

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

19 January 2010

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Clerk Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K P Facer

Ms B Laxton

I G Read

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

R M Richmond

D J Roberts

Mrs J G A Smith

Sports Club Representatives:

Head Groundsman

Mr K Pride

Mr A Poole

- Sawston Cricket Club

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S A Hatton and M J R Mallows and Mr P Stevens (Chairman, Sports Council)

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Meeting held on 27 November 2009 were read confirmed and signed with the following amendment:

‘Delete Councillor I G Read and Mr K Pride (Sawston Cricket Club) from Item 1 Apologies’ as they were present at the meeting.

PROPOSED by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton to **ACCEPT**

VOTE: 9 FOR : 2 ABSTENTIONS

4 MATTERS ARISING – (new information only)

None

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

It was confirmed that as Mr P Carter had resigned as Chairman of the Sports Council, Mr P Stevens had now taken up office as Chairman and Mr D Morgan was now Secretary having taken over from Mr G Pearl.

6 GROUNDSMAN'S ISSUES

Nothing major to report. Mr A R Poole advised the Committee that the pitches are in good condition, after cancelling fixtures the previous weekend due to adverse weather conditions, and matches will be played this weekend.

The Committee thanked Mr A R Poole for keeping the pitches in good condition during these adverse weather conditions.

7 CHAIN SAW AND SPIKER

Mr A R Poole explained the need for a new chain saw and spiker:

Chain Saw

Present chain saw 15" blade and 6 years old – needs to be replaced due to wear and tear

New chain saw 18" blade would allow most of the work in the Cemetery and elsewhere to be carried out in house

Spiker

Present one (Double Quick) disc shaped which leaves continual yellow lines on surface

New one would be star shaped which would only leave equidistant holes on surface.

Four quotations were presented:

Company	Chain Saw £	Spiker £
PGM Ltd	420.00	1,700.00
Ben Burgess	400.00	1,600.00
Ernest Doe	415.00	1,750.00
Keith Tysoe	420.00	1,700.00

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council to **ACCEPT** the quotation from Ben Burgess.

VOTE: 11 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

8 PAVILIONS AND GROUNDS

Spicer's

The Committee was advised that the build was 10 days behind schedule due to the recent weather conditions, but the Contractors have every confidence that the walls will be erected by February.

It was suggested that photographs be taken at all stages of the building as a permanent record.

The Clerk to contact Truelink Ltd as a matter of urgency to organise the removal of tree stumps within the next two weeks to allow the Contractors to proceed with building work.

Mill Lane

Electrical work

It was reported that the electrical work to the floodlights had now been completed. Clerk to request certification of completion of the work from Rovers F.C.

Condition of seats

It was reported that the condition of the 3 seats was extremely poor and should be replaced with new ones, preferably metal.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish that 3 new seats are purchased to replace the 3 current seats.

VOTE: 11 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

Lynton Way

Benches

It was also suggested that the benches are considered on Lynton Way for next year.

Steps

It was reported that there was a build up of earth on the steps leading down from the entrance on to the recreation ground. Mr A R Poole to check and report back to the Committee.

Fascias

It was also reported that the fascias above the metal doors had been smashed and the insulation had been pulled out. Mr A R Poole advised that he could replace this with wood. It was suggested that this was reported to the Police in order that we could receive an Incident Number which would put this act of vandalism into the system.

9 CIRCUS TYANNA – REQUEST TO VISIT LYNTON WAY

The Committee was advised that the Council had received a request from Circus Tyanna to visit Sawston again this year 2010.

It was **PROPOSED** by Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Read to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish that we write to Circus Tyanna advising them that they would be welcome, but with the following conditions:

- Site meeting to be held with our Head Groundsman prior to the event to organise position of tent
- All posters to be removed after the event
- Cost – daily rate applicable

It was also suggested that they be advised of any other local events which would help them to decide on dates.

VOTE: 11 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None

11 COUNCILLORS ISSUES

London Road

Concern was expressed regarding the numerous potholes caused by the adverse weather conditions. Mr M Cooper of CCC to be contacted.

Meadowfield Road Sign

As this sign had already been reported to SCDC, Councillor Miss S E Clarke volunteered to contact fixmystreet.

Broken Glass – The Woolpack (former public house)

It was reported that there was a considerable amount of glass in the area. Mr A R Poole to contact Mr M Roughead to clear the area.

12 AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

None

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm