



# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020

At Link Road Parish Council Offices - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

### PRESENT:

**Parish Clerk** Jo Keeler

### Councillors

Neil Reid (Chairman)

Kevin Cuffley

Beck Laxton

David Bard

Colin Groves

Anand Pillai (arrived 7.37pm)

Rajni Padia

Mr Alan Poole – Head Groundsman  
Mr Ian Reeves – Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club  
Mr Phil Edwards – Sawston Girls FC  
Mr Pete Barker – Sawston Girls FC

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:  
Councillor Mike Mallows (Personal)  
Councillor Brian Milnes (Work commitments)  
Mr Colin English – The Greyhound FC  
Mr Trevor Davies – Sawston United

### 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

### 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2019 were read, confirmed and signed with the below amend.

Item 5 – Mr Ian Reeves gave a review for the Cricket season 2019 not 2018.

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

**VOTE: 6 FOR : 0 (UNANIMOUS)**

### 4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

### 5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

None

**6 GROUNDSMAN'S ISSUES**

The head groundsman explained he has called off all training until the beginning of February due to the condition of the pitches. All the clubs have been informed.

**7 PAVILIONS AND GROUNDS**

**Spicers**

None

**Mill Lane**

None

**Lynton Way**

None

Councillor Anand Pillai arrived 7.37pm

**8 TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FROM SAWSTON UNITED GIRLS FC**

The Parish Council has been asked if there is a spare pitch on a Sunday for a new Sawston United Women's football team.

The head groundsman explained they would be able to play on a Sunday but it would be dependent on which pitch is available and he would not be able to let them know until the Friday before. There currently would not be any facilities for training.

They were happy with this and explained that it wouldn't be until 2021/2022 season.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Anand Pillai to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** to allow them to play starting season 2021/2022.

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

**9 TO DISCUSS THREE QUOTES FOR RANSOMES MOWER**

As discussed under item 11 of the previous recreation meeting, the head groundsman was asked to get quotes for a new machine to replace the Ransomes machine as the current Ransomes is 16 years old and is starting to cost quite a lot in repairs and servicing. We also agreed to look at a bigger/wider machine to help save time. The machine is a Toro T4240 5-unit, wide cut.

Three quotes were obtained all with exactly the same specifications and all offered 2 years warranty.

- £49,897.00 + vat
- £58,000.00 + vat
- £56,590.00 + vat

The Clerk confirmed there was some money in reserves earmarked for new grounds machine and the extra money could be taken from reserves. We would also be able to trade in the old machine.

This was discussed and agreed that as we have the money saved and enough in reserves, we should purchase the machine now instead of waiting.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Beck Laxton and **seconded** by Councillor Anand Pillai to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** we purchase the new mower at £49,897.00 + vat using the machinery money we have earmarked and the rest from reserves.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

**10 TO DISCUSS LYNTON WAY GOALS**

Sawston Greyhound explained at a previous meeting that the goals at Lynton Way are difficult to wheel about. The head groundsman has not received any other complaints since this one and wanted to defer this item to the next recreation meeting so we could discuss it with the club.

**11 TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL STORAGE AT SPICERS PAVILION**

Mr Ian Reeves has met with an architect at Spicers to discuss the options for extending the pavilion and making more room for storage as requested. He produced a plan which was shown to all the committee. This was discussed but the committee understood that the idea to extend the building was to create more storage, this design has a cricket scorers box added and was at an estimated cost of £65k.

The committee asked Mr Ian Reeves to go back to the architect and review the drawing and come back the next recreation meeting in April.

It was also agreed to hold the next recreation meeting at Spicers so we would be on site to look at the area proposed for the extension.

**12 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

None

**Meeting closed 8.25pm**