

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

17 May 2016

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

PRESENT: Chairman: K Cuffley

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

R J Grayston

C Groves

Ms B Laxton

M J R Mallows

W N Reid

R M Richmond

Head Groundsman : Mr A R Poole

Sawston Cricket Club : Mr K Pride

The Rock Sawston F.C. : Mr C English

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

Councillor K Cuffley was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid for the position of Chairman.

Councillor Ms B Laxton was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R J Grayston but this proposal was not **SECONDED**

A vote was taken for Councillor K Cuffley

VOTE: 6 FOR : 2 AGAINST

Councillor K Cuffley was duly elected Chairman

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

Councillor W N Reid was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Ms B Laxton was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R J Grayston and **SECONDED** by Councillor C Groves

A vote took place:

Councillor W N Reid : 5 votes

Councillor Ms B Laxton : 3

Councillor W N Reid was duly elected Vice-Chairman

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr I Reeves (Sawston Cricket Club)

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

5 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2015 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)

6 MATTERS ARISING

None

7 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

The Rock Sawston F.C.

Mr C English requested that for next season The Rock Sawston F.C. move grounds from Mill Lane to Lynton Way as the players say it is a better pitch and more convenient for them. Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman did not have a problem with them doing this for season 2016/2017.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that The Rock Sawston F.C. is allowed to change venues.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mr C English also asked if the Parish Council could look at the way invoices are generated for the games. At present Sports Clubs are invoiced in advance and pay on this invoice. At the end of the season it is then calculated whether they have played more games or less games. Whatever the result of this calculation the difference is either added to next season's invoice or refunded. He would rather be given the refund at the end of the season but in the case of extra games being played then clubs would need to reimburse the Parish Council accordingly.

It was **AGREED** to make this an Agenda item for the next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting and review all the Sports Agreements.

8 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

None

9 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

None

10 REVIEW HIRING OF PAVILIONS

The Parish Council has a policy of not hiring Spicers for private parties and it was felt this should be looked at for future bookings. The Clerk explained that with regular group bookings such as exercise classes and the football and cricket usage, the Pavilion is only available on a Tuesday and Thursday evening. Cricket and football do take priority over any other bookings as this is a Sports Pavilion not a Village Hall. The bar is run by Sawston Sports Association and is private not public. Before the Clerk did have some discretion over bookings but felt that this responsibility should not be hers alone.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor R J Grayston that the Parish Council policy regarding Spicers stands that it cannot be hired for private individuals and that it is not at the Clerk's discretion.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

11 PITCH REQUESTS FOR NON SAWSTON TEAMS – SEASON 2016/2017

The Parish Council has received two requests from teams outside Sawston to use Council pitches for season 2016/17 for youth football on a Sunday.

Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman, explained that the Parish Council does not currently have any youth teams on a Sunday and he would be prepared to allow them but does have concerns regarding the wear and tear on pitches. He would not want to jeopardise the condition of the pitches for Sawston teams. The Parish Council would have to spend extra money to top dress the pitches if these extra games were played.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Parish Council cannot commit to this because of the wear and tear on the grounds, but would be prepared to allow them to play as an emergency one off if they found themselves without a pitch. After 2016/17 season there would not be any pitches available for them because of the Sawston teams.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

12 REPLACE LIGHTS IN GROUNDSTORE

The Clerk explained that most of the fluorescent tubes in the Ground Store were not working and has not been able to obtain the bulbs locally. The Clerk did receive a quote to replace the bulbs with cool white bulbs which give brighter light which is needed in the ground store. The cost of replacing them all is £107.60 + VAT

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **ACCEPT** this quote for replacement bulbs and replace them as soon as possible.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

13 MUGA

Councillor Dr D R Bard explained that the County Council is insisting the Parish Council has an archaeological dig on this site which could cost up to £3k. He is still in talks with SCDC and the County Council and will keep the Parish Council updated.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Cricket Square Marker

Councillor M J R Mallows thanked the Cricket Club for the cricket square marker that they made for Me A R Poole, Head Groundsman and asked Mr K Pride to pass on the Parish Council's thanks.

Cherry Tree

There is a cherry tree along The Baulks that has had a branch fallen and needs looking at along with the hedge that needs cutting back as overgrowing the footpath. These are the responsibility of the owner of the new development. The Clerk to write to them.

Gullies - Hillside

Councillor W N Reid Neil reported the gullies looked blocked along Hillside. Clerk to write to CCC highways.

Butlers Green

Councillor Ms B Laxton asked if the Parish Council should be looking into getting Butlers Green passed over to the village. It was explained that the Parish Council did look into this before and accepted the \$106 money instead which went towards new play equipment for the village.

Regular R & O S Committee Meetings

Councillor M J R Mallows said that our last Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting was in November 2015 and that he felt there should be regular meetings for the Sports Clubs to be able to discuss any issues they may have. The Clerk explained they had only been cancelled in the past because of lack of business and that if the cricket or football clubs did have issues they could contact the Clerk.

The Clerk suggested having Recreation & Open Spaces meetings quarterly - this will be made an Agenda item to discuss at Full Parish.

Wakelin Avenue

There are two trees on a green area down Wakelin Avenue and a large branch has fallen which is blocking the footpath. Clerk to investigate.

- Review Sports Hire Agreements
- Review dates for meetings

Meeting closed 8.46pm