green area at the corner of Churchfield Avenue and Link Road.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mr A R Poole advised that he already had a spare bench and litter bin.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Dog Bin

A request had been received in the Office for a dog bin at the Millennium Copse. This was discussed and agreed that the Clerk asks SCDC if a new bin was placed in the Millennium Copse would they empty it and would they suggest a suitable place for ease of emptying.

Tree – St Mary’s Road Play Area

Councillor Dr D R Bard reported a tree with wind damage resulting in a branch hanging precariously which could be a problem. Mr A R Poole said he would inspect this on Wednesday and remove it, if possible.

Meeting closed 8.55pm