

Minutes
of the **MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 25th January 2022
at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Spires (Chairman) Cllr Todd
Cllr Chandler

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 2 Residents
2 Engagement Officers

12 Members' Apologies for Absence

Cllr Haywood offered her apologies as she is unwell

13 Declaration of Interests

None

14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Spires proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 28th September 2021. Cllr Chandler seconded this proposal. All in favour.

15 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

- Mel Clarke, Chairman of the Henry Samuel Hall committee, asked if they could present two dates to the committee for approval.
July 2nd for a Music Festival
August 21st for a Car show/Family fun day
Both to raise funds for the renovation of the Henry Samuel Hall
Cllr Spires asked if they provide details of how the events are going to run and that no Parish Council staff are required then they could use the hall and the field with no charges. All in favour.
- Engagement officers spoke about issues in the park including a problem with a Rottweiler who has attacked another dog and been vicious with other walkers in the park. Officers to visit park to engage with owner.
Officers updated committee on fines issued in December – Clerk to add to Facebook.
Officers suggested “Coffee with cops” in the village to allow residents to visit and report concerns.
Discussion over increasing hours for officers to enable more patrols for parking issues to take place/TruCam/ASB issues. Clerk to liaise with officers/PC when this to start.

16 Clerks Report

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

17 Lawling Park Hall

- **New Equipment** – Different options shown to the Councillors, including a trampoline, a nest swing, a see saw, and an inclusive roundabout. Cllr Chandler proposed that a nest swing be installed in the park at a cost of £2,886 and bonded mulch to be laid at a cost of £1,680. This swing has a seat for more than one person and is also large enough for children to lay on making it ideal for less able children. Cllr Todd seconded this. All in favour.

- **Picnic Benches** – Cllr Todd proposed that 5 picnic benches be purchased for the park as the ones by the smaller playground have warped and are not useable. Two will be fitted in the older playground. The cost is £136.92 each with a minimum of 5 for the order. Cllr Chandler seconded this. All in favour.
- **Tree Survey** – Two quotes were shown to the committee to produce a tree condition survey in the Lawling Park. They will create an inventory of all significant trees/tree groups, identifying and recording hazards and risks and specifying any necessary remedial works and general management advice. Cllr Spires proposed that a quote from Ligna Consultancy be accepted at a cost of £295. Cllr Todd seconded this. All in favour.
- **Drainage Problems** – Still awaiting a visit from Gary to look at drainage problems and a meeting is being arranged with David Moore to discuss path up to the hall and the Bakersfield path.
- **Hall use** – Discussed during public discussion

18 Tennis Courts

A quote has been received from ETC Sports Surfaces to resurface the tennis court with the option to kill the moss and jet wash first to check condition. Cllr Spires proposed that grants be looked at first to see what is available and then a decision will be made. He would also like a 10 year plan for the park.

19 CCTV

Discussion over cameras in the park/hall and what policies we should have in place to safeguard users/staff. Cllr Spires proposed that a CCTV policy be produced including the need for DBS certificates for those viewing the cameras. Clerk to find/produce one and present to council.

20 General Area and Maintenance Report

Dog issue covered under public discussion.

A message from a resident asking what the rules are for the park with relation to dog walking. She has seen people letting their dogs off the leads in the football field with the attitude that they cannot be fined so they can do it.

Cllr Spires re-iterated that the park belongs to the Parish Council and they can make their own rules up and can enforce those if necessary. Clerk to post rules of the park on Facebook as a reminder.

21 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour

None

22 Matters for next agenda

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.