

**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2012
In the Lawling Park Hall at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr Spires (Chairman)
Cllr Pettitt
Cllr Evans

Cllr Oatham
Cllr Duncan
Mrs J Rackham (Clerk).

Ken Bloxham & Leon Jarred (Boxing Club).

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the Lawling Park Committee 21st February 2012.

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

3. Boxing

Mr Bloxham reported that the membership is increasing. The boxing club receive a large amount of courses run by the Essex Boys & Girls Club and the boxing club do not have anywhere to display them. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will add them to the PC's website and write a press release directing the younger members of our village to the website. **Clerk** to action. The club has agreed to carry out a display at Picnic in the Park.

The club asked for permission to erect a clock with a minute timer. This was agreed subject to a site inspection. Mr Jarred reported that the club is going from strength to strength and would like to raise funds for an extension to the hall in the future. It was explained that the full council would need to be approached.

4. Football

The football club are happy with the facilities and will be looking at Bakersfield for training in the future. There was a problem with a visiting team leaving the changing room toilet blocked with toilet rolls. The FC was advised of this and the managers made aware of the problem.

5. Bowls

Nothing to report.

6. Play Areas.

Removal of the football wall. It was reported that the unpaid workers are going to remove the wall.

White paint for Skate Park. Both black and white Gravitex paint is needed. Cllr Spires proposed purchasing the paint, maximum cost £250, Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

7. Lawling Park Hall

Fire alarm. Key to main hall. A spare key will be cut for Linda Haywood (main key holder) and Cllr Oatham has also requested a key. **Clerk** to action.

Ten year plan. Following a discussion it was agreed that the first item (Pathways) will be tackled first. **Clerk** will apply for some funding to supplement the council's budget and obtain a second quote for the work. All other items on the plan will be discussed at a later date.

Tables. It was agreed that the tables from Makro were very good. Cllr Spires proposed purchasing two more tables and price up for 20 more chairs. Maximum spend £200, Cllr Evans seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

Flood light switch quotes. **Add to April agenda.**

Flood light repair quote from our lighting contractor. A breakdown of the costs was discussed. Cllr Spires proposed replacing the three flood lights with clip fronted fittings at a cost of £239 each, Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal, a vote was taken, 4 yes, 1 abstain. **Clerk** to action.

8. General Area & Maintenance Report

Park Rangers. Nothing to report.

Users of changing rooms. The changing rooms are available for any club wishing to use the facilities.

Tennis court hire costs. It was agreed that the courts should be marketed better.

Add to April agenda.

Jubilee Oak site. Three possible areas were discussed, it was agreed that the tree would be planted approximately half way along the path at the back of Bakersfield. Cllr Pettitt would like to donate the same amount as the PC agreed to spend on the tree and perhaps get a larger tree than the 6 ft. tree planned. **Clerk** to investigate and purchase a larger tree if possible.

Bakersfield resident has a problem with our shrubs encroaching on his fence. **Cllr Spires** will contact the resident and investigate the problem. **Add to April Agenda.**

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

Quote for removal of gate stop and pressure wash the small children's play park equipment.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07 pm.