

Lawling Park Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2009
In the Henry Samuel Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Spires (Chairman)	Cllr Oatham
Cllr Massenhove	Cllr Lund
Shane Newell (FC)	Ian Rothwell (FC)
Dave Hardy (Boys FC)	Howard Cox (Boys FC)
Mrs J Rackham (Clerk).	

Cllr Massenhove proposed Cllr Spires to Chair this committee, Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried.

1. Apologies

Dennis Hawkes.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2009

Cllr Massenhove 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

Permission to run snack van during football season. Cllr Massenhove proposed granting permission to run the snack van providing copies of all licences, certificates and insurances were sent to the Clerk, Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour, **Clerk** to action.

Two requests to run a men's team on the playing field has been received. The committee agreed and suggested that both groups liaise with each other to enable both teams the chance to play. A set of full size goal posts are available.

Bakersfield. This area is much improved. A small amount of top soil is needed in a couple of areas. The grass is bonding over the drainage slits. It will be possible to have a mini soccer pitch in the coming season providing we do not suffer drought conditions this summer. It was previously agreed that **Mr Hawkes** would mark out a pitch.

A discussion took place regarding the number of teams, pitches etc., that would be needed this coming football season. It was agreed that **Mr Cox** or **Mr Hardy** would send details of the number of pitches and the sizes to the **Clerk** who will forward them onto Dennis. **Add to next agenda.**

A request to cut grass on the football pitches a little shorter. The mini soccer pitch grass is too long at the corners. **Clerk** to action.

Previously a referee complained that the goal posts had too much movement in them. These posts are owned by Mayland Football Club and therefore it is there responsibility to keep them in good order.

Cllr Spires proposed moving item 10 forward to allow the fee increase to be discussed next. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal. Item 10 will however be reported in its original place in these minutes.

4. Skateboard Park.

The paint on the surface of the ramps is flaking. It was agreed to contact the manufacturer of Gravitex for advice. In the interim only the worn sections will be painted.

5. Play Areas.

Annual Inspection report. All equipment was satisfactory or good. The replacement items required on last year's inspection have been quoted for. However, it was noted that the area below the swings and the balance swing were insufficient and need increasing. It is currently listed as satisfactory but will be added to the budget for 2010/11 for discussion.

A replacement swing seat is needed. **Clerk** to action.

Picnic Bench fixing. **Add to next agenda.**

Quote for replacement scale swing equipment etc., Following a discussion Cllr Spires proposed accepting a quote of £430 Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried. **Clerk** to action.

6. Lawling Park Hall (aka Scout Hut).

Partitioning of the storage room. **Add to next agenda**

DDA pathway **Add to next agenda.**

50% deposit for door contractor. This was agreed and the cheque signed. **Clerk** to action.

RAL Colour for the fire doors. The committee chose green.

Extension plan. **Add to next agenda.**

7. Bowls

Extra lighting in car park. It was agreed in principle but the committee do not have the funds at this present time.

8. Tennis

Insurance, payment of fees. We have received both the insurance documents and a cheque for the fees.

9. Youth Survey.

Report. A copy of the youth survey update was circulated. The most requested item was for toilets followed by a youth club. This document will be useful when applying for funding.

10 General Area & Maintenance Report

Katonia Avenue Gates. Some Cllrs left the meeting to examine the gates. It was agreed that a further padlock be used to fasten back the gates when opened. **Clerk** action.

Fees. Cllr Spires did not think it was appropriate to increase the fees in this current economic climate. Following a discussion Cllr Spires proposed the changes as noted on the Clerks copy of the 2008 fees. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal. **Clerk** to update fees for 2009.

Lighting timers. A quote from our lighting contractor to fit three timers into the three street lights in the car park and playing field was discussed. It was agreed in principle but the committee do not have the funds at this present time.

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

Zip wire on cable run. Clock for LPH

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25