

**Minutes**  
of the MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
**LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**  
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall  
on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllr Spires (Chairman) Cllr Bush  
Cllr Haywood

**Clerk:** Mrs L Whitefield

**In attendance:** 2 members from the Football Club

**1 Members' Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Chandler gave his apologies which were accepted by the Council

**2 Declaration of Interests**

None

**3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Cllr Haywood proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Cllr Bush seconded this proposal. All in favour.

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

New Football club chairman introduced to the Council – Marc Pearce. They asked if they could use the hall after home games to sell refreshments. It was agreed to allow this for a Sunday morning between 9 and 11am providing a previous booking hadn't been made already.

Cllr Spires proposed that the football fees remain the same as before, £1800 per year, in line with the precept remaining the same. Cllr Haywood seconded. All in favour. Clerk to issue new contract.

Other points –

- Roof coming off container which they will get someone to look at
- Goals to be stacked neatly behind container so that grass can be cut
- Keep container door closed at all times to avoid theft
- Goal caps to be looked at as some have gone missing/broken

**5 Clerks Report**

This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

**6 Ten year Plan**

The draft ten year plan for the Lawling Park was read out and discussed. Cllr Spires has put in an order ready to discuss and accept –

1. Sensory Garden along Bakersfield for Queen's Platinum year – Cllr Haywood to prepare a plan for this project
2. Basketball nets and stands x 2 – several quotes discussed. Sports Surfaces most reasonable. Clerk to ask for photos
3. Wood chipper for Park maintenance – Clerk to do a price search
4. Table tennis table – Quotes discussed. Clerk to confirm assembly costs.
5. Dog training enclosed area – Cllr Haywood to create poll on FB/Poster to find what dog owners want in the park
6. a) Tennis Courts refurbishment – surface, nets, lighting Report showing different quotes discussed. To arrange meeting with Sports Surfaces to go through quote.

- b) Fencing to be replaced around tennis courts – to get a quote for 4m high fence instead of 3m.
7. Remote control area near BMX track – to get expert advice to see what is required
  8. Small children's playground to be refurbished – to look at options/what is available/ask residents for ideas
  9. More disabled equipment – A trampoline could be an option. To look at prices.
  10. Skate park Extension – to leave for now and review in 2 years' time
  11. Increasing size of Bakersfield car park – to review in 2 years' time
  12. Toilet block in the park – Cllr Haywood to speak to Tom Moss about where best place for them in the park
  13. Update BMX track – to ask users how they want to update it/ask MDC who maintains theirs. Arrange meeting
  14. Trampoline – quotes to be looked at
  15. Running track – Could be incorporated into existing paths

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- **Benches** – Cllr Haywood proposed that a Clarendon bench be purchased without arms in green with an engraved stainless steel plaque from Streetmaster for Bakersfield walk. Cllr Bush seconded. All in favour.
- **Overhanging trees** – Cllr Spires visited garden along Bakersfield to view overhanging trees which were leaning on his new fence. He proposed that a tree surgeon be used to trim back the trees but not the height. Clerk to arrange.
- **Fire Extinguishers** – Cllr Spires proposed that a quote from Wire Free protection be accepted for 2 new fire extinguishers and to refill a Co2 extinguisher. Cllr Haywood seconded. All in favour.
- **Disabled signs** – To ask groundsmen if they can mark the bays with yellow paint
- **Fees and Deposits** – The fees and deposits were reviewed. The football club fees to remain the same, the hall hire fees to remain the same at £12 per hour, the memorial plaques to remain the same at £45 each and the deposit for the hall will be reduced from £75 to £50. Cllr Spires proposed this, Cllr Bush seconded. All in favour.
- **Cleaner** – Caretaker finding it a lot to clean the hall and maintain the park. The groundsman has offered his services to clean which the committee agreed on.

## 8 Tennis Courts

- Leaving gate open. Cllr Haywood proposed that the tennis court gate be left off for the remainder of the summer. Cllr Spires seconded. All in favour.
- To consider quotes to refurbish tennis court. As previously discussed under item 6.

## 9 CCTV

Nothing to discuss

## 10 General Area and Maintenance Report

## 11 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour

Cllr Haywood spoken to youths in park re acts of vandalism.

## 12 Matters for next agenda

Update on 10 year plan

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.