

**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th October 2012
In the Lawling Park Hall at 7.40pm**

Present:

Cllr Spires (Chairman)	Cllr Oatham
Cllr Duncan	Cllr Pettitt
Mrs J Rackham (Clerk).	

Deb Down (boxing club).

1. Apologies

Cllr Massenhove.

2. Minutes 21st August 2012.

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

3. Boxing

Ms Down gave a report to the committee. The club has received the grant of £300 and will be drawing up plans for an extension to present to the PC for approval. The Sports Development Office cannot help the club with fundraising but has asked Leon Jarred to promote boxing in schools and give taster lessons. The club has its own Facebook page, Mayland Amateur Boxing Club. Or a search can be made using Mayland Boxing. The club is being sponsored by Maldon Fencing. Other potential sponsors are being sort. The fight on Sky Sports was delayed due to a mix-up with the fighter's information. The club wishes to expand the sessions and perhaps have a morning session or two. The dates requested will be confirmed by Ms Down next week. A charcoal drawing has been produced and will be raffled to raise funds. This drawing will be displayed in the hall.

4. Football

No representative from the FC was present at the meeting.

5. Tennis Courts

Condition of courts. There are weeds between the courts which will need treating. This can be carried out by the new Caretaker once he has been appointed. **Clerk** to action.

6. Play Areas.

Teenagers have been using the small children's play area, throwing stones around. **Cllr Oatham** will check the CCTV to ascertain who is doing this.

7. Lawling Park Hall

Fan quotation. Cllr Spires declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or vote. Following a discussion, Cllr Duncan proposed accepting the quotation for £540. But delay the work until a decision is made regarding the leaking roof, Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal, a vote was taken, 2 yes, 1 no. Cllr Spires did not vote. It was agreed that **The Clerk** will ask the contractor to hold the price for three months.

Roof problem. **Cllr Spires** will investigate the material used on the extension and will also contact a local contractor who may be interested in quoting for the work.

Pathway drainage. Following a short discussion Cllr Oatham proposed accepting the quote of £150; Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal, all in favour, **Clerk** to action.

Fire Extinguishers'. Cllr Spires proposed accepting the quote to supply and fit two fire extinguishers in the changing rooms at a cost of £179.88. Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal, all in favour, **Clerk** to action.

Insurance. The view of our insurers was discussed and noted. Keys will not be given to any club to keep.

8. General Area & Maintenance Report

Sports Development Officer. Noted.

Floodlights repair quotations. Cllr Spires declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or vote. **Cllr Oatham & Cllr Duncan** will carry out a preliminary fault finding investigation. If they have not done so by 26th October the following proposal will be actioned. Cllr Oatham proposed accepting quote 2 for a maximum time of 8 hours at a cost of £32.50 per hour, Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal, all in favour. Cllr Spires did not vote. **Clerk** to action.

Drain clearance in both car parks update. Cllr Spires & Cllr Oatham cleared the drains in Katonia Avenue car park and will also clear the drains in Bakersfield. It was noted that the drain at the entrance to Katonia car park appeared to be blocked by tree roots. It was agreed to check on this drain following heavy rain.

Cllr Pettitt declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion or vote. Hedge at Bakersfield removal, this hedge is causing problems for a resident. Following a discussion Cllr Spires proposed accepting quote number 1 at a cost of £290 **Clerk** to action; Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal, all in favour. Cllr Pettitt did not vote.

Grass Cutting in Mayland. A resident has requested that the council considers buying grass cutting equipment, a storage garage and employs someone to cut the grass in the areas owned by Mayland Parish Council. Currently we use a contractor who has two tractors and a variety of mowers, scarifiers and other maintenance equipment. The current contract is until 2015. If the council wishes to pursue this matter then a full feasibility study would be needed. It was noted that many years previous the then council had its own lawn mower but that it was not reliable. Should the contractor's machinery breakdown he is required to hire another machine to fulfil his contract. Cllr Pettitt said that should we pursue this and our machine broke we would have to wait until the council obtained quotes to get it fixed which could take some time.

Stencils for marking out "No Dogs". Cllr Oatham proposed accepting the quote to purchase a full set of reusable letters at a cost of £125 Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal, all in favour, **Clerk** to action.

Trees. It was noted that Eforest has offered trees again this year. It was agreed to approach the farmer and ask if he would like to replace the trees in the hedge at the junction of The Drive and Steeple Road, **Clerk** to action.

Drain cover **Cllr Spires** has offered to repair the cement around the drain cover that has been damaged recently.

9. Risk Assessment.

Once again the guttering at the back of the hall has been taken by persons unknown. Mr Blowers has been asked to replace it. It was agreed to paint the new guttering with anti-vandal paint.

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

Entry to village in bloom competition 2013

Meeting closed 9.10