

Minutes
of the MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 27th September 2022
at 7.48 pm

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

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

37 Members' Apologies for Absence

Cllr Todd sent apologies which were accepted

38 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Smith declared an interest in item 42, goat willow at Bakersfield

39 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Haywood proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 26th July 2022. Cllr Chandler seconded this proposal. All in favour.

40 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

None

41 Clerks Report

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

42 Lawling Park Hall

- **Football club** – Discussion over why football club using the hall during the summer months. Clerk to check contract and will discuss next month.
- **Path for Sensory Garden**- A quote was considered to install a new path for the sensory garden along Bakersfield Walk. Cllr Haywood proposed that this quote from Ideal Landscaping for £3,650 be accepted. Cllr Chandler seconded. All in favour.
- **Weeds on Bakersfield** – A quote was considered to spray the weeds along the Bakersfield Walk for £155 from Garwoods. Cllr Spires proposed that this be accepted. Cllr Chandler seconded. All in favour.
- **Goat Willow** – A quote was considered to remove a goat willow tree to the rear of 20 Bakersfield after tree surgeon reported this needed doing. Another quote to be obtained. Cllr Spires proposed that a budget of £300 be set to carry out this work if deemed necessary. Cllr Haywood seconded. All in favour.
- **Warm Hub** – Cllr Bush proposed that the Lawling Hall be used as a warm hub as a one off event in the new year for Mayland residents to come for warmth, food and information. Cllr Smith seconded this. All in favour.
- **Plaque Criteria** – Cllr Chandler proposed that the following criteria were accepted if someone wanted a plaque on the memorial wall. Cllr Smith seconded. All in favour.
 - Deceased person has lived in the village
 - Only one plaque per person
 - Has to be designated size so that they are all the same
 - Only the Clerk to order through suppliers
 - Details of how to apply to be on the website
- **Disabled Bay/Hopscotch** – A quote was considered to mark the disabled bay and the hopscotch in the park. Cllrs Haywood and Smith to look at getting a template to mark it out.

- **Additional Tool** – A volunteer has requested a new scrub cutter attachment so that he can trim bushes/trees in the park and on the seawall. Cllr Spires proposed that this be purchased at a cost of £277 + vat. Cllr Smith seconded this. All in favour.

43 Tennis Court Refurbishment

Four tenders were received after placing this project on the Contracts Finder Website.

- **Trinity Surfacing** – To lay a new surface in the double tennis court £15,000.88.
To remove old fencing and replace with new DUO 8 panel fencing 4 metres high with 2 new gates £78,290.97 **Total: £93,291.85**
- **Sports Surfaces Ltd** – To power wash all surface, cut down and remove central column, pierce existing surface and back fill with pea shingle; Lay a bed of concrete and fix screed bars to form correct levels and supply and lay porous asphalt and roll. £21,988
To supply and set in concrete 2 new tennis post sockets £1,527
To install a perimeter drain to the outside of the block of two courts to try and remove the water from filling up the low area of courts £5,211
To install a carpet for a multi-sport area which can be used for a variety of sports such as tennis, netball, football, hockey and running £26,427
To take down all existing chain link fencing and leave on site. To supply and erect new 4m high rigid mesh panel fencing systems to the perimeter of both the single court and the double court (with single fencing between the courts) and 2 new gates £36,459
Total £91,612.
- **Uttlesford Fabrications Ltd**- To relay double tennis court with new 6mm porous asphalt £7,800
To install new tennis courts and posts £1,012
To supply new 4m high fencing £29,341.44
To supply 3 x gates at £490 each
To supply eco drains for drainage of surface water £7,800
Total £49,680
- **CEF Contractors Ltd** – To dismantle fencing and remove from site £4,950
To supply and erect 4m high twin bar rigid mesh fencing £47,767.50
To supply 2 gates to suit fencing £2,113.88
Total £54,831.38

In the Budget 2021/22 provision was made for this refurbishment to the sum of £30,000 and in the Budget 2022/23 the amount set was £30,000 so a total of £60,000 is already set aside to spend on this project.

A CIF grant has been applied for the sum of £10,000 which will help towards this project.

Discussion over differences in the above tenders. Some of the above companies are not specialised in tennis court refurbishments. Some are metal fabrication companies so can only quote on the fencing.

Cllr Spires proposed that the quote from Sports Surfaces Ltd be accepted. They are a local company, they are specialists in tennis court refurbishments, they can carry out the work in stages and their quote for the fencing is the most reasonable. It was proposed that all the works apart from the carpet for the multi-sport area be accepted. The total for this is £65,185 + vat. Other grants to be applied for and a further £30,000 in the upcoming budget will be set aside to complete the project. Cllr Haywood seconded this. 4 out of 5 councillors were in favour of this.

44 Playgrounds

- **Playground Inspection** - Cllr Haywood had gone through the Playground inspection report. A meeting was arranged for 3rd October in the park with other councillors to go through it.
- **Accidents** – There have been 4 accidents involving the new slide in the park. Mostly not to do with the fault of the slide but children messing about. To speak to Playquip over options.
- **Steps leading up to slide** – Councillors felt that the concrete steps on the bank are too close to the slide. To discuss with Playquip, the installers.

- **New quotes for small playground** – Two quotes were discussed from Playquip and Proludic with options to extend the size of the small children’s playground. Various new pieces of equipment were recommended. Poll asking residents what they would prefer will be put on Facebook and then discussed at next meeting.

45 General Area and Maintenance Report

Car park bolt on the gate is broken. New bolt possibly needed. Cllr Bush to check and fix.

46 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour.

47 Matters for next agenda

Football contract

The meeting closed at 9.30pm