

**Lawling Park Committee**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008**  
**In the Henry Samuel Hall at 7.32pm**

Present:

Cllr Spires Chairman  
Cllr Massenhove  
Mrs Rackham (Clerk)

Cllr Oatham  
Mr Cox Football Club  
Mr Hawkes (Groundsman)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Gregory

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

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

**3. Football**

Mr Cox reported that the football club were happy with the current condition of the pitches. Mr Cox advised the committee that the football club will be providing litter bins next to the pitches on match days. These will be emptied by the football club and stored in their container. The committee thanked Mr Cox. Mr Hawkes asked if something more can be done to alleviate the parking problems in Katonia Avenue and The Drive on match days. It was agreed that unless most of the teams are playing at home the parking does not cause a problem. The football club do encourage shared transport and using Bakersfield car park.

**4. Skateboard Park.**

The park is near completion. The sign provided by the contractor was discussed and some small alterations were agreed. **Clerk** to action. It was agreed that the contractor would be permitted to attach a plaque to one of the ramps with details of his company.

A decision to accept the quotation to reinstate the area round the skate park. Cllr Spires reported that a credit of £1,000 from the contractor was agreed and that the contractor did not charge for removing the old play park. Cllr Spires proposed accepting the quotation of £2420 to reinstate the area around the skate park, the old play area site up to the youth shelter. Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal, Cllr Oatham abstained. Motion carried, **Clerk** to action.

Cllr Spires is investigating skateboard supervision sessions and safety wear.

The Clerk reported that the park is insured and that the insurers are sending details of the required daily inspections.

**5. Play Areas.**

A decision to accept the quotation to repair the Maylands Play Park. This will be added to March agenda as the quote has not been received. **Clerk** to action.

**6. Scouts**

Nothing to report.

**7. General Area & Maintenance Report**

Portacabin repairs on flashing required. Add to next agenda.

Rabbit fencing down. This is being caused by residents walking across the planted area when taking their children to school. It will be alleviated by the proposed new path.

Landscape areas need attention. This will be carried out after April when extra funds have been agreed.

Noticeboard at school entrance. Add to next agenda.

The gate at Katonia car park is in need of attention. **Cllr Spires** will investigate a repair by Mr Serjeant.

## **8. Fees.**

The fees were last increased in April 2006. Mr Gildersleeves from the tennis club has advised the Clerk that their numbers have decreased and that they would like the council to reduce their fees. They also believe that their fees are not due until 2009. The receipts for 2005/06 2006/07 and 2007/08 do not include any payments from the tennis club. Therefore their fees are due from 1<sup>st</sup> April. They may wish to consider paying per session.

Cllr Spires proposed accepting the previously suggested fee increases, Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried.

## **9. Items to be added to next meeting's Agenda**

**Snack bar licence**

**Noticeboard at school entrance**

**Portacabin repairs on flashing required**

**Quotation to repair the Maylands Play Park**

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008