

Lawling Park Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2008
In the Henry Samuel Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Massenhove & Cllr Gregory.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th August 2008

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

3. Football

Fixed goal post requests. Mr Hawkes has received a request from residents for a set of goal posts erected near the skate park. It was agreed that an official request to this committee would be required before any action could be taken. The council does not own any goal posts.

Soil to top up areas on football pitches in LPF. A quote of £110 for 4 cubic yards of screened top soil was discussed. Cllr Spires proposed accepting the quote, Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal all in favour, motion carried. **Clerk** to action.

Condition of portacabin fascia boards. It was agreed that **Cllr Spires** would obtain a quote for replacement fascia boards and **Cllr Oatham** will also provide a quote.

4. Skateboard Park.

An inspection of the skate board park is carried out under the council's Risk Assessment Policy weekly. It is in good condition. We have a stock of paint which will be used to maintain the surfaces of the park.

5. Play Areas.

Scale Swing repairs. We are awaiting a quote to replace the cross beam. The chains and seats have been removed following a risk assessment check.

Surface of cable run, scale swing & twin swings. The order placed to resurface all three areas has been withdrawn by the contractor. A letter of apology was received. It is unsure that the offer to carry out the work using another product includes all three areas. No mention of the change in size of surface under BS/EN1176 was made. It was agreed that these issues would be raised with the contractor. **The Clerk** to action. The Clerk voiced her concerns with possibly using a contractor who had reneged on a contract. A second quote of £8556 was also discussed. **Clerk** to add to next agenda.

6. Lawling Park Hall (aka Scout Hut).

Outside improvements, Guttering, Cllr **Spires** will obtain a quote.

Fire Safety Doors, Disabled Ramp, toilets. An extension to the LPH to provide toilets and possible showers was discussed. It was agreed that **Cllr Spires** will provide drawings and costings to enable the **Clerk** to continue with the grant applications.

Nappy changing facility. This could be provided if in future it is required by hirers.

Coat hooks. It was agreed that these will be purchased.

Repairs to the walls. It was noted that there are gaps in the wall near to the entrance.

Cllr Oatham will investigate and carry out temporary repairs.

7. Bowls

Nothing extra to add.

8. Tennis

No representative present. The new padlocks have been fitted and the keys distributed.

9 General Area & Maintenance Report

Bollards at Bakersfield. A review. It was agreed that the closing of Bakersfield will be added to the next agenda.

The quotation to remove the rabbit proof fencing from Bakersfield and the removal of Tarmac and rubbish from behind the school was discussed. The total cost including the hire of a skip is £781. Cllr Spires proposed accepting the quote, Cllr Short seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk to action.**

Two repairs were carried out this week under Emergency Powers. The soil pipe in the path next to the school has been replaced. The lamp columns in Bakersfield car park have been straightened and secured. **Clerk** to check with contractor that they will not come loose again.

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

Insurance certificates. Surface of cable run, scale swing & twin swings
Quotes, guttering, fascia boards. Grants. Bakersfield closing. Gates at LPF

The meeting was closed at 9.06pm