

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

18 November 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

M J R Mallows

I G Read

W N Reid

R M Richmond

Mr P Sharp : Sawston Bowls Club

Mrs L Fitzpatrick : Sawston United F.C.

Mr K Pride : Sawston Cricket Club

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

## 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Miss S E Clarke : Item 11 Allotments

## 3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

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

## 4 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY

None

## 5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

None

## 6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

None

## 7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

### **Spicers**

Nothing to report

## **Mill Lane**

Councillor E C Murray explained that the issue with rubbish being left at Mill Lane seems to have improved.

## **Lynton Way**

Nothing to report

## **8 LONG ARM CHAINSAW**

Councillor E C Murray explained that the Parish Council does receive quite a few complaints about low hanging branches along public footpaths as well as in the Cemetery. Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman, has asked if the Parish Council can purchase a long arm chainsaw so he can attend to these trees. They are at a height that is not safe to stand on a ladder with a hand held chainsaw.

The Clerk obtained 3 quotes all with the same specification:

- £525.00 + vat (includes delivery)
- £556.50 + vat (includes delivery)
- £840.00 + vat + delivery charge

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** the quote in the sum of £525.00 + VAT

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

## **9 MACHINE SERVICE**

The Clerk contacted 4 companies to obtain quotes to have the Ransome mower serviced but only 2 quotes were received.

- £ 885.42 + vat
- £1500.00 + vat

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley to **ACCEPT** the quote in the sum of £885.42 + VAT

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

## **10 GOALS AT MILL LANE**

Councillor E C Murray explained there is an ongoing problem with the goals at Mill Lane. People have been seen pulling the goals apart and climbing on them which has damaged them and makes it hard to wheel into place. This has been reported to the Police. The Parish Council has asked Tomlinson Steel come out to look at the goals/wheels but they advised there is not much they can do to prevent them from buckling. The goals need to be kept lock together.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor I G Read and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to order new wheels immediately under Chairman's Actions so the goals can be used as this has been an ongoing problem.

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

## **11 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor E C Murray thought the increase in allotment fees was too high in one go and this was discussed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Dr D R Bard to leave the increase as it stands

A **COUNTER-PROPOSAL** was made by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor E C Murray to increase by half this year and the other half the next year and then review it.

**VOTE: 3 FOR : 4 AGAINST : 1declared interest (SEC)**

As the Counter-proposal was lost, the vote was taken again to allow the increase to stand

**VOTE: 5 FOR : 2 AGAINST : 1declared interest (SEC)**

This vote to be Recommend to Full Parish Council.

## **12 FENCE AT SPICERS**

The Parish Council has received an email from SVC regarding the fence that belongs to the Parish Council between Spicers Sports Ground and the Marven Centre. Parts of the wooden fencing are broken and concrete posts are loose in the ground. The Clerk spoke to Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman, who said the fence could actually be removed as the hedge is now established. There are a couple of areas that would need filling in with hedging.

This was discussed and it was agreed to defer until after the Community Hub meeting on 27 November to see the plans for that first.

Councillor M J R Mallows also explained that the fencing is damaged next to the bus stop on Cambridge Road where the college students climb over it to walk from the bus stop to the College.

This was discussed and agreed that the Clerk obtains a quote for upright fencing from the bus stop to the edge of the hedge to prevent students climbing over it.

The Committee decided to move item 15 – Councillors Issues forward so the members of public could leave if they wanted to before the budgets were discussed.

## **15 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING CONCERNING R & OS ONLY**

Councillor K Cuffley reported there are 2 trees on the Bellbird site on footpath 11 that are overhanging the corner of the pathway at Link Road and also some other trees half way down this footpath that possibly need attention. Clerk to write to Bellbird Primary School.

## **13 BUDGET SETTING**

The Committee went through the budget sheets and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Finance & General Purposes Committee by Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke a budget of £75,167.00

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

## **14 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**Meeting closed 9.30pm**