

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 19TH MARCH 2007,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Miss P Wilkin – Chairman
Mr C Green Mr A Lovett

Miss M Booty – Tennis Club
Mr C Scott – Cricket Club
Mr K Brown – Junior Football Club

APOLOGIES: Mr D Little, Mr B Leggett, Mrs G Masdin, Mr B Sabberton-Coe,
Mr D Thompson
Mr A Jones – ATV Bowls Club

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

40. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23.10.2006

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

41. REPORTS OF THE SPORTS GROUPS

41.1. Tennis Club. Miss Booty reported that club was concerned about the condition of the fencing around the courts and the surface of the courts. It was AGREED to repair the fence and investigate the surfacing.

41.2. Cricket Club. Mr Scott reported that two teams would begin play on 28th April. It was AGREED that the Club could roll the square, either with its own roller or a heavy duty hired roller, at times agreed with the Groundsman to avoid clashing with use of chemicals.

41.3. Football Club. Mr Brown reported that the club was enjoying its most successful season ever. It had more members including a girls' team and a female coach. The Chairman congratulated the Club.

There was however a 'fixture pile up'. Unfortunately it was not possible to extend the playing season beyond the extra week already offered. It was pointed out that sometimes the pitches were not used fully, or at all; this was due to the way home and away fixtures worked. The Club was asked to bear in mind the limited resources when planning its commitments for the next season.

Off field the Club was developing and was the biggest charter standard club in Norfolk. It aimed to become a Development Club and then an Academy. It was looking into Community Partnerships with local schools.

42. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

42.1 Multi Use Games Area. The results of the grant applications were awaited.

42.2. Storage for the Junior Football Club. Mr Brown thought that the Club had obtained the necessary approvals from Broadland District Council and would be able to move the storage unit when weather conditions allowed.

42.3. Wooded area. Completion of the work had been delayed by weather and it was hoped to finish the remaining work at the end of April.

43. LAVARE PARK

43.1. Extension to the park.

The Council had again met with Brown and Co and would discuss some terms for the Section 106 agreement at the next Parish Council meeting. When the planning application had been approved the building land would be marketed commercially.

43.2. Football training.

A formal request from the JFC to train at Lavare Park had been anticipated. However, the Planning and Property Committee had discussed this and had decided that training should not take place there during the current season. The problems were the lack of off pitch space at Lavare Park and the consequent excessive wear of the pitches. Since the main pitch had been reduced in size it had sustained more wear than usual.

It was noted that as it was a public area anybody could play there informally but that JFC officials had been using the club's keys to enter the pavilion and not leaving the park at the appropriate times.

44. NEW CONTRACT FOR HIRE

It was AGREED to include nets training on a Tuesday evening under Terms of Hire 4.

45. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th or 22nd October 2007. It was AGREED that ad hoc meetings could be arranged with individual sports groups as required.

46. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Brown asked what contingency arrangements could be made to enable matches to be played in the event of cancellation due to weather. Unfortunately the only concession possible was to play a few agreed matches mid week at the end of the season. Although the JFC had expanded significantly the Council's ground had not increased and weather conditions had been unpredictable and frequently unfavourable.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

Chairman