

Minutes
of the MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 28th January 2020
at 7.15 pm

Present: Cllr Spires (Chairman) Cllr Edwards Cllr Haywood
Cllr Oatham Cllr Duncan

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 3 Residents

87 Members' Apologies for Absence
Cllr Bush

88 Declaration of Interests
None

89 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Cllr Edwards proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 26th November 2019.
Cllr Haywood seconded this proposal. All in favour.

- 90 Public Discussion** including regular hall user groups
- A resident asked why dog walkers were previously told that it was enforceable if dogs are not on leads on the football field. The protection officers cannot fine for this, only for dog fouling. Many people not adhering to the signs. Cllr Spires responded that the Parish Council cannot force rules we make for our own park. If we want to take further, then we need to take to civil court. The process involves getting names/addresses then take to court. Cllr Oatham stated that it is our aim to enforce the rules. Clerk has spoken to Protection officers at MDC and found that we could get a PSPO for the field but they thought this might be difficult as this is our own land. Cllr Spires stated that Maldon Promenade also has a PSPO and that is their land so Clerk to verify.
 - A resident asked why the costings for the memorial garden had not been included in the minutes. Clerk to add to these minutes for residents' information.
 - A resident asked about the flooding on the path outside the hall. Clerk to speak to Terry Kelly and see what he recommends.
 - Faye from Football club asked about recent issues with the changing rooms and mud outside the hall. She commented on the amount of dog faeces they have to clear from the pitches before football can be played. She suggested more boot cleaners be added as one is not enough for two teams to clean their boots. She has been told by the teams and managers that the changing rooms are being left clean and that they do their best to clear the mud outside the hall. Clerk has seen these issues for herself and stated that more could be done to show respect for the hall and clean up the mud.

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

- 92 Lawling Park Hall**
- **Hall Hire** – Cllr Spires suggested that the drama club has a further three months free hall hire to help them get established. Clerk to notify and suggest that they take a subscription from the members to help also.
 - **New Lamp** – To ask Barry King if a lamp could be added to the CCTV pole already in place. Clerk to contact.

- **Procedure for dog walkers in park** – This matter has already been discussed during the public discussion. There is a need for a procedure so that everyone knows what can be done.
- **Health & Safety Notice** – Clerk to purchase a sign for each car park to state that users do so at their own risk and the Parish Council will not accept responsibility for any damage, accidents or losses.

93 **Play Areas**

- A quotation was considered for one third of the proposed extension to the skate park from A.G.Engineering for £19,894.40. Clerk to enquire whether it would be more cost effective to have all extension works carried out together. Cllr Edwards to visit other sites.

94 **Tennis Court**

- A quotation from Playground Facilities for a Multi-Use Ground Area at a cost of £39,488.11 was considered. It was then thought the fencing around the tennis courts should be changed first before the surface. Clerk to get quotes. Grants to be applied for.

95 **CCTV**

- Have purchased camera for memorial garden. Pole to be installed first once weather improves.

96 **Garden Area in Bakersfield**

- Notice in Mayl asking for volunteers to help maintain the memorial garden.
- Notice in Mayl regarding how to purchase plaques for wall
- Cllr Duncan has asked Len Moore to quote for a small fence to go around the garden.
- The overall cost to construct the garden including the benches, soldier, wall, and planting area was £10,819.27.

97 **Footpaths**

- An amended quote was considered from D Moore for a footpath between Lawling Field and Bakersfield. It was thought a meeting with the contractor to settle previous queries is arranged before this quote is accepted.
- Clerk to obtain a quote to resurface Cherry Alley.
- Cyclists becoming a problem along footpaths in the park. Clerk to purchase 3 signs to ask cyclists to cycle responsibly.

98 **General Area and Maintenance Report**

- Flooding discussed outside hall. As previously reported.

99 **Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour**

- Cyclists have caused ridges and damage to the path in Bakersfield.

100 **Items for next agenda**

- Music Festival in park
- Boot sale/Garage Sale
- Footpath
- Tennis Court fencing

The meeting closed at 9.11pm.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 25th February 2020