

Minutes
of the **MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 29th January 2019
at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Spires Cllr Oatham Cllr Bush
Cllr Duncan Cllr Smith Cllr Pettitt
Cllr Sampson

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 6 members of the public

74 Members' Apologies for Absence

Cllr Evans has resigned from the Council.

75 Declaration of Interests

None.

Cllr Pettitt declared she was recording this meeting.

76 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Oatham proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 27th November 2018. Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all voted in favour. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

77 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

Six residents who had an interest in the new dog walking signs around Lawling Field attended the meeting. Cllr Spires gave background information regarding dog fouling which resulted in the decision to put the signs up. Public Space Protection Order for dog fouling is in place countrywide. Lawling Park run entirely by the Parish Council so we can make our own rules. Community Protection Officers are employed for six hours a month to patrol areas for dog fouling and fines can be issued. If dog owners are only allowed to walk round the perimeter of the field, then the problem of dog fouling can be monitored better and hopefully can be eradicated. Cllr Pettitt disputed that there was a lot of fouling on the field despite the football club claiming they have to clear up each week. It was suggested photographic evidence be kept. Mr Morhall, a resident, suggested that offenders are not going to pick up whether on the field or round the edge. He suggested more dog bins are needed. Residents think unfair if they are keeping to the rules but other park users do not, ie leaving litter, football club leaving holes on the field despite being asked to fill them, youths leaving drug evidence. If dogs are allowed near skatepark, then this could create issues with children.

Cllr Spires wants residents to come together to create a safe place in the park. He confirmed that if dog fouling is reported by park users and the problem is seen to be alleviated, then the dog signs could possibly be removed. Offenders to be reported to the Clerk who will notify the Park Rangers. Information on ways to report will be put on the website under Dog walking.

78 Clerks Report

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

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- **Football Contract** – Contract to be amended by Clerk to include that only those caps which are approved by the Parish Council are to be fitted in the holes in the field. Clerk to contact Burnham Ramblers who use suitable deep caps.
- **Lawling Park opening times** – Cllr Pettitt suggested having set opening and closing times for the park to avoid the problems with youths. Council members

thought it was not going to be possible to monitor this as there are several entrances to the park.

80 Play Areas

None

81 Tennis Courts

Cllr Spires proposed accepting a quotation for the repair of the tennis court gate at a cost of £160. Cllr Pettitt seconded this. All voted in favour.

82 CCTV

None

83 Garden Area in Bakersfield

Clerk to contact footpath contractor to meet with Peter regarding new garden area paths.

84 Footpaths

First phase of footpaths has now been completed. Second phase to take place in the spring.

85 General Area and Maintenance Report

Gymnasium – Quotation received for two options for the new gymnasium equipment. Cllr Spires to assess quotes before a decision is made.

86 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour

None

87 Items for next agenda

Additional container

Youth Shelter

Permanent Portaloo in park

Dog representative

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 26th February 2019