

# MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting held to form a committee for the Sports & Community Centre and the Lawling Park Hall

Held at the Lawling Park Hall on  
TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 7.40pm

### Present

Councillor Spires	Councillor Oatham
Councillor Hawkes	Councillor Gregory
Councillor Massenhove	Councillor Coker
Mrs Rackham (Clerk)	

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Oatham nominated Cllr Spires to Chair this meeting. Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Short & Cllr Robinson

### 2. Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest.

Cllr Hawkes declared an interest in any item involving the Bowls Club.

### 3. Election of Chairman.

It was agreed that this item will be postponed.

### 4. Lawling Park Hall

a. Potential for development. It was agreed that initially the refurbishment of the outside of the hall would be investigated and quotes obtained for guttering, new fire doors and a ramp to enable disabled access. **Clerk** to action.

b. Time scale for development. This initial refurbishment needs to be started before the winter. Especially the guttering.

c. Business plan. A basic business plan maybe required to assist with obtaining grants.

d. Clearance of storage room

e. Removal of storage boxes in main hall

f. Hire agreement. We have ordered the model agreements suggested by Cllr Massenhove. Cllr Spires proposed moving item d & e to the LPC agenda for August and item f to be added to the Parish Council meeting agenda for August for initial agreement. Cllr Gregory seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

### 5. Sports & Community Centre

Review of the scheme in relation to LPH. It was agreed that the Lawling Park Hall will continue to be managed by the Parish Council for at least a year.

Action plan for the development of the centre.

All agreed that the current business plan was out of date and until the council can agree what is needed and funding becomes available it was not feasible to produce another plan at this stage. However the council needs to be in a position to act quickly if a funding stream is identified. Following further discussions Cllr Gregory proposed the council resurrect the S&C Committee to investigate up dating the business plan and evidence of need, explore further possibilities for amenities and explore further possibilities of funding streams all to be brought to the PC for a decision. Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to add draft Evidence of Need survey to the next PC meeting.

## **6. Funding Report.**

Cllr Spires attended a funding seminar. Each Cllr has a copy of the notes from the meeting. A précis of the report is below.

Various grant schemes are available;

1. Awards for All
2. Reaching Communities
3. Changing Spaces

1. Too small amounts for the S & C but maybe useful for LPH
2. £500,000 towards a maximum project cost of £750,000. This maybe used for the S&C if a need is found.
3. Changing Spaces this is a programme investing £200 million in environmental projects across England focusing on 3 broad areas:
  - Community spaces
  - Local community enterprise
  - Access to the natural environment

The programme is being delivered through partner organisations who will deliver England-wide open grant programmes on our behalf.

Details of how to apply and organise the background information required when bidding for funding was also covered in Cllr Spires report.

Meeting closed 9.15pm