

**Minutes**  
of the **MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE**  
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
at 7.10 pm

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

**Clerk:** Mrs L Whitefield

**25 Members' Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Bush sent apologies which were accepted

**26 Declaration of Interests**

None

**27 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Cllr Haywood proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Cllr Chandler seconded this proposal. All in favour.

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

A resident asked whether portable BBQ's were permitted in the park. Cllr Spires confirmed that they were not. Signs in the park confirm that fires are not permitted and this includes BBQ's.

**29 Clerks Report**

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

**30 Lawling Park Hall**

- **Box Hedge** – The hedge in the memorial garden is in a bad state of repair. Best to remove it and then decide whether to put privet in its place or just grass. Cllr Haywood proposed that it be removed to ground level. Cllr Spires seconded. All in favour.
- **French Drains** – The drains to the rear of Bakersfield are not proper French drains but just ditches with shingle in. Flooding issues still occurring. Cllr Haywood to ask Mr Carr in September if he can put a ditch to the rear of the path to help with these flooding issues.
- **PSPO** – New Public Space Protection Order has been issued by Maldon District Council. To put on website and Facebook to advise residents that we are proposing to adopt this for our park.
- **Sensory Garden** – Cllr Haywood highlighted proposed costs for new sensory garden. Waiting for quote for path. Plants, compost, raised beds, sensory items, water tap all being looked into. Cllr Spires proposed a budget for this project of £10,000. Cllr Haywood seconded this. All in favour.
- **Table Tennis Table** – Cllr Spires proposed that a commercial table tennis table be purchased for the park at a cost of £1,665 and the assembly service of £83.33 + vat. A quote to install a concrete base at a cost of £750 was also accepted. Cllr Chandler seconded this. All in favour. To be sited next to the outdoor gymnasium.
- **BMX Track** – Alterations have been requested. To arrange meeting with those interested to discuss plans.

**31 Tennis Courts**

**a) Tennis Court refurbishment**

- To put out for tender over the summer holidays and discuss in September
- Cllr Haywood proposed budget of £250 to apply for planning for a 4m fence around the tennis courts. Cllr Spires seconded. All in favour.

**32 CCTV**

Footage of accident in Bakersfield park to be kept on memory stick in case insurance need to see it.

**33 Remembrance Service**

Cllr Spires proposed that £200 be spent for the remembrance service on 11<sup>th</sup> November at the memorial garden and refreshments in the hall. Cllr Haywood seconded this. All in favour. Help will be needed on the day.

**34 General Area and Maintenance Report**

None

**35 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour.**

Some anti-social behaviour has taken place in the park. Security have been called to check areas concerned.

**36 Matters for next agenda**

Tennis Court tenders

Playground quotes

Steps for slide

Playground inspection report

The meeting closed at 8.30pm