

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

15 April 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Miss S E Clarke

Dr D R Bard (arrived 7.40pm)

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 Bowls Club	:	Mr P Sharp
Sawston Rovers F.C.	:	Mr R Rule
Sawston United F.C.	:	Mr M Roughead

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 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: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

None

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

None

Councillor Dr D R Bard arrived 7.40pm

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Sawston United F.C. has to play their last few games outside the village because the cricket season starts next week and the footballers cannot play at Mill Lane and Lynton Way as the Pavilions do not meet the FA criteria. The criteria is that there

needs to be separate changing/shower facilities etc. for officials. Councillor I G Read said he would contact Cambs FA and ask them to confirm the criteria.

Councillor E C Murray said this may be an opportunity to extend Mill Lane Pavilion so it does meet the criteria to enable Sawston teams to stay in the village.

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

Mr M Roughead attended the meeting as a representative from Sawston United (from last Recreation & Open Spaces Meeting) to explain the reasons for their behaviour.

He explained they had no excuse as to why these things happened. A Committee Member did agree to lock up after one of the events but did not. He apologised and has spoken to the person responsible.

Councillor E C Murray then explained that there was another incident after Sawston United hired the Pavilion for a Fund Raising Night on Saturday 12 April 2014. There was a broken bin, broken door stop and a broken wall light which were reported to the Clerk Monday morning by the cleaner.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that Sawston United F.C. is fined £25.00 and they would need to either arrange for the light to be repaired or pay for the Parish Council to get it repaired. It was also explained that if this behaviour continued then the Parish Council would re- consider them using the Pavilion for functions.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mill Lane

Nothing to report

Lynton Way

Nothing to report

8 SAWSTON ROVERS F.C.

Mr R Rule – Chairman of Sawston Rovers F.C. explained that the goals at Mill Lane need repairing. The wheels are buckled and he is concerned that someone could get hurt whilst wheeling the goals out. This request has been looked into several times and Mr A R Poole explained that it is the design of the goals. The Parish Council could replace the wheels but the same thing will happen again. The ground is not flat at Mill Lane and this is causing the problem. It was **AGREED** that Mr A R Poole will contact Tomlinson Steel and ask him to come out to look at the goals again to see if a metal cradle could be built around it.

Mr R Rule also asked about Sawston Rovers F.C. nets which went missing some years ago. Mr A R Poole explained that when the nets were taken off the goals, he put them in the shed behind Mill Lane Pavilion. The shed was broken into and the nets were stolen. This was discussed and unfortunately the Parish Council are unable to do anything as it was some time ago and the shed is the responsibility of Sawston Rovers F.C. and Sawston United F.C, not the Parish Council.

Mr R Rule was also upset about the 5% late payment penalty fee that they have been given recently for not paying the final payment of their Hire Agreement for the use of Sports Facilities for Season 2013/2014.

Due to family circumstances they had not paid by the date given but he felt the Club should have been given some leeway as they had never paid late before. This was discussed and it was explained that dates are given for the fees to be paid by so that the Office does not have to keep sending reminders for the fees to be paid on time. All Clubs are aware of the Terms and Conditions and when payments are due and a reminder is sent.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that because of the circumstances the Parish Council waives the 5% penalty fee.

VOTE: 3 FOR : 6 AGAINST

9 SEATS AND BINS

Councillor E C Murray explained the Clerk and Vice Chair have had a walk around the village to see which bins and seats need replacing either because they are extremely rusty or are the open wooden bins, and old seats/benches.

- Bin outside Lynton Way Pavilion
- 2 bins on Lynton Way Recreation Ground by play equipment
- Dog bin on Orchard Park

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the Clerk orders these 3 litter bins and 1 dog bin at a cost of £3,013.00 + vat and delivery.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

10 REGISTRATION OF LAND – HALL CRESCENT

No information has been received so this will be deferred to the next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting.

11 SPORTS CLUB FEES

Councillor E C Murray apologised for not being at the last Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting but he feels The Parish Council should not be charging the Sawston children for training.

The last vote at Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting was not to increase the fees overall, but he wanted to encourage the children to play football in the village and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the Parish Council does not charge the 16's and under for training.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

12 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

None

Meeting closed 8.55pm