

Minutes
of the **MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**
LAWLING PARK COMMITTEE
meeting held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 25th June 2024
at 7.00 pm

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

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

11 Members' Apologies for Absence

None

12 Declaration of Interest

None

13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Chandler proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 28th May 2024. Cllr Spires seconded this proposal. All in favour.

14 Public Discussion including regular hall user groups

None

15 Clerks Report

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

16 Lawling Park Hall

- **Hire Fees** – Discussion over increase of hire fees for hall and tennis courts. Full council resolved to increase hall fees to £14 per hour for residents and £16 for non-residents and tennis court fees increased to £5 per hour. Cllr Spires proposed that no further percentage will be taken from hirers earnings from either the hall or the tennis courts. All in favour. Discussion over a subscription format in the future.
- **Pitch Marking-** Clerk compared current cost to mark the lines on the football pitches against the cost to purchase a lining machine and pay the groundsman to mark the pitches. The second cost would be more due to inexperience, cost of paint and inadequate equipment. Cllr Chandler proposed that a running track be marked on the Lawling field after 7th July. Cllr Ayodele seconded. All in favour as a one off payment of under £200.
- **Purchase of Soil-** Cllr Spires proposed that a ton bag of soil be purchased for the memorial garden. Cllr Haywood seconded. All in favour.
- **Jet Washing-** It had been resolved at a previous meeting to pay a contractor to jet wash the surface under the outdoor gym. We have now been approached by a volunteer who is starting a new jet washing business asking if he can work in the community to promote his work. Cllr Spires proposed to accept this kind offer on the provision that we pay for the petrol used. Cllr Bush seconded. All in favour.
- **Bench-** Clerk gave several options for benches to be installed in the small children's playground. It was decided a picnic bench was not suitable and other options were more expensive. It was resolved to leave this for now.

17 General Area and Maintenance Report

- Cllr Oatham has found a contractor to look at the cameras in the park which are not working. Cost for one man is £200. Log needs to be kept when logging on to cameras.

18 Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour.

- A letter has been received from a resident in Katonia Avenue, pointing out how sad it is that increased vandalism is taking place within the park. Youths been climbing on the containers and the hall roof. Need volunteers to put anti-climb paint on all the roofs.
- Smoking weed in the pirate ship is taking place which needs to be monitored.

19 Matters for next agenda

The meeting closed at 8.26pm