



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT SPICERS PAVILION ON 19TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Neil Reid (Chair)

Ian Reeves

Paul Smith

Colin Groves

Kevin Cuffley (arrived 8.00pm)

Jayne Merrick

+ Kevin Pride – Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillor Anand Pillai – Work Commitments
Councillor Sue Whitney - Personal

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Ian Reeves – Item 11 as he is Chairman of the Cricket Club (Non-Pecuniary)

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 JULY 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2021 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Paul Smith and **seconded** by Councillor Colin Groves to **accept** the minutes.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

5 ROMSEY MILL UPDATE

Jon Sanders- Romsey Mill, Zac Britton – Youth Leader for SSYI and John Greaves – Trustee of SSYI introduced themselves and gave an update on the work they are doing in the village. The report can be found on our website www.sawston.org.uk.

Councillor Ian Reeves congratulated them on their fantastic work and thanked them for coming to give an update.

6 SPORTS CLUBS MATTERS

None

7 PAVILLION AND GROUNDS

SPICERS – The Clerk confirmed that she is currently organising repairs to the guttering at Spicers.

MILL LANE – Councillor Paul Smith asked if we could get a player from Cambridge United to officially open the refurbished pavilion when completed.

LYNTON WAY – None

8 UPDATE ON GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTORS

The Clerk updated the committee on the grass cutting and explained that the grass cutting and pitch marking is now underway by the contractors and after a couple of issues they are now on top of it. The Clerk has received comments regarding how well Lynton Way and the cemetery look after being cut by them. The Clerk explained we are due one more cut but if more is needed the contractors will be able to do.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley arrived 8.00pm

9 TO DISCUSS STORAGE AT MILL LANE

The Clerk explained that we need to extend the storage area at the back of Mill Lane pavilion to accommodate tables and chairs. The existing area can be extended to 9 sq meters at a cost of approximately £2,500.00 and can be completed by the current builders This was discussed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** to go ahead and get the storage area extended.

VOTE: 6 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

10 TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained after a meeting with other members, clubs and groups in the village to discuss this event for next year, it came to light that there are up front costs for deposits, insurance etc and they wanted to ask the Parish Council if they would part fund the costs for this event. He made it clear that if the money was not spent it would be returned to the Parish Council and that other means of funding would be sorted after. This was discussed.

Councillor Colin Groves explained this would be a great event for the village and we have had to cancel the fireworks night the past couple of years so this would be something for the whole village to look forward to. The event would be held on 3/4/5th June 2022.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** we make a donation of £10,000 towards this event.

VOTE: 6 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

11 TO DISCUSS THE CRICKET CLUB REQUEST REGARDING REMOVING THE CUPBOARD IN THE BAR AT SPICERS

Kevin Pride explained that in the bar there is a small cupboard that was originally built to house beer barrels for events. They no longer use barrels/draught and are moving towards bottles and cans which in the light of Covid is better. They are asking if the cupboard wall can be removed so they have more room for fridges, they have spoken to the original builder of the pavilion who can carry out the work and the cricket club has offered to pay for this.

They have spoken to the football club and they are happy with this proposal.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** the work is carried out and paid for by the cricket club.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 0 AGAINST 1: ABS

12 TO DISCUSS PUCHASING AND STORING TABLES AND CHAIRS AT MILL LANE PAVILION

The Clerk explained she is currently getting quotes for chairs and hanging rail to go into Mill Lane pavilion but asked that this item to be deferred to the extra full parish meeting a she haven't received all the quotes yet. This was agreed.

13 UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR SUE WHITNEY REGARDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained that Councillor Sue Whitney has done a great job so far and she has asked if the Parish Council would like her to continue with the community engagement and how. This was discussed and agreed that we would like her to continue and get clarity of what facilities the village would like. Councillor Kevin Cuffley and Councillor Jayne Merrick will speak to Councillor Sue Whitney regarding this.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

15 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – CONCERNING RECREATION & OPEN SPACES ONLY

Councillor Kevin Cuffley asked the clerk when the next kerb spraying is due which she agreed to investigate.

Meeting closed 8.30pm