

**Minutes**  
of the virtual MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
**LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**  
meeting held online  
on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
at 7.15 pm

**Present:** Cllr Spires                      Cllr Oatham                      Cllr Smith  
Cllr Edwards                      Cllr Bush                      Cllr Haywood

**Clerk:** Mrs L Whitefield

**In attendance:** 5 Residents

**1 Members' Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Duncan unable to join due to technical reasons

**2 Declaration of Interests**

None.

**3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Cllr Oatham proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Cllr Edwards seconded the proposal, all in favour. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

**4 Public Discussion** including regular hall user groups

None

**5 Lawling Park Hall**

- **Hall** – Cllr Spires proposed that the Lawling hall is painted, we purchase sanitisers, signs and then will decide at a later date when the hall can be safely opened. Cllr Bush seconded this. All in favour.  
Clerk to advise regular hirers of decision and ask about risk assessment
- **Risk Assessment** – Clerk has completed a risk assessment for the hall, park and play areas. Discussion whether play areas should open in line with government advice. Cllr Spires proposed that a decision be deferred until Clerk has attended a webinar with EALC for further instructions. Cllr Oatham seconded this. All in favour. Clerk to confirm with insurance company if we are covered.
- **Electricity supply renewal**- Comparison has been carried out with a third party but a cheaper quote was received directly with existing supplier. Cllr Spires proposed that this quote be accepted. Cllr Smith seconded this proposal. All in favour. Clerk to contact SSE to confirm.
- **Football Club Contract** – Cllr Spires proposed that the new contract for the football club be accepted with no changes to the hire fee of £1800 for the year. Cllr Smith seconded this proposal. All in favour.

**6 Play Areas** – To remain closed until after webinar on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

## 7 Tennis Courts

- **Fencing** – Cllr Haywood to visit park at Colchester to take photos of fencing in Old Heath Park. Clerk to compare these to the quotes already received and have report for next meeting.
- **Re-opening of tennis courts** – Discussed how safe it was to open the tennis courts. A decision will be made after webinar on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

## 8 Lawling Park Field/Bakersfield

- Discussion whether boot fairs should take place in the park. Taking place in other locations. Measures to be put in to hold safely. Proceeds to Henry Samuel Hall.
- Location of boot scrapers to be discussed at later date
- Cllr Spires proposed purchasing a further cycle sign for the Bakersfield Walk at a cost of £100. Cllr Oatham seconded this. All in favour.

## 9 Car Park Gates

- Cllr Spires proposed that the car park gate be closed at 9pm, with a flexible opening time. New volunteers now have the key.
- Discussion about height barriers and different options available. To discuss at a future meeting.

## 10 General Area and Maintenance Report

- The existing lawn mower is not working properly and is not suitable for cutting between the trees along the Bakersfield boundary. Cllr Spires proposed that a new lawn mower is purchased with a maximum budget of £400. Cllr Edwards seconded this proposal. All in favour.
- The protection officers carry out 6 hours of work in the village each month. To discuss whether to increase these hours at next Parish meeting.

## 11 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour

- There is a small den on the edge of the Football field.
- Discussion about bins and it was found that there was a need for a new bin by the car park in Bakersfield and one along Cherry Alley with a maximum budget of £500. Cllr Spires proposed this and Cllr Edwards seconded. All in favour.

## 12 Any other business

- Dog fouling has increased in park. If anyone knows when the problems are they are to report to Cllr Oatham or Cllr Bush to check CCTV. Can then ask on Facebook.

The meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.