



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 17 APRIL 2018
At Link Road Parish Council Offices - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

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| Neil Reid (Chairman) | David Bard |
| Mike Mallows | Janet Martin |
| Colin Groves | Roger Richmond (arrived 8pm) |
| Beck Laxton | Kevin Cuffley |

Alan Poole – Head Groundsman
2 members of public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:
Mr Trevor Davies – Sawston United
Mr Colin English – The Greyhound FC
Mr Ian Reeves – Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2017 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Janet Martin to **accept** the minutes.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

None

6 UPDATE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A SKATE PARK IN SAWSTON

Mr Justin Whittaker – Chairman of Sawston Wheelers gave an update. They have started the process of designing the skate park with the help of younger members of the group who will use the skate park. They are also planning to launch this at the Sawston Fete by having a demo skate ramp there and also to start fund raising.

The committee discussed where the proposed skate park could go in Sawston. Lynton Way was the favoured site and Councillor David Bard offered to speak to SCDC about this and also the possibility of transferring the lease of the land to the Parish Council.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Beck Laxton and **seconded** by Councillor Colin Groves to **recommend to Full Parish** that if it was feasible then this would be the proposed site.

VOTE: FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

7 TO DISCUSS REPLACING THE ROPE BRIDGE ON THE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT MILL LANE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk explained that the rope bridge on a piece of play equipment at Mill Lane recreation ground is damaged and the metal has been exposed. This has been taped up and made safe. This does need to be replaced and the cost for the replacement rope bridge is £1,403.43 + vat. The Clerk explained this is not something other manufacturers can quote for.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Beck Laxton to **recommend to Full Parish** that the rope bridge is replaced.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

8 TO DISCUSS PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION COURSE FOR HEAD GROUNDSMAN

The Head Groundsman's play inspection certificate is due to expire in July this year. The cost for him to do the course and exam again is £333.00 + vat.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Beck Laxton to **recommend to Full Parish** that he does the course.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Roger Richmond arrived 8.00pm

9 TO DISCUSS INSTALLING A BOLLARD AT MILL LANE RECREATION GROUND

The Head Groundsman explained that he would like to have a bollard installed at Mill Lane recreation ground at the beginning of the drive up to the groundstore to prevent unauthorised vehicles from driving up there. He had only managed to get one quote. This was discussed and agreed to defer to another meeting when he has got more quotes.

10 TO DISCUSS NEW MACHINERY FOR GROUNDSMEN

The Head Groundsman explained the two mowers they use at the cemetery are struggling to do the work required due to their age and condition. He has asked if the Parish Council can purchase two new mowers.

Kubota W819 – 19" mower with roller

- £825.00 + vat
- £1,075.00 + vat
- £1,099.00 + vat

Kubota W821 – 21" mower with roller

- £950.00 + vat
- £1,190.00 + vat
- £1,225.00 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Janet Martin to **recommend to Full Parish** that we purchase the two mowers at the lowest cost.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

The Head Groundsman also explained that we have a roller for Lynton Way and Spicers but the machine at Mill Lane is a roller/spiker and it is very time consuming to change it from a spiker to a roller and has asked if the Parish Council will consider purchasing a roller specifically for Mill Lane.

As he only had one quote the committee agreed to defer to another meeting once he as obtained other quotes.

11 TO DISCUSS THE GROUNDWORKS OUTSIDE THE GROUNDSTORE AT MILL LANE

The Head Groundsman explained that as we have discussed before the area outside the groundstore needs to be replaced with something more substantial as the area at the moment gets very wet and muddy and nothing can be stored on it. There are three

options, Concrete, hardcore or matting. He will get quotes for each and make an agenda item on the appropriate meeting.

12 REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL TO EMPLOY A PARK KEEPER FOR THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council received a letter from a resident regarding people not taking any notice of the 'Keep dogs on leads' signs at Orchard Park stating that a warden is the key to ensuring dog safety on the park. He also had concerns with the maintenance of the areas around Orchard Park and the Millenium Copse. The Head Groundsman confirmed he has all the maintenance in hand and it will be completed. The committee discussed a park warden and whilst we sympathise with the resident the Parish Council feel they have done everything they could do, by putting up signs, giving out free dog bags etc. It was also pointed out that a park keeper only has the same powers as a resident. If there is a dangerous dog or someone has photographic evidence of dog fouling and knows who the dog belongs to then it can be reported to the police.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor Beck Laxton to write to the resident explaining this and that there isn't anything else the Parish Council can do.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

13 GROUNDSMAN'S ISSUES

The Head Groundsman has concerns regarding an article he saw on social media asking for anyone with vintage cars and motorbikes if they would like to attend the Sawston Fete on Spicers Sports Ground. There could be a turn out of many cars and motorbikes and he has concerns about damage to the ground. Councillor Beck Laxton wasn't aware of this but as part of the Sawston Fete Committee she will investigate.

It was also discussed and agreed that the Head Groundsman should make a list of how many cars would be acceptable etc so that when the committee ask to hire the sports ground the list can be included.

14 PAVILIONS AND GROUNDS

Spicers

None

Mill Lane

None

Lynton Way

None

15 CORRESPONDENCE

None

18 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – CONCERNING RECREATION & OPEN SPACES ONLY

None

Meeting closed 8.40 pm