

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008,  
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Miss P Wilkin – Chairman  
Mr C Green                      Mr B Palmer                      Mr B Sabberton-Coe  
  
Miss M Booty – Tennis Club  
Mr J Cooke – Cricket Club  
Mr P Fyans– Junior Football Club

**APOLOGIES:** Mr B Leggett                      Mrs G Masdin                      Mr D Thompson  
Mr A Jones – ATV Bowls Club

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15.10.2007**

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

**7. REPORTS OF THE SPORTS GROUPS**

7.1. Tennis Club. Miss Booty reported the recruitment of another two new members of the club. The Club was unhappy with some aspects of the new surface and had outlined its criticisms in a letter. The main contractor had agreed that there were faults and had organised an inspection by an independent expert and subsequently had met with its sub contractor to agree remedial work. A written report was awaited. The Club had been concerned to find chewing gum on the surface.

7.2. Football Club. Mr Fyans reported that as the club neared the end of the season problems were foreseen with fitting in all its fixtures. It was AGREED that mid week fixtures would be considered favourably if requested. The final dates for play would not be extended.

The Club's request to hold its presentation events at Lavare Park on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008 was discussed. The Council had already agreed the events could be held in the Dome tent as it was soundproof. The booking of the Dome had been cancelled by its owners and a marquee offered in its place. The Club would provide portable toilets and arrange for car parking at the car park at The Paddocks. The music would finish at 11 pm. The Council would discuss this at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March and notify the club of its decision straight away.

The Club was finding it difficult to insure its storage unit for public liability and contents valued at £5,000 and asked if the Council could add it to its insurance and recharge the club. It was AGREED to find out if this was possible and the cost.

2.3. Cricket Club. Mr Cooke reported that the Club's position in the leagues had improved during the winter by the default. Training would begin on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Club was still hoping to obtain a new roller; it was AGREED to investigate potential sources of grants for this; a ride on roller was estimated to cost between £5,000 to £7,000.

Mr Cooke asked if the Club might use the MUGA. The MUGA was open to all but spiked shoes and hard balls were not to be used.

## **8. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

8.1. Multi Use Games Area. The MUGA was complete and had been used enthusiastically during the recent school holiday.

8.2. Play equipment. Installation of the new play equipment was in progress.

8.3. Storage room. The JFC's storage unit was full and it still needed to use the indoor storage room. The Cricket Club also had equipment that needed to be stored there. It was AGREED that the Clubs would liaise and rearrange the storage room to better mutual advantage.

8.4. Car parking. The JFC asked if it might be possible to re-surface the car park and mark it for more efficient use as cars were parking badly and reducing the number of potential spaces. It was agreed this was a good idea but that the cost of doing this would be prohibitive.

## **9. LAVARE PARK**

9.1. Potential extension to the park.

The amended plan had been withdrawn by the applicants the day before it was scheduled to be considered by Broadland District Council's planning committee. There were difficulties about the nature of the S106 obligations. A meeting with the applicants had been arranged and it was hoped that a solution would be found.

9.2. Other matters.

It was noted with regret that the play truck had been seriously vandalised. It would be removed from the damaged springs and fixed to the ground.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be agreed, suggested times were late August or early September.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

Chairman .2008