

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE  
Meeting commenced 7.30pm

16 June 2015

**PRESENT:** Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

M J R Mallows

I G Read

W N Reid

(arrived 7.32pm)

R M Richmond

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

Sawston United F.C. : Mr T Davies

The Rock Sawston F.C. : Mr C English

## 1 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor E C Murray was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley for the position of Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor E C Murray was elected Chairman.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

## 2 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Miss S E Clarke was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley for the position of Vice-Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Miss S E Clarke was elected Vice-Chairman.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

Councillor W N Reid arrived 7.32pm

## 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Pride (Sawston Cricket Club)

#### **4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

Cllr K Cuffley : Item 12 – Sawston Fete

#### **5 MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2015 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

**VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

#### **6 MATTERS ARISING**

None

#### **7 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS**

##### **The Rock Sawston F.C.**

Mr C English asked the Committee if the Club's hire fee could be negotiated to be the same as other Clubs as they were now mainly established as a Sawston team. Councillor E C Murray asked Mr C English to write in to the Council on behalf of The Rock Sawston F.C. stating their case which would be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **8 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES**

As Agenda items

#### **9 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS**

##### **Spicers**

It was reported that there were 3 x 32lb gas cylinders outside the Pavilion that do not belong to the Parish Council. Due to Health & Safety they should be caged – Clerk to write to Sawston Cricket Club accordingly.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that these gas cylinders could be stored at the back of Pavilion as there is an area that is gated at both ends. Provided the Cricket Club is given a key they could be stored here together with the BBQ's. When given the key it would be made clear that nothing else would be allowed to be stored in this area.

**VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

Mr T Davies of Sawston United F.C. told the Committee that football pitches have been excellent throughout the whole football season and congratulated Mr A R Poole accordingly.

Councillor M J R Mallows was concerned that Mr A R Poole was using an extremely old cricket frame which was essential to mark out the wicket and he felt that a new one should be purchased. Mr A R Poole to investigate who would be able to make up a new one and to obtain a price.

Councillor E C Murray advised Mr T Davies of Sawston United F.C. that building work will be commencing on Spicers from New Road gate, subject to Cambridgeshire County Council agreement for 35 weeks from October for the majority of the 2015/2016 football season. This will not impact on the pitches in any way but the goals will have to be moved.

#### **Mill Lane**

The goals where they are stored need to be re-located. The main problem is where the goals are stored it is uneven due to the state of the ground as it rises up and is not flat. Councillor E C Murray and Mr A R Poole to investigate to try to resolve this problem.

#### **Lynton Way**

Circus Tyanna who were on site during 4-7 June 2015 left the site in good condition.

### **10 REVIEW HIRE AGREEMENTS**

As all the information had not been received this will be made an Agenda item for the Full Parish Council meeting in July.

### **11 CRICKET SQUARE SOIL**

Mr A R Poole requested permission to order 5 cubic metres of soil for the cricket square at £150.77 x 5 = £753.85 + VAT.

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Parish by Councillor W N Reid and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to ***ACCEPT*** this quotation.

**VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

### **12 SAWSTON FETE**

Mr A R Poole voiced concerns over holding the Sawston Fete at Spicers as first and foremost this is a sports ground not a recreation ground. Although the whole area had been tidied up there were signs of wear and tear, and as the ground is used all year round i.e. cricket in the summer and football in the winter it needs time to be rested and recuperate.

It was suggested that Mill Lane could be used as an alternative, but this was decided not to be practical due its size, being surrounded by housing and parking issues.

Lynton Way was the only option but there were several issues which it was felt could be overcome. One of the main issues was the annual visit from Circus Tyanna as this year it coincided with the Sawston Fete. This obviously could be overcome by asking them to come at a different time.

It was ***AGREED*** that as more discussion was needed this would be deferred to the next R & O S Committee Meeting.

### **13 SPICERS GARAGE COMPOUND**

Mr A R Poole had concerns over the problems with the storage as the Sports Clubs were using more space than allocated. This was time consuming as the Groundstaff were wasting valuable time in removing BBQ's, chairs etc to access their equipment.

Sawston United F.C. were in agreement to move their signs to the rear of the Pavilion with the Cricket Club's BBQ's and gas cylinders

Mr A R Poole felt that he could build a compound within the garage and will obtain prices for materials. Due to the time factor this will be taken directly to Full Parish in July.

In the meantime the Clerk will write to Sawston Cricket Club to ask them to tidy up the area.

#### **14 SEATS AND BINS**

It was reported that there was an ever growing problem at Mill Lane Recreation Ground with litter/rubbish and nuisance behaviour at the rear of the ground. Part of this problem is caused by the lack of bins which needs to be rectified.

It was **AGREED** that the seat in question could not be moved but if a bin was placed adjacent to it, this would hopefully rectify the litter problem. The other problem is the storage of the goals which it was felt they needed to be moved. Councillor E C Murray and Mr A R Poole to look at alternative areas.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to purchase 5 x bins at a cost of £2,228.00 + VAT

**VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

#### **15 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

##### **Litter Bin**

Councillor K Cuffley reported the bin was overflowing at the far end of The Baulks. It was confirmed that this belongs to the Developers.

##### **Tree**

Trees by green area in Hall Crescent/St Mary's Road need pruning – Mr A R Poole to look at.

##### **Path – Industrial Estate**

It was reported that this path is overgrown – belongs to farmer.

##### **Stanley Webb Close**

It was reported that the planted hedge behind the houses near the track needs cutting. Councillors Dr D R Bard and K Cuffley agreed to ask SCDC who is responsible for this.

**Meeting closed 9.05pm**