

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
Meeting commenced 7.30pm

15 September 2015

PRESENT: Chairman: E C Murray

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

K Cuffley

M J R Mallows

W N Reid

R M Richmond

Head Groundsman	:	Mr A R Poole
Sawston United F.C.	:	Mr M Roughead
Sawston Youth Cricket Club.	:	Mr K Pride

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Miss S E Clarke	:	Holiday
Cllr I G Read	:	Holiday
Mrs L Fitzpatrick (Sawston United)	:	Holiday

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr Dr D R Bard	:	Item 9 – Allotment Review
Cllr E C Murray	:	Item 10 – Footpath 5 Fence

3 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING

Item 7 – Sports Club Matters

Councillor E C Murray explained that the Parish Council still has not received any correspondence from The Rock Sawston F.C. regarding their hire fees.

5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS

None

6 GROUNDSMAN ISSUES

Mr A R Poole explained he needed to obtain quotes for his machine servicing and also for fertiliser for the grounds. These will be Agenda items for the next Recreation Committee Meeting.

7 PAVILIONS & GROUNDS

Spicers

None

Mill Lane

None

Lynton Way

None

8 SAWSTON FETE

Councillor E C Murray explained that Mr A R Poole voiced concerns at the last meeting about the effect the Fete has on Spicers Sports Ground and that maybe the Fete could be moved to either Mill Lane or Lynton Way in future.

This was discussed but both the football and cricket clubs agreed they would prefer to use Spicers as it has more facilities than the other two Pavilions. Parking may be an issue at Lynton Way whereas the College allows parking in their car park, which is next to Spicers.

Mr A R Poole is concerned that 5 pitches are too many and reducing it to 4 would help which Mr M Roughead said would not be a problem.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley Spicers Pavilion is used subject to the Groundsman's discretion and weather permitting.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

9 ALLOTMENT RENT REVIEW

Councillor Dr D R Bard left the room and declared an interest as his daughter has an allotment.

The rents were discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor M J R Mallows to keep costs the same and review this time next year.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 1 Declared interest (DRB)

Councillor Dr D R Bard rejoined the meeting.

10 FOOTPATH 5 – FENCE

Councillor E C Murray left the room and declared an interest

Councillor Dr D R Bard took the meeting over and explained that the previous company the Parish Council had agreed to use to install this fence has ceased trading and the Clerk has tried to obtain another quote without success. The 2 quotes received are:

- £1,440.00
- £1,590.00

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor K Cuffley and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor R M Richmond that that Parish Council ***ACCEPTS*** the quotation for £1,440.00.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 1 Declared interest (ECM)

Councillor E C Murray rejoined the meeting.

11 MILL LANE PLAY AREA

The Parish Council has received a letter from a resident asking for fencing to be installed around the play areas at Mill Lane and Orchard Park as they have noticed the increased amount of dog owners that allow their dogs to run off the leash in close proximity to the play equipment.

This was discussed at length and the Parish Council take the safety of the play areas very seriously but do not feel putting a fence around the play equipment will solve the problem. There is no legal requirement to fence a play area in and every year there is an annual safety inspection of all the play areas and fencing any of them has never been suggested or recommended by an Inspector.

The Parish Council does want to extend the play areas in the future and fencing them in would prevent this. It is felt that fencing the area in will not prevent the problem and the play equipment supplier has visited our play areas and feels that by fencing the play areas in would take on a different feel and not be as welcoming. They also say that fencing open spaces to keep dogs out and children in seems to be a method that does not work. It is the attitude and education of the dog owners that needs to change.

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor K Cuffley and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that these play areas are not fenced in for the above reasons.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

12 CRICKET NETS – SPICERS SPORTS GROUND

The Parish Council received a letter asking that the cricket boundary net along Cambridge Road is made higher due to the amount of cricket balls being hit over the hedge during the cricket season. This was discussed and explained that there is no official guide lines from the ECB on height.

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor W N Reid and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor R M Richmond to leave it as it is and ask the Cricket Club to monitor how many balls go over next season. The Parish Council will review it this time next year. Mr K Pride said he would do this.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

13 CORRESPONDENCE

None

14 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING CONCERNING R & OS ONLY

None

Meeting closed 8.30pm