

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

16 March 2010

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Snr Asst. Clerk Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Miss S E Clarke

Mrs S A Hatton

Ms B Laxton

M J R Mallows

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

R M Richmond

Mrs J G A Smith

Sports Club Representatives: Mr P Stevens : Sawston Sports Council

Mr K Pride : Sawston Cricket Club

Head Groundsman Mr A Poole

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dr D R Bard, K P Facer, I G Read and D J Roberts.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Meeting held on 16 February 2010 were read confirmed and signed.

PROPOSED by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke to **ACCEPT**

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – (new information only)

None

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

Sawston United Girls – end of season presentation evening at Lynton Way Pavilion

This was discussed at length, but due to the poor condition of Lynton Way Pavilion for such functions it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Clerk writes to Mr Pearl advising him that Lynton Way Pavilion is not available.

It was stated that in future all Sports Club requests should go through the Sports Council first and not directly to the Parish Council.

VOTE: **9 FOR** **:** **(UNANIMOUS)**

6 GROUNDSMAN'S ISSUES

Mr A R Poole advised the Committee that he needed seed and fertiliser and would obtain the necessary quotations.

7 PAVILIONS AND GROUNDS

Spicer's

The Chairman advised the Committee that at present the Contractors are approximately 20 days behind schedule and that completion would probably be the middle of June 2010.

The Committee was also advised that a large 'No Dogs Allowed' sign had been ordered.

Mill Lane

Trees to be discussed in item 8

Lynton Way

Mr P Stevens reported that dog fouling on the Recreation Ground was rife and that the pitch needed to be cleared before play commenced. Mr A R Poole advised that the pitch was clear Friday afternoons and that the problem was between then and Sunday morning when the match was played.

The Committee suggested that Mr Stevens takes photographs and these are subsequently sent to the Cambridge Evening News with a press release to emphasise the problems and dangers of this situation. It was also suggested that an amount of free 'doggy bags' supplied by the Parish Council be left in the Pavilion for use in clearing up as necessary.

It was also reported that the locks on the goals were proving difficult to undo and that the goals were being dragged out of position and were being used as a climbing frame.

8 REPLACEMENT TREES FOR RECREATION GROUNDS

The tree work being carried out on both Lynton Way and Mill Lane is in conjunction with the Tree Survey recommendations. The worst affected Horse Chestnuts, due to bleeding canker, have been felled on Lynton Way. Replacement trees could be planted now but it was recommended to wait until October/November for optimum chance of survival. It was also recommended not to replace with ordinary or white chestnuts but to use pink or red which seem to have a much better chance of survival.

After much discussion it was agreed not to plant any horse chestnut trees, but replace with other species to be determined under advisement at a later date.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to put an article in the Sawston Scene asking for Sponsorship of a tree at a cost of £80. A plaque would be supplied by the Parish Council engraved with the sponsor's name.

VOTE: **9 FOR** **:** **(UNANIMOUS)**

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Two Trees in Orchard Park

An email had been received from a resident in Skiver Close requesting a reduction in height of two trees very close to the side boundary of his property. It was **AGREED** that Mr A R Poole take photographs of the said trees and this will be made an Agenda item at next week's Planning & Environment Committee Meeting.

Sports Fees

The Chairman had received a letter from the Sports Council asking if the Parish Council would be willing to re-negotiate the new fees as set out by the Council for the season 2010/2011. After much discussion the Chairman agreed to look into the legal side of the process for discussing this matter again after which time a decision will be made.

10 COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Mrs Jo Ling

The Committee was informed that Mrs Jo Ling, who was a Councillor for many years, had passed away on Sunday 14 March 2010. It was **AGREED** to send a wreath from the Parish Council and that a tree is planted in her memory.

Dogs on Orchard Park

Mr A R Poole reported that he had been approached by a parishioner asking about the ruling on dogs on Orchard Park. After discussion the Committee **AGREED** there were no rules about keeping dogs on leads.

11 AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

None

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm