



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2018
At Link Road Parish Council Offices - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Neil Reid (Chairman)

Rajni Padia

Janet Martin

Colin Groves

Beck Laxton

Brian Milnes

Kevin Cuffley

Anand Pillai

+ Alan Poole – Head Groundsman
Mr Ian Reeves – Sawston & Babraham Cricket
Mr Trevor Davies – Sawston United FC
Mr Justin Whitaker – Sawston Wheelers
Mrs Kirsty Keegan – Sawston Wheelers
Mr & Mrs Satchell – Cambridge City
Mr Keith Warth – KWA Architects

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:
Mr Colin English – The Greyhound FC
Councillor David Bard
Councillor Mike Mallows

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Colin Groves for item 8 – He is on the Skate park committee.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor Brian Milnes to **accept** the minutes.

VOTE: 8 FOR : UNANIMOUS

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

Mr Ian Reeves gave an update on Sawston & Babraham Cricket Clubs season. Please see report attached to these minutes.

Mr Ian Reeves thanked the Parish Council and the ground staff for the continuing support and hard work on the grounds.

The head groundsman thanked the cricket club too as they have been a great help with the workload.

Councillor Neil Reid congratulated the club for their season.

Mr Trevor Davis said they have no issues and said the pitch looks great. They are hoping to start a reserve team next year so they will have two teams.

6 TO DISCUSS CAMBRIDGE CITY FOOTBALL GROUND

Mr Keith Warth explained that this is an expensive project and the money is coming from the piece of land that Mr Satchell owns that is being sold for the H1b development. Once the planning permission is granted this will release money to continue with the stadium.

Mr Len Satchell explained that the whole site is 33 acres, Cambridge City will be 13 acres and the rest of the site will be gifted to the Parish Council as community land. The community land will be top soiled and seeded and footpaths and cycleways will be upgraded to Grove Road. They will also put in car parking and gift floodlights.

Councillor Neil Reid thanked them for this generous offer and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

This will need discussing in more detail and will be made an agenda item for the Recreation meeting in January 2019.

7 TO DISCUSS THE S106 CONTRIBUTIONS WITH REGARDS TO SITE H/1B

The Parish Council has been asked to consider any projects that the S106 money from the H1b application can be spent on.

The committee started talking about upgrading footpaths/cycleways and also the possibility of opening the Haverhill railway line.

It was agreed for the Clerk to invite Mr James Fisher, SCDC Section 106 officer to the next Planning of Full parish meeting to discuss our options.

ACTION: Clerk

8 UPDATE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A SKATE PARK AT LYNTON WAY RECREATION GROUND

Mrs Keegan handed the committee a booklet that Sawston Wheelers has produced regarding the possibility of a skate park in Sawston. The Head Groundsman confirmed that Lynton Way was really the only place that would be suitable.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley asked if they had contacted the Icknield Primary School regarding the proposal as the school has had some issues with the MUGA on Lynton Way and Sawston Wheelers should approach them to get they're views on this proposal.

Mrs Keegan explained that they will do a full consultation for this proposal and would include the school but wanted to get confirmation from the Parish Council first that they could build a skate park on Lynton Way recreation ground.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** that we agree with the skate park and location in principle and that Sawston Wheelers move forward with the process of this project.

VOTE: 6 FOR : NO VOTE: 1 ABS: 1

9 TO DISCUSS BBQ'S ON RECREATION GROUNDS

The Parish Council has previously discussed if we need to erect signs at the recreation grounds stating there should be no BBQ's. The Clerk received advice from the insurance company who stated that the Public Liability Insurance section of our policy covers the Parish Council's responsibilities towards owning or maintaining the recreation grounds. If someone is injured on the recreation ground due to a defect with the land and the Council is found to be legally liable for the incident. However, the users of the recreation grounds must remain responsible for any claims for injury or damage arising from their activities.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Beck Laxton and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley that after considering the information from our insurance company we will not be erecting signs.

VOTE: 7 FOR : AGAINST: 1

10 TO DISCUSS MACHINE SERVICING

The Head Groundsman explained he has struggled to get three quotes for the machine servicing and asked this to be deferred to November's full parish meeting so he can chase the quotes.

11 TO DISCUSS THE MULTI-USE GAMES AREA ON LYNTON WAY

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained he recently had a meeting on site with Icknield Primary School regarding the issue of balls going onto school property from the MUGA on Lynton Way. The school are having some renovations and a gate has been erected at the entrance to the school which has made it safer and will prevent people climbing into the school grounds. There is one section that does need some fencing which is by the electricity sub-station. Councillor Kevin Cuffley confirmed he is taking this up with the County Council.

ACTION: Kevin Cuffley

The Clerk did get a quote for increasing the height of the MUGA fence on the school side. The current fence is 2m high, to increase it to 3m would cost £7,993.00 + vat. This was discussed and agreed that increasing the height by 1m would not solve the problem of balls going over and we cannot justify the additional money. Clerk to write to Icknield Primary School to let them know of the outcome.

12 TO DISCUSS A DONATION FOR ICKNIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Icknield Primary School has previously asked for a donation towards repairs to their shed after it had been broken into and damaged of £340.00 which the committee considered again.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Janet Martin to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** that we donate £340.00 for the shed repairs as requested.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

13 TO DISCUSS THE LETTER FROM A RESIDENT REQUESTING TO PLANT A TREE IN ORCHARD PARK

A resident of Sawston has asked permission to plant a commemorative tree in Orchard Park for their father who sadly passed away in May.

This was discussed and the head groundsman explained there are already a lot of trees in Orchard Park and more trees need to be planted in the Millenium Copse and he would recommend this area.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor Anand Pillai that we could give permission to plant a tree in the Millenium Copse and ask that they liaise with the Clerk. Councillor Beck Laxton agreed to look into which type of tree would suit this area.

ACTION: Beck Laxton

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

14 REQUEST FROM GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICE TO USE ORCHARD PARK FOR TRAINING FOR RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

The team behind "Run for your life" would like to expand out of the City of Cambridge and think this would be of great benefit to the health and wellbeing of the practice population in Sawston.

They are asking permission to use Orchard Park for this project as it is the ideal space to start an initial couch to 5k programme and then a continued programme. They hope to have 1 evening session a week whilst they are receiving set up support from the scheme. They have obtained funding for a staff member to attend the training to be a run leader, they have also approached existing run leaders in the community in case they can already

use that resource, at which point they would hope to offer a 1 hour day session once a week in addition to the 1 hour evening session a week.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor Anand Pillai to allow them to go ahead with the using the park free of charge as it is not for profit and will benefit residents of Sawston. This will be reviewed in a year.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

15 TO DISCUSS TREE COVER IN SAWSTON PARKS

A Sawston resident has written to the Parish Council to highlight in his view the lack of shade in Sawston parks. In particular Mill Lane and Orchard Park. He feels neither of these parks have adequate shade from the southerly sunshine putting children in Sawston at risk of sunburn and sunstroke in the summer. This was discussed and the committee and head groundsman feel there are enough trees at all our recreation grounds and to explain that we are currently having a tree survey done which includes all the parks and we will take advise from that once we received the report.

16 TO DISCUSS PLAY EQUIPMENT AT MILL LANE RECREATION GROUND

A Sawston resident has asked if the Parish Council will consider adding or replacing play equipment at Mill Lane with more 'risky play experiences and chances to play in nature'. This was discussed and agreed that there are more play areas in Sawston with equipment for older children like the MUGA at Lynton Way, the cone climber at Deal Grove and the zip wire at Orchard Park. With regards to the nature aspect, there is the Millenium Copse at Tannery Road which is the wild area. The Clerk did explain that we do budget for new play equipment and this should be discussed at the next Recreation meeting.

17 GROUNDSMAN'S ISSUES

The Head Groundsman asked if the Clerk can arrange a meeting with the Cricket Club and the Chair of Recreation to discuss the cricket square before next season.

ACTION: Clerk

18 PAVILIONS AND GROUNDS

Spicers

Mill Lane

Lynton Way

19 BUDGET SETTING FOR RECREATION & OPEN SPACES 2019/2020

The committee went through the budget for 2019/2020.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Rajni Padia to have an extension of time to complete the budget setting.

VOTE: 7 FOR : AGAINST: 1

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to **RECOMMEND TO F&GP COMMITTEE** a budget for Recreation & Open Spaces of £75,027.00 for 2019/2020.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

20 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

None

Meeting closed 9.35 pm

Sawston and Babraham Cricket Club Report

The summer started damply and slowly with little optimism of what was to follow. Groundsmen were sounding like farmers talking about too much rain in April, and indeed the season did start a week later than planned. However, by the end of the summer, meteorologists were hailing a record-breaking summer and groundsmen were praying for rain to provide relief to their brown and parched outfielders.

The summer on the field following a similar pattern where a season on consolidation was planned as our successful winter recruitment meant that many would start the season in new teams and new divisions. However, in the end of term report I am pleased to say that the Club had a record-breaking summer surpassing even the most optimistic of expectations.

The 1st team, in their first season back in the Cambridgeshire and Hunts top division, found themselves in an extraordinary title fight with the top four all playing each other in the last week of the season and three of the sides having realistic chances to lift the crown. Ultimately, we finished 18 runs short and had to settle for fourth rather than top. Nevertheless, it was a superb debut in the top division.

However, there were titles for the second and third teams, and a promotion for the fourths. The seconds unbeaten in the league all year, and the thirds winning their own last day title decider. The Midweek side did a league and cup double, and our six-a-side team won the Keatley Cup. Our Sunday Friendly side also won the Steve Gale Memorial trophy. Many Club and team record scores were posted and we celebrated our first player to score and double hundred (Kane Munday). We also gave debuts to another four youngsters as they begin the transition to adult cricket.

Our Junior sides showed improvement both in terms of numbers and quality of cricket, and our first ever girls section made a good start.

Off the field we had a social scene that was the envy of all. We made strong contributions to the wider community by co-hosting the village fete, hosting the four Cambridgeshire Cricket Finals days and by once again raising a substantial sum for Charity (this year mind was chosen) with our Charity Day and other activities. We again made investments to improve our facilities. In order to do this we are grateful to our members, our volunteers, Sawston Groundsman Alan Poole and his team, the PC and of course our sponsors. This year local companies CPL and Gibbs Denley partnering with the Club.

The meteorologists are currently predicting a tough winter but the Club is more optimistic. After a brief 'drinks break' we expect to be back planning for the future. With winter nets, our AGM, player recruitment, a sponsorship campaign, pavilion renovations at Babraham and continued work on our pitches are top priorities. As always we are looking for new players, or players wanting to return to this wonderful game. We would also be pleased to hear from any volunteers or sponsors to help with our social side, charity work, administration, and renovations. Anyone interested in joining our successful and happy club can contact Ian Reeves, Chairman, (07799 657263 Ian.Reeves123@hotmail.co.uk.)

[Further information about the Club is available on our website \[sawstonbabraham.play-cricket.com\]\(http://sawstonbabraham.play-cricket.com\), or our facebook page Sawston & Babraham CC and we will continue to post updates on the Sawston fb page.](#)