

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2008,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Miss P Wilkin – Chairman
Mr C Green Mr B Leggett Mr B Palmer Mr B Leggett

Miss M Booty – Tennis Club
Mr J Cooke – Cricket Club
Mr K Brown – Junior Football Club
Mr A Jones – ATV Bowls Club

APOLOGIES: Mrs G Masdin Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

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

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25.2.2008

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

3. REPORTS OF THE SPORTS GROUPS

3.1. Tennis Club. Miss Booty reported that the club had enjoyed a good season with some new members. The Club was not entirely satisfied with the new surface of the courts which was actually making tennis balls dirty.

3.2. Cricket Club. Mr Cooke reported that the Club's had an interesting year with all three teams gaining promotion. Most games had been affected by rain. The Club had not been accepted into the cricket alliance which relieved it of certain obligations (sight screens and a covered scoring area) for the time being.

It was hoped that a junior section might be formed and train during the summer on the outfield. This would be acceptable. As there was no charge for football training it was anticipated the same would apply for cricket training; however if indoor facilities were needed a charge would be made.

3.3. Junior Football Club. Mr Brown reported on two events the club had successfully organised during the 2007/8 season; the presentation events at Lavare Park which had cost the Club about £6,000, with a loss of about £400 due to the bad weather, and a celebration match for the outgoing under 16s the day before.

The five a side tournament had also suffered financially due to bad weather. The Clerk pointed out that the use of gazebos between the 5 a side pitches, but sited in the

centre of the regular pitches, had damaged the ground and that it might be considered necessary to prohibit siting gazebos in these areas in future.

Mr Brown said the new season had begun well with about 25 new boys playing; overall player numbers were between 350 and 360.

3.3. ATV Bowls Club. Mr Jones reported on a very good season; the green had been excellent and he thanked the Groundsman. Although games had been affected by rain only a few had been lost. The Club had a few new members bringing the total membership to 24. Mr Jones planned to organise an open day to try to recruit new members and possibly to start an afternoon club. This would be publicised in the newsletter.

It was hoped that the Wensum Bowls Club would decide to use the green in 2009; Mr Jones' help in finding this club was appreciated.

4. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

4.1. New equipment and facilities. The Chairman reported on the new equipment and its popularity.

4.2. New bowls hut. The possibility of providing a new hut to also serve the new team and, possibly, to be shared with the cricket club, was discussed. It was AGREED to look into this further.

5. LAVARE PARK

5.1. Potential extension to the park.

Although planning consent had been given and the terms of the S106 agreement confirmed the land had yet to be transferred as one of the Trustees had died and probate had delayed matters. This meant that the new land would not be seeded until spring 2009.

5.2. Potential multi use games area.

This was a matter the Council was considering for the future. Some funding would be available from the S106 agreement for the housing adjacent to the Park and this would enable other funding to be sought. The Council wanted to know how the Village sports groups would use such a facility. Mr Cooke was very enthusiastic as his club currently hired indoor facilities at Taverham Hall. Mr Brown thought the Football Club would not have any use for a one court size hall; the Club would prefer that priority was given to outdoor facilities. Miss Booty suggested indoor short tennis. It was AGREED that the idea would be discussed by the sports groups and their committees and that they would report back to the next meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm