



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON 21 JULY 2020 - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Rajni Padia (Chairman)

David Bard

Neil Reid

Michael Mallows

Colin Groves

Jayne Merrick

Brian Milnes

Kevin Cuffley

Alan Poole – Head Grounds Keeper

Councillor Kieran Cooper

Mr Pat McGowan – Cambridge City Football Club Project Manager

Mr Ian Reeves – Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club

Mr Andy Costen – Sawston Phoenix Football Club

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Beck Laxton – Personal

Councillor Anand Pillai – Work commitments

Councillor Rajni Padia was having internet problems and the committee could not hear him clearly so Councillor Kevin Cuffley took the lead.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 MAY 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2020 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **accept** the minutes.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

5 UPDATE FROM CAMBRIDGE CITY FOOTBALL GROUND

Mr Pat McGowan was introduced and gave an update on the Cambridge City football ground. He explained that he was engaged by CCFC in January 2020 as their partner funding coordinator and is actively pursuing the Football Foundation for funding for the 3G pitch at Cambridge City. He is now their project manager.

They are building the new stadium with clubhouse/bar/conferencing/3 community pitches/main stand and pitch.

They were hoping to start building in September 2020 but there were some planning conditions to be discharged before this can start. The main outstanding condition is condition 26 where they must demonstrate they can manage the surface water run during construction.

This has been delayed by the planning department so they don't expect to be able to start the build until the back end of this year or even the beginning of next.

Councillor Brian Milnes offered to approach SCDC to ask if the process on this application could be looked at sooner.

With regards to the proposed gifted land to the Parish Council, Pat explained that they are going to top soil and see for 3 pitches with floodlights on two of the pitches.

Councillor Brian Milnes was not aware of any agreement for this use of this and the Parish Council should decide what they want to use the land. The Clerk explained that in the past the Head Grounds Keeper has always wanted more pitches for training but we have never had anything in writing.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained we have a Task and Finish group meeting tomorrow (22 July) when this can be discussed but explained to Pat that any decision will have to go to the Full Parish meeting for agreement which wouldn't be until September.

Pat agreed to send the details through to the Clerk so she can forward onto the Parish Council. Pat also asked if the Parish Council were willing to pay a nominal cost for the land rather than having it gifted. Even if the Parish Council paid £100 for the land, then CCFC would be able to claim back the VAT.

This will be an agenda item for September's full parish to discuss.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley thanked Pat for attending and he left the meeting at 8.16pm.

Andy Costen joined the meeting 8.17pm

6 SPORTS CLUBS MATTERS

Mr Ian Reeves thanked the Parish Council for their support and help with the full return of cricket and thanked the Head Grounds Keeper for all his help getting the grounds ready.

The Clerk explained she received an email from Sawston United stating they are able to return to football from 1st August 2020 and asked if they could start having friendlies etc. They would want to use the pavilions but for toilets only, they would not be using the changing rooms. The committee agreed they could go ahead and start as long as they follow the government and FA guidelines and we would need a copy of the FA regulations.

7 GROUNDS KEEPERS ISSUES

Mr Alan Poole explained that the wheels on the football goals at Lynton Way are damaged and need replacing.

The cost to replace all the wheels and mechanisms is £376.00 + vat. This was discussed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to replace the wheels now as it is a health and safety issue when trying to move them.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

8 TO DISCUSS INTERNET FOR SPICERS

Councillor Brian Milnes explained he and the Assistant Clerk have had ongoing conversations regarding this. He recommended that if we supply internet to Spicers it will need to be via Open Reach and should only cost around £20 per month. If it costs more then we shouldn't provide it as we have no obligation to. The 4G at Spicers is very good so people can use their phones or we could ask the Sports Clubs to pay for it.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** that we get a quote via Open Reach with the provision of a service that will cost less than £20 per month.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

10 TO DISCUSS TREES AT ORCHARD PARK

The Parish Council received a letter from a resident asking for some of the trees on Orchard Park that back onto the resident's house to be worked on. They would like two trees to be removed as they hang almost 6ft into his garden and other trees to be severely cut down to a manageable height or removed altogether.

This was discussed and agreed for the Clerk to ask the SCDC Tree Officer to come out and look at the trees for their opinion. Once we have a response, we will make it an agenda item to discuss.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk explained that she had a request from an outdoor bootcamp group that wanted to hire a ground in Sawston to carry out his personal training sessions. He is looking at 4 mornings a week.

This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to find out what time, how many people and confirmation they will be following government guidelines.

The Clerk agreed to find this information out and make an agenda item for the next Full Parish meeting.

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

Councillor Kevin Cuffley thanked the Head Grounds Keeper for his hard work as he has been on his own since Christmas.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm