



# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT SPICERS PAVILION 20 July 2021  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

## PRESENT:

### Councillors

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Neil Reid     | Ian Reeves      |
| Kevin Cuffley | Michael Mallows |
| Colin Groves  | Jayne Merrick   |
| Sue Whitney   | Paul Smith      |

Alan Poole – Head Grounds Keeper  
Kevin Pride - Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club

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

It was **proposed** by Councillor Michael Mallows and **seconded** by Councillor Paul Smith to nominate Councillor Neil Reid as Chairman of the Recreation & Open Spaces committee for the ensuing year.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to nominate Councillor Sue Whitney as Chairman of the Recreation & Open Spaces committee for the ensuing year.

Vote for Councillor Neil Reid  
**VOTE: 5 FOR**

Vote for Councillor Sue Whitney  
**VOTE: 3 FOR**

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

## 2 TO ELCECT A VICE CHAIR OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

It was **proposed** by Councillor Paul Smith and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to nominate Councillor Sue Whitney as Vice Chairman of the Recreation & Open Spaces committee for the ensuing year.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Colin Groves and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to nominate Councillor Ian Reeves as Vice Chairman of the Recreation & Open Spaces committee for the ensuing year.

Vote for Councillor Sue Whitney

**VOTE: 4 FOR**

Vote for Councillor Ian Reeves

**VOTE: 4 FOR**

Councillor Neil Reid had the deciding vote.

Councillor Ian Reeves is the Vice Chairman for Recreation & Open Spaces for the ensuing year.

**3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:  
Councillor Anand Pillai – Work Commitments

**4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

Councillor Ian Reeves – Chairman of Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club (Non pecurinary)

**5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 January 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2021 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Colin Groves and **seconded** by Councillor Paul Smith to **accept** the minutes.

**VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

**6 MATTERS ARISING – New information only**

None

**7 SPORTS CLUBS MATTERS**

Kevin Pride spoke about the cricket club, all teams are doing exceptionally well four players are currently playing for Cambridgeshire. The development team is currently picking players of all ages. The junior cricket has had over 120 children attend. The winter nets will be at Sawston Village College.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley asked whether the bar and facilities are now able to operate as pre-covid with care being taken. As this is allowed, they were advised they should use their own judgement.

The head groundskeeper suggested that the clerk advises all clubs of what they are now allowed to do.

Councillor Neil Reid asked the head groundskeeper about the football clubs, Alan explained currently we have three men's teams at Lynton Way, two men's teams at Mill Lane, one women's team at Mill Lane, one men's team at Spicers and 18 youth teams over all sites.

Alan explained cricket finishes on 11<sup>th</sup> September and football starts. Alan wants all teams playing at Mill Lane to be made aware there will be no shower facilities. A portacabin is required which has two changing rooms and one toilet block.

**8 GROUNDS KEEPERS ISSUES**

None

**9 PAVILLION AND GROUNDS**

**SPICERS** – None

**LYNTON WAY** – None

**MILL LANE** – There has been a number of antisocial behaviour issues, Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained PCSO Chris Wiseman is aware of the issues.

**10 TO DISCUSS CRICKET ROLLER RESPONSIBILITY/OWNERSHIP**

Councillor Ian reeves asked who has ownership and who is responsible for maintenance of the cricket roller. After much discussion, it was suggested for the Clerk to look back to see when it was purchased and who paid for it and whether Sawston Parish Council receives any monies from Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club. This item can be brought back to the next meeting.

**11 TO DISCUSS QUOTES FOR NEW MOWER**

The head groundskeeper explained he would like a DRPro 30 mower to cut the rough areas in the village, the equipment would cut up to 2.8 metres high. It would reduce the time spent strimming; the mower would cost approximately £3000. Councillor Kevin Cuffley suggested a demonstration of the mower to be brought to the next meeting.

**12 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Councillor Sue Whitney updated everyone with the Recreation and Open spaces consultation.

**Meeting closed 9.26pm**