

SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sawley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm

78/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr J and R Sewell.

Those present informed that Clerk Justina Nurse is recovering well after her operation. The Council wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back for next month's meeting. In the Clerks absence, Andrew Sharpe, ex democratic services manager at Erewash Borough Council and present Parish Clerk to Codnor Parish Council sat in her stead.

79/15 Co-option of a Councillor

Resolved: Due to the absence of the clerk it was resolved to postpone this until next month's meeting.

80/15 Declaration of members Interest:

Resolved: Cllr D Walton and Cllr J Sewell declared an interest in 84/15 Planning

81/15 Public Speaking

No Police were in attendance but had been invited

Public were in attendance.

Chairman Daniel Walton informed those present of the following;

The Air Ambulance recycling bin will be removed to improve access.

A formal Police response to the complaint regarding cars for sale parked on Wilne Road was read.

EBC confirm that with the best will in the world it is currently NOT VIABLE to combine waste stream and street cleansing teams.

Bollard near the train station to be replaced with non illumination.

The twitchell on Weston Crescent is not Council owned.

The junction of Wilne Road and Plant Lane have been inspected. It is considered that remedial works are not yet justified. Following routine highway inspection, DCC will however carry out remedial works to potholes by the Water Sports Reservoir in 2/52.

Orchard Wood. Complaints of drug needles at this location received and removed. PCSO's to increase patrol of the area.

A member of the public suggested there may be a problem with drugs after 4pm on a Friday. Police be asked to investigate.

Recycling; The scheme set up with local schools to encourage recycling is thought to be working well generally. The Council are reminded that any minor or short term problems such as fly tipping or littering can be dealt with by employing EBC's mobile CCTV unit on a temporary basis.

Lakeside Park Fair.

This event had been piloted on the Lakeside Park. In conjunction with local residents and businesses Council have identified one or two teething troubles as follows;

Damage to pavement on Anstee. To be inspected.

Access from the side road; Mr Thompson who runs the fair inspected the access prior to arriving proper and was not unhappy with the access provision. The pilot has demonstrated the need to improve access should the event be held again next year. Discussions have already taken place with Mr Thompson agrees in principle to finance improved access should we consider it necessary and the DCC Highway Authority allow any changes we wish to make.

EBC Councillors visited homes surrounding Lakeside Park in the evening following complaints of noise. It is felt that the best way to mitigate for the potential for unwarranted noise nuisance in the future is to have the fair finish by 9pm.

Complaint regarding lack of PRIOR NOTICE and PRE CONSULTATION with residents. Council welcome this comment, fully accept the criticism and promise to do better next year.

SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Query regarding overnight access for travellers. Council to review overnight provisions as part of any future arrangement.

Query criminal damage to site access. Chairman DW confirmed there had been no problems with security during the course of the event and no locks had been broken as reported elsewhere.

Complaint regarding difficulties for residents parking. The Council sympathise with the frustration and will look to improve the situation next year. Council asked to investigate both a one-way system and residents parking along Hey Street.

Council asked to consider events other than the traditional funfair be held on the park. Suggestions from residents were;

A Craft Fayre

A Farmers Market

Council to investigate in the new year.

Query regarding the amount raised for the hire of the field;

DW confirmed the fair was agreed in principle at the Parish meeting of February 2015. It was discussed at the April meeting and matters finalised by the Communities committee in May.

Clerk had supplied wide ranging evidence on the value of a field ranging from a few hundred pounds for small fields with no onsite facilities to many thousands of pounds for multi acreage sites hosting historically well loved and attended events and boasting prestigious public facilities with onsite car parking and far reaching scenic views. Council feel it must be realistic about the capacity of Lakeside Park when setting its fees or no-one will host anything.

DW informed Council that two independent inspections of the site were carried out afterward and both report a tidy site.

Council were reminded by long standing Sawley resident that the land owned by North West Leicestershire Council by the river is designated open public space. DW pointed out that for us to use this space we'd have to pay NW Leics Council for the privilege since it is their land and this on the face of it would be foolhardy when we have our own parkland.

Request for a litter bin on Plant Lane. EBC Councillors to action.

Council asked about information on dropped kerbs. It is the County Council who deal with applications but the Parish Council will look to include helpful information in its next Parish Newsletter.

Complaint regarding lack of available car parking spaces at Sawley Railway Station. This is an ongoing issue and County Councillor Walton is asked to reinvestigate the potential of increasing capacity.

