

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 20th MARCH 2006,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Miss P Wilkin – Chairman

Miss M Booty – Tennis Club
Mr T Jones – ATV Bowls Club
Mr W Lloyd Scott – Junior Football Club

APOLOGIES: Mr C Green, Mr B Leggett , Mrs G Masdin, Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr D Thompson, Mr C Scott – Cricket Club

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

29. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21.11.2005

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

30. REPORTS OF THE SPORTS GROUPS

30.1. Tennis Club. Miss Booty reported that club was short of members for the season. It was AGREED to promote the club in the next newsletter

30.2. ATV Bowls Club. Mr Jones reported that the club was ready for the new season and hoping to play in 2 leagues, the AGM would be held on 21st March when it was hoped 4 new players would be recruited.

It was feared that the Anglia Bowls Club would not play but hoped that some of its players might join the ATV Bowls Club. Mr Jones agreed to contact other clubs with a view to them playing at Old Catton.

30.3. Football Club. As there were a number of football related matters it was decided to deal with these as the last business of the meeting.

31. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

31.1. Multi Use Games Area.

The sports groups had been in favour of renewing the floodlighting and quotations obtained. The next step was to make a grant application to WREN. This required evidence of need and support from the potential users. The sports clubs were asked to provide this. The school would also be asked for its support. A Disability Audit was required. Miss Booty suggested that adjustable height basketball posts should be a part of the project, this was agreed.

31.2. Storage for the Junior Football Club.

The Council had approved the idea of a storage unit and this was currently and temporarily sited on the car park. The permanent site had yet to be decided at a meeting of the Planning and Property Committee on 10th April 2006, and would require planning permission. Mr Lloyd-Smith was invited to attend the meeting on site; he indicated that his preference would be to site the unit behind the old tractor shed.

32. LAVARE PARK

32.1. Vandalism. There had been some vandalism with bins set on fire, attempts to dig up the goal posts, graffiti and motor cycles on the football pitch.

32.2. Floodlights for evening training. Norwich Airport had replied that day to express concern about the planned floodlights, it was hoped that further details would satisfy the airport. It was noted that the Rugby Ground was already floodlit and near the flightpath. Broadland District Council had yet to say if Planning Permission was needed. The JFC had nominated Mr Kevin Brown to complete the relevant parts of the grant application form. As soon as the Airport and Broadland District Council had replied Mr Brown would be informed.

33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - To be agreed.

Miss Booty and Mr Jones left the meeting at 8.40 pm and the Chairman thanked them for their attendance.

34. JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

There were a number of matters that the Council and the JFC needed to discuss as follows –

34.1. Last matches of the season. The JFC had asked for an extension of playing dates to 30th April at Lavare Park in order to complete their matches. It was noted that the Council had not cancelled any matches but it had not been possible to play all the games due to frozen ground. As it was essential that the pitches were restored in time for the new season it was only possible to extend the playing season to 16th April at Church Street and 23rd April at Lavare Park.

34.2. Five a side tournament.

- The dates would be 3rd and 4th June. It was noted that this particular weekend was very inconvenient for preparation of the ground due to the bank holiday on 29th May and the degree of work needed in all areas at that time of the year.
- Extra pitch to allow a girls team to play. The Groundsman had already been asked about this and felt he could provide this pitch but in the position where a fairground ride had been in the past.

- The Council's concern about this fairground ride had been recorded in the minutes of the April meeting but the JFC had not entered into any further consultation as requested. It was AGREED that the JFC would suggest a site for this ride if it wished to use it and the Council's approval sought before it was booked.
 - Car parking. A problem with car parking was envisaged if the school did not allow its field to be used again. As the weather had been very wet in 2005 the school field had been damaged. Mr Lloyd-Smith asked if Lavare Park might be used and participants bussed to Church Street. The Clerk's reaction was to recommend refusal as the field would be damaged if the weather was wet again; the Council's Planning and Property Committee would be asked to discuss this.
35. Evening training. As the weather had been very wet in January it had not been possible for any evening training to take place for 2 months. The JFC was keen to establish floodlit evening training at Lavare Park and wished to extend the training. The club was asked to consider its desired requirements and let the Council know before the scheme for floodlighting was finalised for the grant application.
36. Mini Soccer. Mr Lloyd-Smith asked if the area suggested for the girls pitch at the 5-a-side tournament, at the south west corner of the field, might be retained as a mini soccer pitch. This request would be considered at the next Planning and Property Committee meeting after consultation with the Groundsman.
37. Communication. The Chairman emphasised that the JFC should continue to communicate with the Council about its needs and aspirations so that the two bodies could work together without misunderstanding.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Mr Lloyd-Smith for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman