



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON 19 January 2021 - Meeting commenced at 8.45pm**

PRESENT:

Assistant Parish Clerk Clare Speed

Councillors

Neil Reid

David Bard

Kevin Cuffley

Michael Mallows

Colin Groves

Jayne Merrick

Brian Milnes

Alan Poole – Head Grounds Keeper
Councillor Paul Smith
Kevin Pride – Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillor Rajni Padia – Personal
Councillor Anand Pillai – Work Commitments
Councillor Beck Laxton - Personal

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 20 October 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2020 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Colin Groves to **accept** the minutes.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

5 SPORTS CLUBS MATTERS

None

6 GROUNDS KEEPERS ISSUES

Alan Poole explained he has contacted a number of tree surgeons for free bark to lay in areas around the village which are muddy. Hopefully he will be able to get cover all areas covered.

7 PAVILLION AND GROUNDS

SPICERS – We had an issue with a youth football team warming up before the game on the football pitch and making a mess of the pitch, it was suggested the Assistant Clerk writes a letter to all the clubs to remind them not to warm up on the pitches.

LYNTON WAY – The Head Grounds Keeper and Clerk fenced up the MUGA on Lynton Way following Covid government guidelines.

MILL LANE - None

8 TO DISCUSS WEED KILLER USED ON OUR GROUNDS

A resident complained regarding weed killer killing grass and maybe harmful to animals, Alan explained he sprays when the weather is not too windy as you get a drift killing grass surrounding the weeds. He is fully qualified to spray weed killer and will try to get closer to the item he is spray moving forward. The weed killer is called Rostate not harmful to any animals.

9 TO DISCUSS RESIDENT REQUEST FOR DOG LITTER SIGN

A resident has requested a sign to be placed at the green down Princess Drive as they have picked up someone else's dog litter on a number of occasions. This was discussed and agreed not to place a sign as signs are on all the other recreation grounds and we still have dog litter problems. There is a dog bin in clear view on this site.

10 TO DISCUSS SIGNAGE FOR SPICERS (PRIVATE PROPERTY)

Defer to February full parish to clarify if Spicers is private property. Councillor Kevin Cuffley and Councillor Jayne Merrick will have a think of appropriate wording for the sign.

11 TO AGREE SEED, FERTILISER AND SOIL FOR GROUNDS

Alan Poole obtained three quotes were possible for the following seed, fertiliser and soil for grounds.

Fertiliser for all grounds

£1640 + vat

£2150 +vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Jayne Merrick and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the lowest cost of £1640.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Cricket Sq Top Soil (only place to get it from) Binders X5 £743.95

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Colin Groves to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the only cost.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

20 ton of top soil (use on all areas)

£490 + vat

£790 + vat

£1600 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Colin Groves to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the lowest cost of £490.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Spraying of grounds for weeds (Mill Lane, Lynton Way & Spicers)

£1140 +vat

£1258 +vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the lowest cost of £1140.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Rosate TS (total weed killer for all areas) X2

£160 + vat

£219.90 + vat

£215.88 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the lowest cost of £160.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Prox (weed control cricket square & cemetery) X2

£131.20 + vat

£144 + vat

£148.58 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the lowest cost of £131.20

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Fertiliser (Start) X4

£109 + vat

£106.40 + vat

£106.80 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Colin Groves to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the company which cost £109.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Fertiliser (End) X4

£79.60 + vat

£88.40 + vat

£86.60 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the lowest cost of £79.60.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Worm Control (purity) X6

£175.74 + vat

£181.74 + vat

£187.80 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to agree to go with the lowest cost of £175.74.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

10 bags of TT4 grass seed (all areas)

£760

£830

£880

It was ***proposed*** by Councillor Brian Milnes and ***seconded*** by Councillor Colin Groves to ***RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH*** to agree to go with the lowest cost of £760.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained he was surprised that recreation grounds are still open and if as a council we should be thinking of shutting our parks again.

Councillor Brian Milnes suggested following the government guidelines which state they can remain open.

Meeting closed 9.26pm