



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 16 JULY 2019
At Link Road Parish Council Offices - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Neil Reid (Chairman)	David Bard
Rajni Padia	Janet Martin
Colin Groves	Anand Pillai
Beck Laxton	Kevin Cuffley

Alan Poole – Head Groundsman
Mr Colin English – The Greyhound FC
Mr Ian Reeves – Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club
+ 2 members of public

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

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Rajni Padia to nominate Councillor Neil Reid as Chairman of the Recreation & Open Spaces committee for the ensuing year.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor Anand Pillai to nominate Councillor Beck Laxton as Chairman of the Recreation & Open Spaces committee for the ensuing year.

Vote for Councillor Neil Reid

VOTE: 5 FOR

Vote for Councillor Beck Laxton

VOTE: 3 FOR

Councillor Neil Reid is the Chairman for Recreation & Open Spaces for the ensuing year.

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

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to nominate Councillor Rajni Padia as Vice Chairman of the Recreation & Open Spaces committee for the ensuing year.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 1 AGAINST

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor M Mallows

Councillor B Milnes

Mr Trevor Davies – Sawston United

Mr Bob Rule – Sawston Rovers

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 APRIL 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2019 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to **accept** the minutes.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

6 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

**7 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS
TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL STORAGE FOR THE CRICKET CLUB AT SPICERS PAVILION**

Mr Ian Reeves explained that the Cricket Club are still looking into the options for extra storage at the pavilion. This is ongoing and he has met with the head groundsman and Clerk to discuss possible options. When he has more information/costings etc he will let the Clerk know.

Mr Ian Reeves also explained the Cricket Club has recently been sent a letter from Sawston Village College to say they recently had a roof survey which showed 7 tiles have been broken by cricket balls being hit over the fence which has caused the roof to leak.

This was discussed and Ian said that the ball can be hit over to the college but very rarely and it cannot be proven the damaged has been caused by the cricket balls.

Councillor Beck Laxton suggested the Cricket Club let the college know when there has been a ball go over so they can then check the roof tiles for damage and also keep a log of the incidents which was agreed.

As members of the public were present to discuss item 10 Councillor Neil Reid asked for this item to be brought forward.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to bring item 10 forward.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Mr Colin English said the grounds at Lynton Way are in super condition and thanked the Head Groundsman for all his hard work. He explained they still have sponsorship from the Greyhound and have now been promoted to division 1 which they were congratulated on.

10 REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS FOR ADDITIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT AT MILL LANE RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Neil Reid introduced Jo Ferrady and Nicky Frost who explained they are parents in the village and use Mill Lane recreation ground and have done an independent research for children of what play equipment they would like on this site. They are asking for more challenging/risky items of play equipment.

This was discussed at length and Councillor Beck Laxton suggested they look at other parks and if they see any items they think would suit, take a photo and get costings to bring back to the Parish Council to consider.

The Clerk offered to get some brochures from current manufacturers and give to Mrs Jo Ferreday so they can ask children what they would like.

It was also suggested the Clerk arranges a meeting on site with the Chair and Vice Chair of Recreation and the Head Groundsman so they can discuss the area that is available for additional play equipment.

Councillor Neil Reid thanked them for coming to the meeting.

8 GROUNDSMAN'S ISSUES

The Head Groundsman wanted to highlight the issues we have recently had with the Ransomes and Major mower. The radiator/thermostat keep going on the Ransomes needing repairs and the bearings are going on the Major mower which is now over 10 years old.

It was agreed for the Head Groundsman to produce a 5/10 year plan for machinery as we need reliable, larger machinery.

The Head Groundsman thanked the Clerk and Chairman for allowing him to get both machines recently repaired quickly as at one point we didn't have any cutting machines.

9 PAVILIONS AND GROUNDS

Spicers

Mr Ian Reeves thanked the Head Groundsman for all his hard work on the ground.

Mill Lane

None

Lynton Way

None

11 TO AGREE QUOTE FOR THE YEARLY ROSPA PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

The Clerk has requested 3 quotes for the yearly ROSPA inspection due in October but has only received one quote at £260.00 + vat for all four sites in Sawston.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Beck Laxton to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** accept the quote for £260.00.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

12 TO DISCUSS REPAIRS TO THE ZIPWIRE AT ORCHARD PARK

The Clerk explained that the tyre needs replacing on the zip wire at Orchard Park and the tension need to be tightened which is a two man job and not something our groundsman can do. The Clerk could not find any local companies that would be able to do this job so contacted the company that installed the play equipment and got a quote of £923.00 + vat.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor Anand Pillai to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** accept the quote for £923.00 and get the repairs done.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

13 TO DISCUSS LYNTON WAY PITCH HIRE FOR DUXFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

The Clerk explained we recently agreed for Babraham Football Club to use Lynton Way on a Saturday afternoon but have since decided they no longer need to use it. Duxford Football Club has now asked for the same venue and day which will be at a cost of £55 per game as they are not a Sawston Club.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor Anand Pillai to allow Duxford Football Club to use Lynton Way at a cost of £55 per game.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

15 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

None

Meeting closed 8.35 pm