

Minutes
of the **MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 26th February 2019
at 7.00 pm

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

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 9 members of the public

88 Members' Apologies for Absence

None

89 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Duncan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 of Lawling Park Hall – Item 93

Cllr Pettitt declared she was recording this meeting.

90 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Duncan proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 29th January 2019. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all voted in favour. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

91 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

Suggestions from residents:

To leave the tennis courts open during the day for a trial period;

Outdoor gym has support from a lot of residents in village;

Awards from Essex Playing Fields should be put on notice boards/website;

To have an enclosed dog area in park where dogs can be trained/let off leads;

Basketball on tennis court requested by youth club.

A resident wanted to confirm the reporting of dog fouling. It was agreed for all incidents to be reported to the Clerk to keep a record, then be passed on to Community Protection Officers. Reports from CPO to be put in Mayland Mayl.

A resident in Bakersfield reported the ditch near to the farmer's field had had cement and bricks dumped in the drain. This could potentially cause problems of flooding to his property. Clerk to contact SUDS to advise of problem. Has been reported to CPO team for fly tipping offence.

92 Clerks Report

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

93 Lawling Park Hall

- **Football Contract** – Contract has now been amended and all council members agreed to these changes. Clerk to forward to Football club for signing. Suitable caps will be purchased for the two holes still not filled on the field.
- **Container** – Cllr Smith has obtained costs for new containers. Clerk to contact MDC regarding obtaining a licence to site these. To be reported back at next meeting.
- **Dog signs** – It was resolved for all dog fouling incidents to be reported to the clerk.
- **Painting** – Cllr Spires proposed that the ground staff paint the interior of the hall. Cllr Duncan seconded this proposal. All councillors in favour

- **Boot scraper** – Quote considered for boot cleaner recommended by football club. Cllr Spires wants more information before making a decision.
- **Noticeboard** – A quote was considered to replace the notice board outside the Lawling Field. Cllr Spires proposed that the quote for £280 be accepted. Cllr Pettitt seconded this and all in favour apart from Cllr Duncan who did not take part in the vote.
- **Outdoor gymnasium update** – Cllr Spires had compiled a report to validate the need for an outdoor gym in the park. This was in response to a letter received from a resident to oppose this suggestion. Cllr Spires read his report highlighting encouragement from Essex County council and Maldon District Council to promote health and fitness in local areas. The full report will be placed on MPC website. 20 emails of support for this project were also read out. Cllr Spires feels that this provides enough evidence to counteract the claim made by the resident that no one wants this facility. To be discussed at the next Parish Meeting.

94 Play Areas

None

95 Tennis Courts

A quote was considered for works to be carried out on the tennis court. Cllr Spires to visit local schools to compare surfaces and clerk to source more information.

96 CCTV

Cllr Oatham to arrange a maintenance visit to repair cameras which are not working.

97 Garden Area in Bakersfield

Cllr Oatham and Cllr Smith will mark out the area with paint before footpath contractor will price for paths to be laid at same time as Bakersfield footpath is being repaired.

98 Footpaths

Footpath from children's play area to school gate would ideally be dug out and replaced to match those paths already completed. Clerk to work out price difference and discuss at next meeting. Clerk to contact footpath contractor about price to lay a 50mm duct in case cables are needed.

99 General Area and Maintenance Report

- Bench in Bakersfield walk needs a firm surface in front of it as it is muddy. To be priced and carried out at same time as path is repaired.
- Discussion about portaloo in the park. Could be installed as a trial. To put on next agenda.
- Cllr Duncan suggested a bat box and an owl box be fitted in Bakersfield Walk. Clerk to source.

100 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour

- Bakersfield Gate has now been repaired. Reflective tape to be fitted so that vehicles see this when turning. Clerk to action.
- Cllr Spires to source prices for another youth shelter in the park.

101 Items for next agenda

Additional container
Youth Shelter
Permanent Portaloo in park

The meeting closed at 9.38 p.m.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 26th March 2019