

**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012  
In the Lawling Park Hall at 7.40pm**

Present:

Cllr Spires (Chairman)  
Cllr Duncan

Cllr Oatham  
Mrs J Rackham (Clerk).

Deb Down & Leon Jarred Boxing Club, Jeanne Hawkes, Pat Obrien & Maureen Rogers Bowls Club.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Pettitt & Cllr Massenhove.

**2. Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012.**

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

**3. Cricket**

The person who requested a cricket pitch did not attend this meeting.

**4. Boxing**

A request for a sign on the outside of the building was discussed. It was agreed that the original noticeboard on the fence at the edge of the car park could be refurbished by the club for the benefit of all users of the hall.

Mrs Down reported that two members have been asked if they would like to represent Essex in a competition against Kent. 6500 UK boxing clubs applied for funding and of the 20 who were successful Mayland club received a grant of £800. Mrs Rogers apologised to the boxing club for accusing them of leaving the toilets dirty. She was not aware that others had access to the hall when work was being carried out around the park.

**5. Football**

The club sent an e-mail which Cllr Spires reported on. The pitches will be chosen for marking on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The first league match will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Peter Spires will give the keys to the club for the changing facilities. The FC asked if they could use Bakersfield. It was agreed that the FC must make their decision on the suitability and condition of Bakersfield. It was always planned as two extra pitches.

**6. Bowls**

Mrs Rogers advised the committee that as a regular user she would not give 24 hours' notice of key collection. She again asked if the bowls club could have a set of keys. Cllr Spires & Cllr Oatham explained why the keys are not given out to users to keep between bookings for security and insurance reasons. Cllr Spires was harangued by members of the club when he went to the Lawling Park and found that the members did not have a key and could not get into the hall. He advised the club that the current arrangements for keys etc. will not change in the interim period before a caretaker is appointed. He advised the club that they were free to leave the LPH at any time. Mrs Rogers apologised on behalf of the club for the reaction of the members who accosted Cllr Spires.

Mrs Rogers was unhappy that more than one person had a key to their cupboard. The club was advised that the cupboard was part of the hall and therefore the property of the PC and as such keys to the cupboard are kept for emergencies. The key is not part of the set handed to other users.

## **7. Play Areas.**

It was agreed that the issues raised in the annual inspection will be added to the planned works to be carried out in future.

## **8. Lawling Park Hall**

Key holder. Linda Haywood is unable to continue as key holder. All agreed she had done a great service to the PC and the users of the LPH. Mrs Rogers said that Mrs Haywood has done lots of work for the benefit of the community over the years. Mrs Down has volunteered to hold the keys while the council is in recess from 1<sup>st</sup> September. She will have a full set of keys and can be contacted as a backup to Cllr Spires.

Fan quotation. Cllr Spires declared an interest in this item. It will be added to the October agenda when there will be enough Cllrs to form a quorum without Cllr Spires. **Clerk** to action

Floor problem. There is some movement near the kitchen door. This will be monitored.

Roof problem. The current roof leaks and needs attention. The long term plan is to replace the roof to match the roof of the extension.

Use of planning gain. S106. Cllr Spires reported on various items that could use some of the money.

New roof and windows for the LPH

Skate park extension,

Baby swing extension to Bakersfield play area.

Extension to provide more storage to the west of the existing building.

Other items are in the 10 year plan but can be dealt with on an annual basis.

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

Floodlights quotations. Cllr Spires declared an interest in this item. It will be added to the October agenda when there will be enough Cllrs to form a quorum without Cllr Spires. **Clerk** to action.

Drain clearance in both car parks. A quotation of £975 + vat. It was agreed that other contractors would be contacted for a quotation. **Clerk** to action.

Grass cutting. An extra cut was carried out this week on the main area. If the FC starts using the area then the council will need to increase the cuts. The situation will be monitored.

Meeting closed 9pm