

**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2014
in the Lawling Park Hall at 7.32pm**

Present

Cllr Spires (Chairman) Cllr Pettitt
Cllr Duncan Cllr Oatham
Mrs J Massenhove (Clerk)

21. Apologies

None.

22. Minutes

Cllr Duncan proposed accepting the minutes for the meeting held on 26th August 2014, Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour, the minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

23. Boxing

Nothing to report.

24. Football

Nothing to report.

25. Tennis Courts

Electrical Issues - Cllr Oatham proposed accepting the quote for inspection of the tennis court lighting, with the reservation that exactly what checks are to be carried out should first be clarified with the contractor. Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal. All in favour. **Cllr Spires** to liaise with the electrical contractor.

Grounds Maintenance - It was noted that there are a lot of weeds around the tennis courts. **Clerk** to ask our groundsman whether these can be pulled out. If not, item to go on MPC agenda to involve our grass-cutting contractor.

26. Play Areas

Cllr Oatham reported that although previous mistreatment of the new swings had not been recorded by the CCTV, the relevant camera has now been reprogrammed to include the swings as part of its cycle.

It was noted that the new swings are proving a huge success.

27. Lawling Park Hall

Guttering Problems - Cllr Spires reported that the Parish Council already has most of the guttering parts required and the outstanding parts are likely to cost no more than about £40. Cllr Pettitt proposed that these parts are purchased, Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Cllr Spires** to purchase the required guttering parts.

Hall Hire Agreement – It was noted that the hall cannot be hired out after 11 p.m. as this is the closing time according to our premises licence. If a hirer wishes to extend beyond our normal hall hours, the Parish Council is in agreement that the hirer may apply for a temporary events notice. A clause to this effect should to be added to our hall hire agreement. Councillors questioned whether the normal opening hours of the hall can be extended and, if so, what is involved in changing the licence. **Clerk** to contact MDC.

28. General Area and Maintenance Report

CCTV – A second quote is to be obtained for expansion of the CCTV system. A site visit has been arranged.

Pathway between Bakersfield car park and play area – This area of pathway has a number of uneven slabs. It was suggested that these could be repaired with ‘wetpour’ or similar.

Clerk to request our groundsman to purchase.

Drain Cover – It was noted that the drain cover by the Lawling Park field main gate is missing. Cllr Spires to look for a replacement.

Cllr Spires reported that his keys were returned with a key missing. He will contact the user to ask if they have it, but a replacement may have to be ordered. Cllr Oatham proposed proceeding with the purchase should it be necessary, to a maximum sum of £40. Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal, all in favour.

29. Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour

It was noted that such behaviour has lessened now that the schools are back. However, there is a great deal of litter. The Park Rangers deal with much of this, but it is an expensive use of their time.

Lamp in Bakersfield car park – Quotes are required for making safe and for a replacement lamp, possibly an LED lamp. Advice is required on stabilising the lighting columns. **Clerk** to contact two lighting contractors.

Flickering lamp outside Lawling Park Hall – **Clerk** to ask our lighting contractor to investigate.

30. Tree Planting

The Parish Council has received information regarding a tree planting scheme that will be taking place this winter. The scheme offers a site visit, advice on tree numbers and species, plus trees and guards all at no cost. **Clerk** to invite the organisation to make a site visit.

31. Items for Next Meeting’s Agenda

Use of Bakersfield field – to consider whether the area is fit for use as a football field, or whether it should be used in a way which will encourage other groups of people, e.g. older people and families, to make more use of the area.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Next meeting 21st October 2014