

Minutes
of the **MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 27th February 2024
at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Spires (Chairman) Cllr Ayodele Cllr Haywood
Cllr Chandler Cllr Down

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

61 Members' Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bush sends his apologies

62 Declaration of Interest

None

63 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Down proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 23rd January 2024. Cllr Chandler seconded this proposal. All in favour.

64 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

None

65 Clerks Report

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

66 Lawling Park Hall

- **Footpaths** – Discussion over ways to improve footpaths in the park. Clerk to meet with Dave Moore to discuss options. Funds in budget to cover costs.
- **Locations for EV Charging Stations** – ECC is gathering a list of sites across Essex that might be suitable for EV charging infrastructure and they would like some feedback from the Parish Council.
- **Concrete Quote** – A quote was considered from Playquip to put concrete under the whole of the space climber to stop areas sinking. Cllr Haywood proposed that this be left for now until the area got worse. Cllr Chandler seconded. All in favour.
- **Garwoods Contract** – A new contract for the next three years has been received and discussed. The total cost each year is £13,525.50. Cllr Spires proposed this be accepted. Cllr Haywood seconded. All in favour.
- **Fire Alarm Contract** – Contract with Wire Free Protection was discussed. This is up for renewal in May 2024. Last year, a service identified two detectors that were not working and a quote was received to replace these. Another company inspected these and found to be working. This incident has caused concern as to whether they are able to carry out a reliable service. Cllr Chandler proposed that this contract be terminated from May and Oakway Ltd be used to service this at no cost to the Parish Council. Clerk to contact Reliable fire services for the fire extinguishers to be serviced and the monitoring to be carried out directly with the councillors. Cllr Ayodele seconded. All in favour.
- **Repair to Cableway** – Vandalism of the tyre buffer on the cable way has caused the tyre to need replacing. A quote was considered from Playquip for £364 to carry out this work. Cllr Spires proposed that this be accepted. Cllr Haywood seconded. All in favour.
- **Sensory Path** – Discussion over what to do with the path which has cracked at the entrance due to ground shrinkage. It was decided to ask Manor Tree Services for a quote to put hot tar and shingle over the top which will bind it all together and make for a smooth path for all to use. Once grass in centre of path is removed and dug over, then manure can be added and a water feature and poly tunnel can be installed.

- **Fascia's on hall** – To get a photo of the rotting fascia's by the main entrance to the hall. Then further discussions will take place.
- **Salt Bin** – Cllr Chandler proposed that a new salt bin be purchased at a cost of £157 to hold the salt in the car park for residents to take in icy conditions. Cllr Spires seconded. All in favour
- **Repair to drain** – Cllr Spires has looked at the drain to the rear of the hall. The pipe leading into the ditch is a bit short and needs a one inch collar and a bird cage to stop rats from entering. Cllr Down to check if has these items and to discuss further.
- **Dog Fouling** – Clerk gave report from Adrian Rayner from MDC about how they can help with the dog fouling issue in the park. If we employ the Engagement officers again, then they can speak to people in the park to join their Parkwatch scheme where the residents are the eyes and ears of the village and incidents can be reported. Clerk to obtain more information and this can be discussed at next month's meeting.

67 **CCTV**

- Discussion over whether a new camera was needed in the park to view the older children's park. Clerk to contact Enhanced Security for a quote.
- Discussion over who can view CCTV images. Cllr Haywood volunteered to be a second person to view cameras. A log is required to show all times and dates the cameras are viewed.
- Hire agreement to be changed to include the fact there is CCTV in the hall
- A new sign on the noticeboard notifying that cameras are being used in the hall

68 **General Area and Maintenance Report**

None

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

No vandalism to report

70 **Matters for next agenda**

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm