

Minutes
of the MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 23rd January 2018
at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Spires Cllr Oatham
Cllr Evans Cllr Pettitt

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 2 members of the public – Jaimy Hodgetts, Sirran Elves

69 Members' Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bush – holiday

70 Declaration of Interests

None.

71 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Evans proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 28th November 2017. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

72 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

Sirran Elves is to start a new dance class on a Sunday in the Lawling Park Hall. She told the council about her classes. Key arrangements and storage for glass mirrors were discussed. To advise outcome of these points at a later date.

Jaimy Hodgetts showed the council his plan of the sensory garden by Bakersfield Walk. Cllr Oatham to contact Garry Bott to quote for the groundwork to be done. Resident to price for the plants and email to us. Need to source the wood for the back of the border. To get prices for approximately 300ft timber in total. The project to be done in the spring.

A resident has asked for a dodgeball class to start in the hall. Cllr Oatham expressed concern over this as it is a function hall and not a sports hall. Cllr Evans agreed with this view. Clerk to contact resident and suggest he contact Henry Samuel Hall instead.

73 Lawling Park Hall

- Cleaning of hall needs to be more regular with more people using the hall. Some complaints received. Contract cleaner to be sourced. Need to factor in additional charges in hire fees.
- Hall Hire agreements to be simplified. All regular users to sign a new agreement once a year before 1st April. Clerk to action.
- Cllr Oatham to look at an online booking system. To try Timify first which is a free system before trying one which is paid for monthly. New charges to be discussed at next meeting ready for implementing beginning of April.
- Key agreements discussed. It was agreed that the Zumba and dance teachers could have their own key. Clerk to get copies made to give them. A door entry system would avoid giving out keys. Cllrs Oatham and Bush to get quote.

74 CCTV

Cllr Oatham will speak with Barry regarding commencement of works. Cheque being held ready to give to him.

Cameras to be checked after a picnic table was uprooted and moved to the Bakersfield area. Cllr Oatham will check the CCTV for Tuesday 16th January. Larger posts will be used to fix the table back in place.

75 Tennis Courts

The Quote for the gate to be made secure was discussed but it was thought to be too expensive. Cllr Spires to possibly repair himself.

Discussion to improve the tennis courts with new fencing, new surface and posts. A grant could be applied for from Essex County Council to refurbish this area.

Improvement of the hut should only be considered if it going to be used to store items in.

It was agreed to accept the quote from Garwoods to treat the netball court but not the tennis court at this stage.

76 Play Areas

- Quote for new swing seat to be accepted. Clerk to send order to MDC.
- Quote from welder for the skate park to be deferred until the Spring.
- Sona light not coming on as it should. Cllr Oatham to email manufacture to request a site visit.
- Outside gymnasium could be a new project. Clerk to source quotations.

77 General Area and Maintenance Report

- All footpaths need repairing in Bakersfield walk. Tar and stones all broken up. Discussion about options to make good. Cllr Oatham to ask Garry Bott to quote for repairing these paths. Clerk to source other quotes.
- Light still not working on the field. Clerk to contact A & J Lighting to look at.
- Discussion regarding who should do the football pitch lining. Quote discussed from Garwoods and compared with David's costs. A decision needs to be made.

78 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour

Picnic benches have been removed from their position (see CCTV section)

79 Parish Council Office

- Office files to be sorted – a date was set.
- Boardroom table – still to be sourced.
- New storage cupboards to be purchased once existing filing cabinets have been disposed of. Clerk to action.
- New Hall chairs to be purchased. Clerk to source quotes and order.
- Pension for Clerk discussed. To seek advice from Financial Advisor.
- Web site discussed. Cllr Oatham added more photos and links

80 Items for next agenda

Hall hire prices

Football club – holes in the field

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 27th February 2018