

Lawling Park Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th August 2008
In the Portacabin at Lawling Playing Field. At 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Spires Chairman	Cllr Oatham
Cllr Gregory	
Mrs J Rackham (Clerk)	
Mr D Hawkes (Groundsman)	Mr P Rogers (Bowls)

The committee were expecting a group of BMX enthusiasts to attend the meeting and present the council with their designs for an extension to the skate park. Unfortunately they did not come.

1. Apologies

Cllr Massenhove.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2008

Cllr Gregory proposed accepting the minutes, Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

Cllr Spires proposed changing the agenda to deal with the proposed purchases first as Cllr Gregory broke his holiday to attend the meeting and had to leave at 8.45pm. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal.

3. Football

This item was suspended and will be added to the next agenda.

4. Skateboard Park.

A Proposal to purchase 25L Gravitex paint at a cost of £170 was made by Cllr Gregory; Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour. This will enable the purchase of paint to be made when required. Mr. Hawkes believed that Gravitex paint was available in white and would be a good alternative to metal paint for the edges of the ramps. **Clerk** to action.

5. Play Areas.

Safety Surfaces. The answers raised at last months meeting were discussed. Only one contractor's product conforms to BS EN 1177 standards and is guaranteed for 10 years. The other contractor's product has yet to be tested by British Standards. Both contractors inspected the area before quoting. It was agreed that Matta products would be best for all the applications required under the cable run, the cantilever swing and the junior swings. The total cost of all the work is £5817.50. The council had budgeted £5,000. Cllr Gregory proposed asks the contractor for a total price for all three areas for under £5,000 a part payment would be possible as a deposit. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour, **Clerk** to action.

6. Lawling Park Hall (aka Scout Hut).

Outside improvements, Guttering, Fire Safety Doors, Disabled Ramp. Rough prices received were discussed. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will apply for grants for these improvements under DDA Compliance. It was also agreed that the **Clerk** will contact MDC and ask for help from their surveyor as to the specifications required for a disabled ramp.

Correspondence from Bowls Club. Re: licence for storage. Two minor changes were requested by the bowls club. £5 added as the amount of the rent and 28 days notice of termination of storage agreement instead of 7 days. All agreed to the alterations.

Clerk to make the alterations and send a copy to the Bowls Club to sign. Fees paid in advance query will be dealt with at the full Parish Council meeting.

Request to remove storage boxes at side of main hall. Following a discussion Cllr Gregory proposed leave the boxes in place. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal. All in favour. This will be reviewed in one year. **Cllr Oatham** offered to make the boxes safe to sit on if possible.

Change storage of Chairs & Tables. Correspondence from Cllr Hawkes. It was agreed that no alterations to the inside of the building would be undertaken at this time until the room is cleared and a feasibility study carried out. Cllr Spires said he felt very strongly that a "home" (office) be found for the Clerk. Cllr Gregory agreed. The **Clerk** to write to Cllr Hawkes.

7. Bowls.

Nothing to report. All items discussed under Lawling Park Hall heading.

8. Tennis

Following vandalism of the existing locks. Cllr Gregory proposed to replace the locks on the Tennis Court gates with twin padlocks at an approximate cost of £92.00 Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour, **Clerk** to action.

9 General Area & Maintenance Report

Electrical problems in both portacabin and LPH. Cllr Oatham investigated the tripping of the electrics but could not find a fault.

Bollards at Bakersfield. This will be added to the next agenda following a visit to the area. **Clerk** to action.

Autumn weed & feed Bakersfield. Two quotes were discussed. Cllr Gregory proposed accepting the lower quote to a maximum cost of £700. Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

Water of trees quote. Following a very wet July and August it was agreed that the trees at the perimeter of Bakersfield did not need watering.

Removal of rabbit proof fencing. It was agreed that the work being carried out behind Bakersfield by Mr Blowers was very good. The rabbit proof fencing needs to be removed. The **Clerk** to obtain a quote.

Cllr Spires thanked Cllr Oatham for repairing the ceiling of the portacabin.

10. Items to be added to next meeting's Agenda

As mentioned under the headings above.

Meeting closed 8.50pm