

Minutes
of the MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 26th June 2018
at 7.06 pm

Present: Cllr Spires Cllr Oatham
Cllr Evans

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 2 Members for the public

1 Election of Chairman

Cllr Evans proposed Cllr Spires as Chairman of the Lawling Park Committee. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal. All in favour.

2 Members' Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Bush, Pettitt and Peters sent their apologies.

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Oatham proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 22nd May 2018. Cllr Evans seconded the proposal. All in favour.

4 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

Two members of the public addressed the Committee regarding their upcoming water fight on 15th July on the Lawling Park Field. This event has been held for the past two years without incident. Water is obtained from residents backing on to the field and stored in wheelie bins supplied from the council. The public assured the Committee that strict rules are in place and it was mainly for family and friends to come together for a fun event. Cllr Spires requested a copy of the rules and asked for the date to be given in advance in future. Burnham Review is doing an article on this event.

5 Terms of Reference for Committee

Cllr Spires read out the Terms of Reference for the Lawling Park Committee. Cllr Spires proposed accepting these terms. Cllr Evans seconded this proposal. All in favour.

6 Clerks Report

The Clerk's update on matters from the previous meeting was noted.

7 Lawling Park Hall

- Hall hire fees were discussed. Clerk produced a list of charges from other village halls in the area and also a list of costs incurred within the Lawling Park Hall. Cllr Spires will produce a spreadsheet to ascertain what increase should be made to the hire fees.
- Locks – It was resolved to bring this item to the next Parish meeting for a decision.
- Doctors Public Meeting on 17th July – Clerk agreed for MPC to host this meeting without consent from full Parish Council. It was resolved that the Clerk would get consent and keep all councillors informed in the future.

- Discussion about cleaner and whether the hall was being cleaned as required. Clerk to discuss this with the cleaner.

8 **Play Areas**

Nothing to Report

9 **Tennis Courts**

Cllr Spires has sourced the gymnasium equipment from Park Leisure which he thinks best fits the council's needs. This item is to be put on the next Lawling Park agenda so that a decision can be made as to which equipment to select.

10 **CCTV**

The CCTV installation is complete with all cameras now working properly. This work has been more involved and time consuming than originally thought so there will be additional labour charges. Barry King will invoice balance of original quote but then produce an invoice for all additional work and equipment supplied. Clerk to contact council to advise.

11 **Garden Area in Bakersfield**

- ***It was resolved*** to get the contractors looking at the footpaths in Bakersfield to quote for the path area on the new Garden area. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Cllr Spires and the contractors to get a quote.

12 **Footpaths**

- ***It was resolved*** for the Clerk to arrange a meeting between two contractors and Cllr Spires to discuss new footpaths in the Bakersfield area.
- Footpath between North Drive and Promenade very overgrown. Clerk to check who is responsible for maintaining this area.

13 **General Area and Maintenance Report**

- Perimeter of Bakersfield discussed with regard to rabbit fence being removed so that grass contractors can trim in between new tree area to avoid time consuming task of strimming this area. Cllr Spires requested that this fence remains in place for a further two years to allow trees to become more established.
- Grass cutting may need to be updated to include additional areas that are not currently being cut and maintained. Clerk to request quotation from contractors to add these areas to their list.
- Parking discussed in the village. The area outside the shops is so congested. This isn't helped by the fact that shop keepers park out the front instead of behind the shops and the church car park is locked during the day. Clerk has requested that this car park is left open to enable parking. Discussion about whether letters could be sent to shop owners.
Coastal Committee have asked if parking is available near the sea wall so that people can be encouraged to use the coastal walks in the village. Areas near to George Cardinell Park could be used. Cllr Oatham to report back.
- Water Fight discussed under public discussion item.
- Quote for floodlights considered under Clerks Report. Clerk to find out further information and report back at the next Committee meeting.
- Enquiry from resident about planting new trees in Bakersfield area. Cllr Spires to answer this query to explain that this is not possible in this area.

14 **Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Bikes are still being driven on the field despite several people asking them not to. Clerk to contact Community Protection Officer to ask them if they can issue fines as there is a notice on the gate to notify that any motorised vehicle is banned from the field.

- Problem with youths on Saturday at the music festival. Organiser of festival approached by two youths in the hall in the early hours of the morning who tried to steal items and refused to leave the hall. Police called. This incident has provoked other residents to come forward and try and get some answers to the increasing problems with youths in the village. They have called for a Police representative to attend the next Parish Council meeting in July which they will also attend.

15 Office

Discussion about Clerk being away from the office 2-13th July. Emails will be answered and meetings attended.

16 Items for next agenda

- Gymnasium Equipment/Grant
- Hall Hire Fees

The meeting closed at 9.37 p.m.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 24th July 2018