

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

16 September 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

W N Reid

R M Richmond

Mr A R Poole : Head Groundsman

Mr P Sharp : Sawston Bowls Club

Mrs L Fitzpatrick : Sawston United F.C.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor I G Read : Holiday

Councillor M J R Mallows : Holiday

Councillor Ms B Laxton : Absent without apologies

Mr K Pride : Sawston Cricket Club

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Miss S E Clarke : Item 9 Allotments

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2014 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: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY

None

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

Mr P Sharpe of Sawston Bowls Club reported that the Club has been advised by the CCC that they will not be affected when the 'Hub' is built. The entrance gate needs to be done and Councillor E C Murray advised this was in hand.

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman, reported that the cricket square has been roped off is now complete. Fertiliser has been put down and is working well.

Mr A R Poole advised the Committee he needed new machinery and that he had researched exact specifications suitable for the job in question. He needed a lighter chain saw that could be used for smaller circumference twigs and branches as the one he already has is too heavy for these tasks. He has obtained three prices as follows:

Stihl MS150 c-e	:	£400.00 inc. VAT
	:	£486.00 inc. VAT
	:	£456.00 inc VAT

Hand held hedge cutter so that both he and Assistant Groundsman can work at the same time. This has a double sided blade to sweep up and down:

Hiatchi CH22 ecps	:	£429.00 inc. VAT
	:	£349.00 inc. VAT
	:	£440.00 inc. VAT

2 –x Lawnmowers for use in the Cemetery:

Honda 21"	:	£1,300.00 inc. VAT
	:	£1,400.00 inc. VAT
	:	£1,494.00 inc. VAT
Honda 19"	:	£1,020.00 inc. VAT
	:	£1,200.00 inc. VAT
	:	£1,100.00 inc. VAT

This was discussed and it was felt that these prices could be improved for the chain saw and hedge cutter, which were more of a priority than the lawnmowers as the growing season was nearly over.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Clerk checks the internet for both of these machines to see if any improvement on the cost could be made. A sealing price for both would be £750.00

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

It was reported on Monday 1 September that Sawston Cricket Club had left the Pavilion in a very messy and unacceptable state during the weekend i.e. blocked W.C. in changing room 3 and damage to changing room 1 door.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard the Clerk obtains a quote for repairs to the door and the following fine procedure is adopted:

- Cost of unblocking the WC £24.00 + £30.00 fine
- Cost of door repair + £30.00

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

It was also **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the following action is taken:

BBQ and rubbish will be placed locked up behind Spicers. Clerk to write to Cricket Club and Football Clubs to claim responsibility for this, if not it will be disposed of by the Parish Council.

Mrs L Fitzpatrick of Sawston United advised the Committee that she had visited Spicers Pavilion on Monday 15 September 2014 ready for Sawston United's first game on Saturday 20 September to find the following:

- Cooker had been left dirty
- Kitchen cupboard door was broken
- Rubbish left by fridge and under sink
- Tray with flies all over it
- Kit in Changing Room 4
- 'A' frame left

Clerk to write to Cricket Club to ask them to remove all rubbish and clean kitchen by Friday evening 19 September 2014. If this is not done then the Parish Council will organise and the Cricket Club will be invoiced accordingly.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mill Lane

It was reported that there was a real problem with Mill Lane at the moment with rubbish everywhere, goals being pulled out and used as an obstacle course. The goals had been fixed when reported but due to constant vandalism were now broken again. Councillor R M Richmond advised that he will speak to his contact to ask if he will with a view to coming up with a solution.

It was also suggested that the Clerk writes to The Sawston Rock F.C., Sawston Rovers F.C. and Sawston United Youth Under 16's to advise they need to contact the Office if locks are missing.

It was suggested that to avoid the problem with the wheels and Mr A R Poole moves the goals to a better flatter location and lock the goals to a post so that they cannot be moved.

Lynton Way

Councillor E C Murray presented to the Committee a photograph of damage caused by Sawston United Youth Under 16's w/e 6/7 September to the wall in second changing room beside the sinks.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that the Club is invoiced for the repair of the wall and fined £30.00.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

8 BOOT/BRUSH FRAME AT SPICERS PAVILION

A quotation had been received for the repair of the boot/brush frame at Spicers Pavilion at a cost of £212.00 + VAT

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ACCEPT** this quotation and if the Clubs did not use it they would be fined.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

9 ALLOTMENT RENT REVIEW, ANNUAL SKIP AND ADDITIONAL SPRINGTIME SKIPS

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to increase the cost of renting a plot as follows:

0.5 plot (0 – 1000 sq.ft)	from £10.00 to £15.00 (including water 1Apr – 1Oct)
1.0 plot (1001 – 2000 sq ft)	from £20.00 to £30.00 (including water 1Apr – 1Oct)
1.5 plot (2001 – 2000 sq ft)	from £30.00 to £45.00 (including water 1Apr – 1Oct)
2.0 plot (3001 – 4000 sq ft)	from £40.00 to £60.00 (including water 1Apr – 1Oct)

VOTE: 4 FOR : 1 AGAINST : 1 declared interest (SEC)

The provision of skips was also discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to organise the normal October skip which would be used twice and to have an additional skip which would be used solely for Mr A R Poole, with the help of the Probation Team, to remove all excess rubbish from the site. This skip would not be for use by allotment holders. Mr A R Poole to liaise with the Probation Team regarding a suitable date.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 1 declared interest (SEC)

10 CIRCUS AND FAIRGROUND HIRE CHARGES REVIEW

This was discussed at length and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor E C Murray to keep the hire charges the same as before for the next 12 months and then review.

Circus	:	£57.00 per day with £500 returnable cheque
Fair	:	£75.00 per day with £500 returnable cheque

VOTE: 5 FOR : 1 AGAINST

11 GRAVE MOVEMENT AT CEMETERY

This was discussed and the Committee was advised that Mr I Lorman, SCDC Trees Officer was consulted. Mr I Lorman's report stated that it was nothing to do with the Horse Chestnut removal and that it is settlement of a heavy structure that has moved.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the Clerk writes to the complainant to

advise that the Parish Council are not responsible for this issue because of the above reasons.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

12 SAWSTON GIRLS F.C.

It was reported that Sawston Girls F.C. were seen training on Lynton Way Recreation ground when they have not renewed their 2014/2015 contract. Mr A R Poole confirmed that they have not been seen training anymore and have removed their goals from the location.

13 TURNER'S TRAINING

The Clerk has received an email from Mrs Turner who hires Mill Lane Recreation ground and Spicers Pavilion for several exercise classes a week and has asked if it would be possible to negotiate a discount.

This was discussed and it was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** by Councillor R M Richmond and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor W N Reid that as the Parish Council fees were comparable with surrounding villages that the fees remain the same.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

14 PLAYGROUND SIGNAGE

It has been recommended through the Annual Play Inspection Report to display signs on all Parish Council owned play areas (see attached to these minutes for wording).

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Parish Council by Councillor W N Reid and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor R M Richmond to discuss this further when prices would be available.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

15 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

None

Meeting closed 9.15 pm