82/15 To confirm the minutes of Sawley Parish Council meeting held on 28th July 2015

Resolved: the minutes of the Sawley Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on 28th July having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

83/15 Report of the Parish Clerk

- The new Parish Council website is now live. Thanks are officially given to Angela Walton and Justina Nurse for the hours of work involved in getting the new website up and running. It is considered to be a work in progress at this stage. Anyone with events they'd like to appear on the Parish calendar are invited to send their details as described in the events section. Currently working on an A-Z of services.
- Councillors were asked to look at social media site Streetlife.
- At the request of Julia Powell Clerk asked neighbouring Parish Councils whether they were interested in combined funded DALC training. They weren't.

Through Lisa Truman at Erewash Borough Council, we are able to offer the following training sessions;

Parish and Borough Forum on 14th October Town Hall*

Introduction to Parish Councils 29th October Town Hall*

SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

*Check which Town Hall

Julia Powell and Rose Sewell have a registered interest on the latter course and details will be sent shortly. Contact Lisa Truman at EBC direct if details unclear or not received. Both Julia and Rose are welcome to attend as Parish representatives on 14th October.

- Conservation Area consultation for Trent Lock.

Councillors and members of the public are reminded about this important consultation document and are encouraged to make their own submissions as soon as possible.

- Funfair. A decision on whether to host another fair on Lakeside park was taken by way of a recorded vote as follows;

Subject to improving the problems associated with access and in consultation with the friends and residents of Lakeside Park, a fair to be held on the Lakeside Park again;

J Powell Abstained

J Bonham FOR

D Briggs FOR

A Walton FOR

D Walton Abstained

I Bonham FOR

T BeardFOR

R WoolfordFOR

RESOLVED that the Council agrees in principle to hold the event again in 2016 on date to be agreed, subject to the access and setting up arrangements at the site being to the Councils satisfaction.

- Parish Fund

Ideas are sought for use of this capital funding to which we will have some access. D Briggs suggested a community garden project (different to allotments). Other ideas are welcome

84/15 Planning

New Applications

- 0715/0057 No objections
- 0715/0002 No objections
- 028379 No objections

85/15 Planning Decisions

Circulated with agenda and noted.

D Briggs asked to look into a split decision. The application concerned year round use of a building considered to be non permanent in nature and hitherto used seasonally only. The Town & Country Planning Act provides the basis for councils to take split decisions and there is recent case law that would support the councils decision, thus not open to challenge on procedural grounds. The applicant does have a right of recourse to the planning inspector should he/she wish to appeal on material planning grounds.

86/15 Reports of the Sub Committees:

Council are reminded about the dates for community litter picks

The Soup Night held at the W.I Hall had NOT been a success.

The Canaan Trust did however take a volumous supply of fresh home-made soup and £20. A further £20 went into the Parish fund. There is a second event planned for November when we expect Treetops to be amongst the charity groups present.

Pensioners Christmas lunch has been cancelled due to there being two events of a similar nature already organised and this is felt to be sufficient to ensure all pensioners have the opportunity to enjoy a sociable Christmas dinner.

The minutes were read through and discussed. These were then approved by all and signed as a true record of the meeting held. **Resolved:** Full Council approved minutes and work carried out so far.

87/15 Finance

a. PAYMENTS:

	£
772. Alan Tetley for Sept	80.00
773. Aurcuba Landscape Fee	360.00
774. Eon Christmas Lights elec bill	23.80
775. Hire of the Community Hall for Sept	36.00
776. Clerks salary for sept plus expenses	305.20

SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Travel to handover meeting = £13.50

Work from home expenses = £18

Salary = £ 273.70

777. Grant Thornton External Auditor Fee 150.00

b. Grant Thornton – External Auditor report

Council approve external auditors GRANT THORNTON for the forthcoming civic year.

88/15 Items for information

The following items were circulated to Councillors by email:

DALC Circular 19/15

DALC Circular 20/15

DALC Circular 21/2015

DALC circular 22/2015

J Bonham to speak to Derbyshire Carers Association.

Mon 30 Nov Church Service £7.50 All profits to Wileda.

DALC Circulars be included as agenda items for discussion in future.

We wish our Clerk Justina Nurse a speedy recovery and look forward to having her back with us next month.

The tree on Lakeside Park has been inspected again. There is a difference of opinion as to whether the tree is dead. Concluded to wait until the spring 2016 to see if this year's dormant buds burst into life next year. If not we seek a replacement tree.

89/15 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Sawley Parish Council meeting is to be confirmed as Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 7.30pm.