

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010,  
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Miss P Wilkin – Chairman  
Mr C Green      Mr B Palmer  
Miss M Booty – Tennis Club      Mr K Brown – Junior Football Club  
Mr A Jones – ATV Bowls Club

**APOLOGIES:** Mr B Leggett , Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Mr D Thompson,  
Mr J Dickerson – Wensum Bowls Club  
Mr J Cooke – Cricket Club

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19.10.2009**

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

**8. REPORTS OF THE SPORTS GROUPS**

8.1. Tennis Club. Miss Booty reported that the club had not been able to play recently during the bad weather. New members were needed for the Friday evening session. The Tuesday group would probably continue as members of the Club.

8.2. Junior Football Club. The Club had been severely hampered by the terrible weather and was five weeks in arrears with fixtures. However, some clear weekends had been built into the fixture list to allow for this. It might be necessary to play some games in the light evenings.

The Five a Side Tournament would take place during the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010. The organisers would liaise with the Council about the arrangements. The Annual Presentation evenings would take place at Lavare Park again on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May with the marquee being there from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Club officials would sleep there to ensure its security. These events were AGREED by Councillors.

The Club was concerned that it was no longer able to open the chain at the Recreation Ground and drive up to the Pavilion or the field as the padlock had been changed. The Clerk explained that she had been forced to take this action as people from the JFC had abused this access for their convenience. The chain could be opened by the supervisory staff on duty to allow access for emergency vehicles during matches. When the ground was wet it was possible that emergency vehicles would get stuck and not be able to leave the ground. Mr Brown explained that the Club was concerned about access when evening training took place and no council staff were present.

It was AGREED that the Club should write and ask that nominated persons be allowed to open the chain to allow access for emergency services or with the approval of Council staff.

8.3. ATV Bowls Club. Mr Jones was arranging the fixtures for the summer season. He would organise another open day to try to set up an afternoon recreational bowls facility.

## **9. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB)**

The Clerk explained that the scheme had not selected any projects submitted by groups in Old Catton and that she had been disappointed with and dissatisfied by the way projects were shortlisted; these views had been put to Mr Proctor, the Broadland District Councillor involved. It was hoped that funds might be made available from Broadland District Council's own grants programme.

## **10. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

10.1. Dates for football and cricket. It was noted that the last date for football at Church Street would be 18<sup>th</sup> April, with cricket beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> May and ending on 28<sup>th</sup> August, the new football season would begin on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The dates at Lavare Park for football could be extended.

10.2. New bowls and cricket hut. It was reported that plans for the hut had been approved by the Council and Broadland District Council's Conservation Officer. The plans had next to be submitted for planning permission. It was hoped to build the hut ready for the 2011 season if enough Section 106 funds were available. Mr Dickerson, Wensum Bowls Club, had applied for a grant from an Eastern Evening News scheme for the hut; the grant was likely to be between £500.00 and £1,000.00.

10.3. Bicycles in the tennis courts. Miss Booty was concerned that children playing tennis were in the habit of parking their cycles in the courts which she considered to be a health and safety risk. It was AGREED that councillors would assess the risk and then decide if it was necessary to take action.

## **11. LAVARE PARK**

### 11.1. Extension to the park.

The work to prepare the new land was progressing and it was hoped that it might be ready for play in the autumn of 2011. The Council had yet to discuss how it would be maintained.

### 11.2. Floodlighting for football training.

The JFC had not been successful with its application for a grant for floodlights under the PB scheme. It had yet to consider any detailed plans for potential floodlighting. It was AGREED that this be discussed with the Council further with the objective of all evening training taking place at the park when it was extended. It was noted that planning permission would be required.

### 11.3. Changing rooms.

Although most junior players did not use the changing rooms, as they arrived and left in their football kit, it was AGREED that it would be useful to rearrange the space in the pavilion to provide four changing rooms and a referee's room. This could be achieved by partitioning the large room, using the existing referee's room as a changing room and changing the use of the shower room to be a room for the referee.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was AGREED to meet on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

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

Chairman, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010