

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2004,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Miss P Wilkin Mr C Green Mr B Leggett

Miss M Booty – Tennis Club
Mrs S Hedges – Anglia Bowls Club
Mr C Scott – Cricket Club
Mr R Tolliday – Junior Football Club

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously AGREED to re-elect Miss P Wilkin and Mr C Green as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Mrs G Masdin, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr D Thompson.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9.2.2004

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

4. REPORTS OF THE SPORTS GROUPS

- 4.1. Anglia Bowls Club. Mrs Hedges reported that the club had enjoyed a fairly successful season; the condition of the green was good and the weather had helped to improve the green.
- 4.2. Cricket Club. The officers of the club had changed and Mr Scott would be its representative on the Committee. Mr Scott was surprised to hear that Mr Clemitson had given an undertaking that the sight screen would be taken away from the Recreation Ground when the cricket season ended; this would cause a problem for the club. The rules would require the use of sight screens and it was essential for the club. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter with the Council, on receipt of a letter from the club.

Mr Scott agreed to replace and secure the tarpaulin on the club's roller.
- 4.3. Tennis. Miss Booty reported that the Club had enjoyed a very good season and thanked the Council for providing new tennis nets.
- 4.4. Junior Football Club. Mr Tolliday agreed to arrange for the club's property left at the Recreation Ground after the 5 a side weekend to be removed.

The club was very concerned about the situation with the Recreation Ground drains and the suggestion that it would have to provide portaloos for its five a side tournament in 2005. It was hoped that the Council would help with this cost.

All the teams were full and the club had a fine reputation in the county. Metal 5 a side goals were being replaced with modern mini soccer goals.

Mr Tolliday was very pleased with the condition of the pitch at Lavare Park and asked if the showers might be made available for use.

5. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

5.1. Drains. This had already been referred to but the Clerk explained the severity of the situation. The drains could not be repaired, a new system was needed. As the work was of a 'repair and maintenance' nature opportunities for grants were virtually non existent. However, there was a chance of a £7,500 grant from WREN, dependant on 11% of the cost of the work being provided by another body, as well as a contribution from the Council. WREN would not give a decision until March 2005 which was the reason why the availability of usable drains could not be guaranteed for the 5 a side event.

5.2. Multi Use Games Area. The Council had already decided, in principle, to use the funds from Sabberton Builders to pay for part of this desirable project. Recently the Middle School had been considering a similar project and the Committee was asked for its thoughts about possibly providing a joint facility with the school. Members thought this might be a good idea.

Mr Tolliday stated that he would be happy for funds to first be used to renew the drains.

6. LAVARE PARK

There had been some minor vandalism with damage to the pavilion.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 17th January 2005.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman