

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2007,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Miss P Wilkin – Chairman
Mr C Green Mr B Leggett Mr B Sabberton-Coe

Miss M Booty – Tennis Club
Mr J Cooke – Cricket Club
Mr A Jones – ATV Bowls Club
Mr K Brown, Mr P Fyans, Mr W Lloyd-Smith – Junior Football Club

APOLOGIES: Mrs G Masdin Mr B Palmer Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19.3.2007

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

2. REPORTS OF THE SPORTS GROUPS

2.1. Tennis Club. Miss Booty reported on an influx of new members to the club, both on Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings. The Club was pleased to hear that it was planned to resurface the courts, at the same time as the MUGA was surfaced, rather than just to reseal them. It was noted that the new surface would only be marked for tennis as netball was no longer played across the tennis courts.

2.2. Bowls Club. Mr Jones reported a very good season. The Club had also recruited new members. The Club asked that its appreciation of the excellent condition of the Green be passed on to the Groundsman.

2.3. Cricket Club. Mr Cooke reported that the Club had an awful season, with rain stopping matches. The Club's AGM had resolved to continue to field 3 teams next season. The Club had a new president, Mr Michael Lorenz. The condition of the Club's roller was in doubt; he would be discussing this when more was known. Mr Cooke asked if arrangements could be made to cut a wicket on a Saturday when it had been impossible for this to be done on a Friday because of rain. It was AGREED to look into this.

2.4. Football Club. Mr Brown reported that the last season had been very successful both on and off the pitch. The Club was keen to develop girls' and ladies' football; a separate Saturday training session had been arranged for younger girls.

3. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

3.1. Multi Use Games Area. It was intended that the MUGA would be ready for use for the Christmas holidays.

3.2. Play equipment. It was reported that new play equipment was planned to ready for use in early Spring.

3.3. Accessible toilet. It was hoped to hear if the grant application had been successful in the near future.

4. LAVARE PARK

4.1. Potential extension to the park.

An amended plan had been approved by the Planning and Property Committee. Mr Fyans queried the number of additional car parking spaces planned and was informed that this number had previously been agreed with the JFC. Mr Fyans pointed out that there were many supporters of mini soccer which would be increased. The Council would, if necessary, consider creating additional parking at a later date.

4.2. Football training.

There had been no problems so far with training on a Saturday morning. A formal decision about this continuing would be made by the Planning and Property Committee at its November meeting.

4.3. Other matters.

Access to the pitches for an ambulance had been a problem as the football club had not been aware that a key to the barriers was available and the barrier was difficult to open. It was AGREED that access to the field for emergency vehicles should be facilitated and football managers made aware of the arrangements.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 25th February 2008.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

Chairman 25.2.2008