

Minutes
of the **MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 28th September 2021
at 7.45 pm

Present: Cllr Spires (Chairman) Cllr Todd
Cllr Chandler Cllr Haywood

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 2 Residents

1 Members' Apologies for Absence

None

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Haywood proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 30th June 2020. Cllr Spires seconded this proposal. All in favour.

4 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

Two members of the football team introduced themselves as the new Chairman/secretary and the treasurer. Cllr Haywood has been discussing issues with parking in front of field gates, problems in changing rooms and generally what is expected from the FC. FC suggested sign goes on lamppost across from Bakersfield car park to advise parking available here to avoid overcrowding in Lawling Car park. Emergency signs on gates and disabled signs to be checked to make sure they are clearly visible. Leak in both changing rooms needs sorting. Clerk to contact plumber.

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- **Smart meter** – Cllr Spires proposed that a smart meter be installed so that accurate readings of electricity are taken. Cllr Haywood seconded. All in favour.
- **Electricity Contract**–Clerk to ask SSE about high usage. Contract ends imminently so will go on variable rate until new contract arranged.
- **Camera** –Cllrs Bush/Oatham trying to find out why camera not working at memorial garden. Will try getting a different sim card.
- **Stage**- The backdrop made for the drama group is to be taken apart and kept in the container for future use. Cllr Haywood to use plywood to make a sleigh.
- **Football Contract** –Cllr Spires proposed that there be no increase to the football contract for this current year. Cllr Todd seconded. All in favour. Clerk advised football club cost of marking pitches throughout the year compared to the money they paid. Cllr Spires pointed out that football was an essential sport in the village and as such the Parish Council were happy to subsidise them.
- **Roundabout**- Cllr Todd proposed that a quote be accepted for £2,640 to remove the tiles around the roundabout and replace with bonded mulch to match the other new areas in the playground. Cllr Chandler seconded this. All in favour.
- **Small children's playground** – Cllr Spires proposed that a quote be accepted for work to be carried out in the small children's playground to replace the wet pour where it has shrunk around the graphics and the old hopscotch area, to install new wear pads under the swings, to replace the rope net on the equipment and to jet wash all the equipment with anti-bacteria cleaner at a total cost of £2,505. Cllr Chandler seconded this. All in favour.

- **Signs in small playground** – Cllr Spires proposed that a quote from Fordesigns be accepted to replace both signs on the small children’s playground at a cost of £250 for both. Cllr Todd seconded this. All in favour.
- **Bakersfield weeds-** Cllr Spires proposed that a quote be accepted from Garwoods to spray the weeds along the Bakersfield path and the memorial path at a cost of £155. Cllr Todd seconded. All in favour.
- **New cableway-** Order with Playquip has been placed but there is a delay. Old cableway has been removed with thanks given to Linda and Tony Haywood for removing this, allowing a large saving for the council.
- **Scale swing-** Cllr Haywood pointed out that timbers for cableway were rotten and this could be the case with the scale swing also. Reluctant to repair but the new seats already purchased will be fitted so they can get some use before it is replaced. Clerk to contact companies for suggestions of equipment to replace this possibly to be used by both able and disabled children.
- **Swings** – Cllr Spires proposed that a quote to replace the chains on all 4 swings be accepted at a cost of £143 each set. Cllr Todd seconded this. All in favour.
- **Trees** – A resident has asked for the trees backing on to her property to be trimmed. Council agreed that if they were overhanging or dead branches then these would be removed but not otherwise. If the resident wanted to pay for these works then they would need permission from the Council first.
- **Playground inspection-** Cllr Haywood itemised the inspection and clerk to follow up on areas that need attention.
 - Cllr Haywood proposed that a budget of £200 be used to replace the nuts/bolts in the small children’s playground. Cllr Chandler seconded this. All in favour.
 - Cllr Haywood proposed that a bag of top soil be purchased to level the area around the Yalp arch to avoid a trip hazard. Cllr Spires seconded this. All in favour.

6 Tennis Court

- Cllr Spires proposed that a quote to treat the tennis court with an algaecide to clear the moss be accepted at a cost of £194.00. Cllr Todd seconded this. All in favour.

7 Skate Park

- Quote considered for the extension to the skate park. Awaiting other quotes.

8 Memorial Garden

- Cllr Spires proposed that a plaque be purchased to put on the memorial wall for the late Miriam Holden who contributed so much to the Parish Council and the village. Cllr Haywood seconded this. All in favour. Cllr Haywood to find out wording from family.

9 General Area and Maintenance Report

- Cllr Spires proposed that a new mower be purchased for the Lawling Park up to a budget of £400. The original one had been in for a service but was too badly broken to repair. Cllr Todd seconded this. All in favour

10 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour

- None

11 Matters for next agenda

- Update on all actions

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 26th October 2021