

**Lawling Park Committee**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009**  
**In the Henry Samuel Hall at 7.44pm**

Present:

Cllr Spires (Chairman)	Cllr Oatham
Cllr Massenhove	Duncan Kemp (FC)
Mr & Mrs O'Brien & Mr Cantwell (Bowls Club)	
Mrs J Rackham (Clerk).	

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Short, Mr Hawkes.

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

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

**3. Football**

Some of the players have completed the youth surveys. Some more would be helpful.

Mr Kemp reported that removing the goal posts after each game was not possible. FC was asked if they could remove their goal posts in prolonged bad weather to protect the goal mouths and not after every game. Hopefully the bad weather has passed.

Mr Kemp reported that both the training day and the presentation day have been booked and the cheques have been raised.

Cllr Spires asked if the football club have any plans to field a men's team when the youths are too old to play youth football. Mr Kemp said this had not been discussed by the football club as the youths can still play in under 17yrs youth teams. Cllr Spires said if the youths wish to continue to play there will be facilities in Mayland for them to play at the Lawling Playing Field.

Dogs on playing field. This has caused problems recently. The dog warden has been patrolling the LPF recently; Mr Hawkes has repainted the sign.

Litter. This is still causing a problem. This will be added to the next agenda when all of the Cllrs have seen the circulated documents regarding litter. The picnic bench seems to be where youths congregate. It was agreed that the bench would be better if it was secured. It was agreed to ask a welder for fixing ideas. **Clerk to action.**

**4. Skateboard Park**

A supply of Gravitex paint is required to keep the surfaces of the park in good condition. Cllr Massenhove proposed purchasing the paint at an estimated cost of £200; Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk to action**

**5. Play Areas.**

The annual inspection of both areas has been arranged. The cost is £50 per area, total cost £100. This is less expensive than our previous inspection company.

**6. Lawling Park Hall (aka Scout Hut).**

Partitioning of the storage room. This was discussed. The low ceiling may cause problems if the bowls club move to the middle section of the storage area. Cllr Spires reported that some of the items in the room have been moved around. It was agreed that a new lock will be purchased and fitted by **Cllr Spires**. 4 keys will be cut for the lock. Cllr Spires will keep one key and give the other 3 to the Clerk for distribution.

Disabled ramp. Cllr Spires reported that three quotations had been received and he preferred the middle priced quotation as the contractor had built ramps previously for

MDC and was recommended by them and Construction Line. All contractors had received copies of M1/M2 building regs. Cllr Massenhove proposed accepting the middle priced quote. Following a discussion no one voted for this proposal, proposal fell. A further discussion took place. Cllr Spires proposed the highest quote be rejected; Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour. It was agreed that further information should be sort from the two remaining contractors. **Cllr Spires** to action. **The Clerk** will add this item to the PC agenda.

Fire door quotes. Only one quote has been received. Others are in the process of being written. **Clerk** add to next agenda.

LPH Extension Plan. The planning application will be sent to MDC this week.

Drainage. The pathway outside the LPH will hopefully be less flooded when the guttering is replaced. The order has been placed with the contractor. **Clerk to contact.**

Outside Lights. It was agreed that Cllr Oatham will fit a plunger to the existing light which will give 3 – 4 minutes for hirers to vacate the building.

Chairs. 50 mid size chairs have been donated by Maylandsea County Primary School. These are in the storeroom.

Heater and cooker. Cllr Spires was thanked for his kind thought but the cooker would not be of use to the Bowls Club nor users of the hall.

## **7. Bowls**

The representatives asked if the storage boxes will be removed. Cllr Spires said this had been discussed previously and the boxes will remain.

## **8. Tennis**

Nothing to report from the club. It was agreed that an invoice will be sent to the TC on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 for the yearly fee.

## **9. Youth Survey.**

Cllr Spires reported that he will speak to the users of the skate park and ask them to complete survey forms.

## **10. General Area & Maintenance Report**

Fencing Bakersfield quotations. It was agreed previously that knee high diamond shaped fencing would be used to secure the field. Cllr Massenhove proposed accepting the quotation of £999 + vat; Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour. It was noted that the path extension must be completed first. **Clerk to action.**

Electricity cupboard. It was agreed that a second padlock would be fixed to the cupboard at the LPH. **Clerk to action.**

Gate Repair Katonia Avenue. After a short discussion it was agreed that **Cllr Spires** would investigate and report back to the committee.

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

Items listed under individual headings.

Meeting closed 9.20pm