

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2003,  
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Councillors – Miss P Wilkin - Chairman  
Mr F Colbridge, Mr C Green, Mr B Sabberton-Coe

Representatives – Miss M Booty – Tennis Club  
Mr B Clemitson – Cricket Club  
Mr R Tolliday – Junior Football Club

**APOLOGIES:** Mr D Little, Mrs G Masdin, Mr D Thompson  
Mrs S Lincoln – Netball Club

Miss P Wilkin welcomed everybody to the meeting.

## **18. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9.06.2003**

The minutes, which had already been adopted by the Council, were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

## **19. REPORTS OF SPORTS GROUPS**

- 19.1. Cricket Club. Mr Clemitson reported that all 5 teams had played through the season. The First Team had won in Division 3 of the Norfolk League and the Sunday teams had done well. The Club was trying, successfully, to bring in young players. The Club had invested in a powered roller and felt that it had improved the wicket. The meeting congratulated the Club on its success.
- 19.2. Tennis Club. Miss Booty reported that the Club had done well through the summer. There were 15 members at the Wednesday afternoon sessions with ages varying from 55 to 84. The Friday evening group had continued and included a young teenage member. The fence between the tennis courts and bowling green was in need of attention.
- 19.3. Junior Football Club. Mr Tolliday reported that all the age groups were fairly full and doing well. The Club had more qualified coaches than in the past and were almost ready to get on with a Child Protection Policy and to apply for Charter status. The over 16 Club was also doing well. Mr Tolliday confirmed that girls were able to play until they were 11, when they had to join girls only teams.

## **20. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

- 20.1. Bowling Green. The Groundsman was still seriously concerned about the condition of the green. Collier Turfcare had carried out the first part of the contracted work but had been unable to carry on with the micro tining as the

ground was too dry. The drought had continued and the sprinkler, although used at all times, was inadequate. The grass seed had failed to germinate and the fertiliser that had been applied was wasted due to lack of moisture. The green might not be fit for use in 2004.

20.2. Play area. It was AGREED that the advice of the insurance company's engineer that recommended rounding off the concrete blocks at the top of the small slide be taken and somebody found to carry out the work.

## 21. LAVARE PARK

21.1. Sandpits. It was AGREED to defer filling the sandpits until the Spring.

21.2. No Dogs notices. It was AGREED that it would be a waste of money to provide new notices. Mr Tolliday said that dog excrement on the adjoining field was also a problem when boys went to retrieve balls.

## 22. BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

22.1. Needs. A new tennis net would be needed.

22.2. Charges. It was AGREED that the Council should be recommended to consider increasing the charges for casual tennis to reflect the fact that it had been unchanged for 4 years and that other councils were charging far more. The suggestion was that adults should pay £1.50 (currently £1.00), OAPS and adult students £1.00 (currently 50p) and children of 16 and under should continue to pay 50p. It was acknowledged that all the other charges would be reviewed in the normal way.

## 23. MULTI PURPOSE TRAINING AREA

Mr Clemitson left the meeting at this point as his Club was not involved.

The situation was outlined. The main points concerned the type of surface and fencing to be provided and the ways of obtaining grant aid.

It was AGREED that the suggestion of using astroturf made by the Football Foundation was not desirable. The Council had already formed this view but wanted the views of the sporting organisations.

## 23. MULTI PURPOSE TRAINING AREA (continued)

As the JFC would be obtaining Charter Standard in the near future funding from the Football Foundation was possible. Also Broadland District Council would probably give a grant but would not be able to consider a grant until May 2004.

The meeting agreed that it would be sensible to wait and aim to carry out the project ready for the 2004 football season and to apply for grants from the appropriate bodies. Mr Tolliday felt this would be acceptable to his club.

It was AGREED to set up a small working group to deal with the Development and Business Plans that would be required as part of grant applications when the JFC had obtained its Charter Standard. The group would include representatives of the Council and JFC.

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman