

**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2010
In the Lawling Park Hall at 7.45pm**

Present:

Cllr Spires (Chairman)

Cllr Lund

Mr Hawkes (Groundsman)

Cllr Oatham

Cllr Massenhove

Mrs J Rackham (Clerk).

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2010

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

3. Football

Mayland Village Football Club will be removing their goal posts this weekend. Owen Thom the youth leader at Maldon District Council is arranging a football tournament and BBQ for all the youths in Mayland once the extension to the LPH phase 1 is completed.

4. Skateboard Park.

The quotation for the repair of the surface was discussed. It was agreed that the council needed a specification of the work planned and assurance that it will last longer than the original. Will we get a guarantee? **Clerk** to action.

5. Play Areas.

Yearly inspection has been carried out. We are waiting for the report.

Baby swing. This has been requested by some residents. Unfortunately we cannot change the seats on the existing swings. We would need to extend the play park and erect a baby swing. This would include extending the surface too. We are waiting for a quotation for the swing etc.

6. Lawling Park Hall.

Extension plan. The colour of the new roof was discussed it was agreed that the darkest of the two greens offered would be used.

The work to move the electric meter has been reduced by £300. **Clerk** to place order with electrician. The order for EDF will wait until the building is weather proof.

The grills for covering the new windows was discussed. The design and the materials planned was agreed. It was noted that the fixings needed to be under the render and the fixing bolts be as long as possible. **Clerk** to advise contractor.

Cleaning. As our contract cleaner can no longer clean the LPH it was agreed that the **Clerk** would advertise for a new contractor. They would need their own public liability insurance.

Rangers. We have been offered visits by MDC's park rangers. It was agreed that we would ask for further details, what would the rangers recommend. A trial period over the school holidays would be helpful. **Clerk** to action.

Light over door not working. **Cllr Spires** will price up new light and a cheque will be raised to cover the cost.

7. Bowls

We have received a complaint that the floor was dirty near the boarded up fire exit. It was agreed that the brown sticky patch was probably from the contractors who had

to fix the flooring down once the fire exit was removed. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will contact the person who complained and ask that they phone straight away if the hall is not clean. Leaving complaints till the next meeting was too late. They also complained that the tea urn had been used and left with water inside. It was agreed that if the water is hot at the end of the hire period it would be safer to leave it full than to risk emptying boiling water out.

8. Tennis

Damage to TC fencing. Still awaiting quote.

9. General Area & Maintenance Report

Picnic bench. It was agreed that it will be fixed to the concrete base before the next meeting. **Cllr Spires & Oatham** to action.

Skip hire. It was agreed to ask the contractor if we could put the black plastic sheeting in their skip. **Clerk** to action.

CCTV. Cllr Oatham gave the committee three options to consider for the proposed system at Lawling Playing Field. Maybe we could tap into the school's system. It was agreed that a meeting with the crime reduction officer will be arranged to assess our needs. **Clerk** to action.

Signage. It was reported that the grass cutting contractor has not refused to cut any area because of dog excrement. It was agreed that a sign would not be required at this time. A member of MDC's refuse team has offered to come and give advice regarding measures to stop residents throwing bags of dog excrement around Bakersfield. **Clerk** to action.

Lighting in car park. It was agreed that this will be dealt with once the LPH extension is completed. CCTV for Bakersfield. Again, this will be dealt with once the LPH extension is completed.

Empty Duramark containers. **Cllr Spires** offered to take these to the refuse collection point.

The large portacabin will need to be removed completely once the disabled ramp and pathway is completed. The electrics will need to be moved into the store room in the extension.

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

Picnic bench, skip hire. CCTV