

Lawling Park Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2009
In the Lawling Park Hall at 7.40pm

Present:

Cllr Spires (Chairman)	Cllr Oatham
Cllr Short	Cllr Massenhove
Mr D Hawkes (Groundsman)	Mr P Rogers (Bowls)
Mr N Rowland (Football)	

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2008

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

3. Football

Condition of portacabin fascia boards. The decision to accept a quote was deferred until after the site meeting booked for 24th January. **Clerk** to add to next agenda.

New pitches at Bakersfield. It was agreed that following the first cut of the growing season. The Groundsman will mark out a mini pitch at the eastern end of the field. A second pitch will be marked out at the western end of the field at a later date.

Mr Hawkes reported that the keys to the portacabin were mislaid by a member of the football club. It was agreed that a key book listing name, phone number will be kept by Mr Hawkes. The keys must be signed for in future. Mr Rowland's will advise the football managers at their next meeting.

It was agreed that Mr Rowland's would advise the managers of the council's web site and ask that the children are encouraged to complete the survey on the site. This will enable the council to apply for funds to improve the facilities at the LPF.

4. Skateboard Park.

The weekly inspection was completed by Mr Hawkes. It was noted that the clarity of the wording on the sign had dulled following the graffiti attack. It was agreed that a replacement sign will be budgeted for in the next financial year.

5. Play Areas.

The surfaces of the cable run, swings and cantilever swing had been replaced. Mr Hawkes reported that the surface had a slight curve at the point where it dips into the ground. Cllr Spires reported that the water runs through the surface as it is perforated and the sub surface permeable to water.

6. Lawling Park Hall (aka Scout Hut).

LPH guttering repairs. Three quotations were discussed. One of the quotations had not been completed as per the specification given by Cllr Spires. **Cllr Spires to contact contractor and arrange for a revised quotation. Clerk** to add to next agenda.

Clear storage room. Cllr Spires cleared the room and has arranged for the rubbish to be removed.

Youth Survey, CIF Youth Grants. It was reported that the youth survey needs to be completed to allow grants to be applied for under the CIF youth scheme. **Cllr Spires** will carry out a survey at the skate park on a Sunday (weather permitting). The date for the CIF application has passed but a new grant maybe available in the next financial year.

It was noted that Maldon District Council's Parish Project awarded Mayland Parish Council £26080 towards the cost of a disabled access ramp, fire doors and the proposed extension.

7. Bowls

The club would like to suggest a heater and a cooker be purchased for the kitchen. Following a discussion **Cllr Oatham** will investigate the type of heater required and report back to this committee. In the interim Cllr Spires has donated a portable oven and a 3kw convection heater for the club's use. The clubs will report back on the suitability of these items. They will need to be tested if they become permanent equipment.

Coat hooks are available in the cleared out storage room of the hall. A discussion regarding partitioning off the storage room took place. This will be added to the next agenda. **Clerk** to action.

8. Tennis

Response from TC regarding the letter sent from PC. Cllr Spires read out the response letter. It was agreed that the committee will wait until an official response following on from the TC's AGM. **Clerk** to add to PC agenda.

9 General Area & Maintenance Report

Bakersfield closing. A photograph of a proposed design was discussed. It was agreed that a site meeting be arranged to obtain a detailed quote. Cllr Oatham proposed an expenditure of £1000 + vat, Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Cllr Spires to contact contractor.** Quote to be sent to the Clerk.

Gates at LPF. Mr Hawkes advised the committee that two heavy duty locks had been fitted. There have been reports of vehicles on Bakersfield.

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

Portacabin fascia, LPH Extension, store room, guttering,
Bakersfield fencing, Bowls heater, cooker suitability.

TC AGM response. Youth Survey, Swing beam replacement, Cable run platform repairs.

Meeting closed 9pm