

**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2013
In the Lawling Park Hall at 7.34pm**

Present:

Cllr Spires (Chairman)	Cllr Duncan
Cllr Oatham	Cllr Pettitt
Mrs J Rackham (Clerk).	
Dean Reynolds & Elaine Alabaster Football Club.	
Deb Down & Leon Jared Boxing Club	

1. Apologies

Cllr Massenhove

2. Minutes 20th August 2013

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

3. Boxing

Both the boxing representatives gave a report on their meeting with Maldon District Council where they were given advice regarding funding. They could apply for funding under the Rural Isolation scheme and if they formed a group with other users of the hall. However, it will prove difficult without a lease for land to build a new sports centre for all existing clubs to use. It was noted that the response from residents completing the Parish Plan was that they would like a building but would not want to fund it. An extension to the existing building was a feasible option. Following a discussion Cllr Spires advised the club to keep their own needs in mind and to come to the council with a plan once they have decided what they want to do. If it is easier for funding to be obtained if the PC applies for it then that too is possible.

4. Football

Both the football club representatives reported that the club is increasing in size and all teams are now playing matches. It was requested that they would pay fees one month in arrears, it was noted that no fees for this season have been received. The licence fee for the container has been paid for two years and is not due until 2015

5. Tennis Courts

Flood Lighting report. The repair to the cables will commence on 28th October. Pathway, the path cannot be repaired until the TC cabling has been repaired. **Add to November agenda.**

6. Play Areas.

Quote to relay tiles at Roundabout. MDC's parks department cannot help us with this. **Clerk** to obtain quotes.

7. Lawling Park Hall

Capacity limit reduction it was agreed that until we purchase sufficient chairs the limit on the number of people using the hall will be reduced to 88, this will not affect the existing bookings.

8. General Area & Maintenance Report

CCTV. Add to budget. **Cllr Oatham to provide rough cost.**

Visit to other parks. Cllrs have visited the park in SWF, another park was suggested, Leech Memorial Gardens Maldon Town Council.

Risk Assessments. It was agreed to update the RA forms in line with MDC's forms which use a points system. Closing the car park in bad weather was also discussed. This will be on the PC's agenda for November. **Clerk** to action.

Village Fete 2014. Live evening entertainment will be requested and a container for all the equipment be erected on the Lawling Park next to the football club's container. **Add to PC agenda.**

Ash tree bottom of resident's garden. This tree may be suffering from Ash die back, **Cllr Spires** will inspect the tree and report back to the Clerk, if needed a tree surgeon will be contacted for his opinion. If it does have Ash die back then appropriate action will be required. **Clerk** to action.

Gate at Katonia Avenue car park. A resident has offered to try and repair the gate. This has been agreed with thanks.

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

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Next meeting 26th November.