



# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT SPICERS PAVILION ON 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 AT 7.30 PM

**PRESENT:**

**Parish Clerk** Jo Keeler

**Councillors**

Neil Reid (Chair)

Ian Reeves

Paul Smith

Colin Groves

Kevin Cuffley

Jayne Merrick

Michael Mallows

+ Kevin Pride – Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club  
Paul Wilson – Sawston United  
Connor Scott – Sawston Phoenix

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:  
Councillor Beck Laxton - Personal

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

Councillor Ian Reeves – Item 5 as he is Chairman of the Cricket Club (Non-Pecuniary)

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2021 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was *proposed* by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and *seconded* by Councillor Colin Groves to *accept* the minutes.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

**4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only**

None

**5 SPORTS CLUB MATTERS**

None

**6 PAVILLION AND GROUNDS**

**SPICERS** – The storage extension to Spicers is on December's full parish meeting.

**MILL LANE** – The Clerk confirmed that there are still some unresolved jobs to be completed before building control sign it off and the pavilion can be hired to the public. It is hoped this will be the middle of January 2022.

**LYNTON WAY** – Nothing to report.

**7 TO DISCUSS GOALS AT LYNTON WAY**

The Clerk invited Paul Wilson to explain about the goals at Lynton Way.

He explained that we have 2 set of 11v11 goals, 1 set of smaller 11v11 goals and a set of 9 aside goals at Lynton Way which are all kept in the goal enclosure. Because of the number of goals and size of goal enclosure (which was fit for purpose when built but now has extra goals) it is difficult to put them away and because the wheels do not rotate, they get dragged and end up breaking. They have been repaired a few times but now the crossbar has also broken and isn't repairable. They have become dangerous and cannot be used and the adult teams can no longer play at Lynton Way without these goals.

He tried to get three quotes for replacement goals and has managed to get 2 for this meeting.

- £3086.20 Inc vat (inc delivery) fixed wheels
- £3512.00 + vat (inc delivery and assembly) rotating wheels
- No third quote

Mr Wilson asked the parish council to consider the rotating wheels as it will make it easier to manoeuvre in the goal enclosures and hopefully prevent damage in the future.

If ordered this week they could take delivery w/c 20<sup>th</sup> December.

This was discussed and agreed that we should be replacing the goals so they can play. The Clerk confirmed there is unspent money in the budget for goals and earmarked reserves which can be used to pay for them.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **accept** ordering the goals with the rotating wheels at a cost of £3,512.00 + vat.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

**8 TO DISCUSS WHEELS ON GOALS AT SPICERS & LYNTON WAY**

The goals at Lynton Way have been resolved but Mr Wilson explained that wheels on the goals at Spicers are broken. Again, this is from the goals not being easy to move and often get dragged. He said that as we are purchasing new goals for Lynton Way, he will take the wheels that are not damaged and use at Spicers but we should think about new goals in the near future. The Clerk explained we are going to be setting the budget so can include this for next year.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley thanked him for coming to the meeting to explain and getting quotes.

**9 TO DISCUSS QUOTE FOR BROADBAND AT MILL LANE PAVILION**

Councillor Neil Reid asked the committee for comments. Councillor Kevin Cuffley then expressed concerns about the lack of preparation for this meeting by the Recreation and Open Spaces Chair.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained that Councillor Brian Milnes and the Assistant Clerk have looked into quotes for broadband for Mill Lane pavilion. There was one quote which was bought to the meeting at a cost of £21.95 per month on a 24-month contract.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Ian Reeves to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** we go ahead and install internet at Mill Lane pavilion at £21.95 per month on a 24-month contract.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

**10 TO DISCUSS THE FLOODLIGHTS AT MILL LANE**

The Clerk and Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained that the floodlights were due to be moved on Mill Lane to the other side of the roadway leading up to the groundstore but that this was going to cost a lot more than the project manager had originally budgeted for. The cost to move the existing floodlights to give more coverage of the pitch is around £3k. We could replace with new LED floodlights at a cost of around £1750 per column or we could leave the existing posts where they are and replace the bulbs with LED bulbs for around £1,000.00. These lights will be brighter and cheaper to run. This was discussed and agreed that if we get the LED lights angled correctly, they will give better coverage. The Clerk suggested that if we do replace the bulbs on the existing posts, we should involve Sawston Rovers FC so they are positioned correctly.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Ian Reeves to **RECOMMEND TO FULL PARISH** we leave the posts where they are and replace with LED bulbs.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

The Clerk thanked the members of the sports clubs for attending and they left. 8.15pm

**11 BUDGET SETTING FOR RECREATION & OPEN SPACES 2022/2023**

The committee when through the budgets for Recreation & Open Spaces.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Colin Groves to **RECOMMEND TO FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** a budget for Recreation & Open Spaces of £79,722.00 for 2022/2023.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)**

**12 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

None.

**Meeting closed 8.37pm**