

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2010,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Mr C Green Mr B Palmer Mr B Sabberton-Coe Miss P Wilkin
Miss M Booty – Tennis Club
Mr K Brown and Mr R Green – Junior Football Club
Mr A Jones – ATV Bowls Club
Mr and Mrs J Dickerson – Wensum Bowls Club

APOLOGIES: Mr B Leggett Mr D Thompson,
Mr J Cooke – Cricket Club

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

13. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It was AGREED to elect Miss P Wilkin as Chairman and Mr B Palmer as Vice Chairman.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15.2.2010

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

15. REPORTS OF THE SPORTS GROUPS

15.1. Tennis Club. Miss Booty reported that the club had enjoyed a good summer with few missed sessions. It had gained four new members.

15.2. Wensum Bowls Club. Mr Dickerson said that the club was very happy. He had successfully applied for a grant of £1,000.00 to furnish the new bowls hut. The meeting congratulated him on this welcome news.

15.3. ATV Bowls Club. Mr Jones reported a very good season when the club had come third in both leagues. Three new members had been recruited at the open afternoon. He said, and Mr Dickerson agreed, that the green had been very good and even better than in 2009.

15.4. Junior Football Club. The Club had enjoyed a good 2009/10 season; it had been represented in four out of the six 11 a side cup finals and had won two. Three teams were league champions. For the current season numbers of members were similar but with more younger than senior teams. The Presentation and Five a Side weekends had been very successful and the Club had been complimented on its organisation.

15.5. Cricket. Mr Cooke's written report was received.

16. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

16.1. Teams for football. It was confirmed that two fewer teams were playing on Council premises this season. An additional team was playing at Hellesdon High School where it also had indoor training facilities and one under 11s team was playing at the Church Street school because the pitch there was the smaller size demanded by the North East Norfolk Youth League.

16.2. New bowls and cricket building. It was reported that plans for the building had received planning permission. Three quotations were awaited and would be considered by the Council at its November meetings. It was noted that the hoped for funding from the section 106 agreement for the conversion of St Christopher's School to flats might become available in the near future as Broadland District Council's Section 106 officer had checked during the day and found that one new flat was already occupied. The Council's Finance and Policy Committee had also considered alternative funding methods if the S106 funds were not available in time.

17. LAVARE PARK

17.1. Extension to the park.

The new land would be ready for play in September 2011. Discussions with the JFC had not reached any conclusion about which organisation would maintain the land.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED to meet on 21st February 2011.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the main meeting at 7.55 pm, she invited the representatives of the JFC to stay to discuss football related matters in more detail.

19. FOOTBALL

Mr B Sabberton-Coe explained that the Council had hoped to know if the JFC would be leasing the land at Lavare Park before it fixed its budget for 2011/12. Mr K Brown said that the Club was still exploring its options and the Club had not made a decision yet.

There was considerable discussion about how the new and existing land might be best used bearing in mind the need for mini soccer and, possibly, three quarter sized pitches.

It was AGREED that the Council should fix its charges with a choice of two methods. The first would be the usual charge per team and the second would be for the hire of the whole ground.

The meeting then closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairman, 21st February 2011