

**Minutes**  
of the MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
**LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**  
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr Spires Cllr Oatham  
Cllr Bush Cllr Pettitt  
Cllr Evans

**Clerk:** Mrs J Massenhove

**In attendance:** 1 member of the public

**33. Members' Apologies for Absence**

None.

**34. Declaration of Interests**

None.

**35. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Cllr Evans proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

**36. Public Discussion** including regular hall user groups

The resident briefly described his experience in garden design and park management, and offered assistance in the development of such areas in Mayland. This offer was welcomed by the Committee. Cllr Pettitt advised that an area by Bakersfield Walk has already been identified for the creation of a garden area and that a budget of £2,500 has been allocated. It is the intention that this area will benefit older and less able people. Councillors put forward suggestions for possible inclusion within the Bakersfield Walk garden area and also for Cherry Alley. Cllr Spires asked the resident to put together some ideas for both these areas for review at the next meeting.

**37. Garden Area**

Cllr Spires offered to look into possible funding sources towards creation of the Bakersfield Walk garden area.

**38. Football Club Fundraiser**

It was noted that no response has yet been received from the football club regarding the draft Football Pitch and Changing Rooms Agreement. It was also noted that floodlighting is now included within the pitch fees; a payment recently received will be returned.

**39. Clerk's Report**

Each LPC member has received an update on matters from the last meeting. Outstanding items were reviewed. A number of items were prioritised, put on hold or closed as appropriate.

*Representatives of the Mayland Village Football Club Fundraising Team arrived at 7.40 p.m.*

Cllr Spires reopened Public Discussion for clarification of various details with the representatives of the MVFC Fundraising Team, with regard to their event to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> October. There followed some discussion of facilities to be used, licensing, marshalling and other matters.

The following points were agreed: -

- Any parking on the field will be restricted to those involved in staging the event.

- The hall, other than the corridor toilets, will not be used unless a separate hire agreement is completed and the relevant fee paid.
- Mains power may be taken from the tennis court hut; Cllr Spires will check that this is working.
- The Clerk will provide Cllr Spires with the necessary keys for use by the organisers on the day.
- Cllr Spires will provide the event organisers with those keys and also a supply of electricity cards (for which no additional charge will be made).

It was observed that, for future events, it will be helpful to all parties to be clearer in advance as to what information needs to be exchanged.

*Cllr Pettitt gave her apologies and left the meeting at 8.50 p.m.*

#### **40. Lawling Park Hall**

A quotation from our fire maintenance contractor (for an additional sensor and new isolator switch) was noted.

The Clerk reported that the emergency light outside the main hall entrance is not working. Cllr Oatham and Cllr Bush to investigate.

Cllr Oatham observed that under-stage storage drawers are becoming overloaded. It was noted that storage needs to be reassessed once the proposed new cupboard has been built.

It was noted that the hall extension guttering support is inadequate, being spaced greater than 1mtr apart, and that something more substantial may be needed.

#### **41. CCTV**

Cllr Oatham advised on costs accepted at the September MPC meeting and on possible savings. Cllr Bush proposed that a cost saving is made by making other arrangements for the concrete base, but accepting the remainder of the quotation. Councillor Spires seconded the proposal. All in favour.

#### **42. Tennis Courts**

Quotations were considered for insulation of the tennis court hut to improve its suitability as a storage area. It was agreed that, rather than accept either quotation at present, enquiries should be made into the cost of materials only and also for the purchase of a storage container as an alternative solution.

#### **43. Play Areas**

It was noted that the costs of on-going repairs, to the zipline in particular, are becoming excessive. It may be more cost effective to look into grants for new play equipment.

#### **44. General Area and Maintenance Report**

A resident had reported finding quantities of glass in the topsoil over the new drainage at Katonia Avenue. Clerk to advise Shirley Hall at Maldon District Council.

A quotation was considered for the purchase of a spray marking machine, together with the costs of appropriate paint, as the condition of the existing transfer wheel marking machine is deteriorating. It was suggested that prior to making any decision, a quotation is sought from our grass cutting contractor (who already carries out the initial pitch marking each season) for regular over-marking of the lines. Clerk to obtain quotation.

There was brief discussion of the suitability of various areas of the park for dog walking, but no decision was made regarding signage.

#### **45. Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour**

Nothing to report.

#### **46. Items for Next Agenda**

Garden area.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017