

**Minutes of the meeting of the Watton-at-Stone Community Hall Board of Trustees
held in the Community Hall on Tuesday 5th January 2010**

Present: Mr. N. Poulton (Chairman) Mr. I. Knight
Mr. D. Stock
The Clerk (Mrs. J. Allsop)

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence from Mr. Meischke.

2 Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 6th October

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record during the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2009.

3 Matters arising

None.

4 New Tennis Court update

Mr. Poulton read out the following letter from Mr. Knight (dated 30th December 2009) in his capacity as Secretary of the Watton-at-Stone Sports and Social Club.

‘Watton at Stone Tennis Club – New Court

As requested at the last meeting of the Community Hall Trustees, I am confirming the understanding that the Tennis Club and the Sports and Social Club has regarding the ownership of the planned new tennis court. This is for discussion at the next Trustees Meeting

This remains unchanged from that discussed and agreed to at the Parish Council meeting held in June 2003.

The understanding of the Watton at Stone Tennis Club is the following:

- The new Tennis Court would be a Parish Council owned facility.
- The Watton at Stone Tennis Club would raise all the funds required for the project.
- The new Tennis Court would available for public use. Subject to priority playing-times allocated to the Tennis Club, in the same way that priority times are currently allocated to the Sports and Social Club on the MPPA.
- The new Tennis Court would be used for tennis only and not for other sports (e.g. netball and football practise).’

The Trustees noted that, if the Parish Council agrees to adopt the new Tennis Court when the work has been completed, that there will be considerable on-going maintenance costs incurred, which will include additional floodlighting facilities.

Mr. Knight said that he is hopeful of grant aid from Comma.

5 Replacement of Exterior Door

Nothing to report.

6 Additional Football Facilities

Nothing to report.

7 Service Contract for the Floodlights

A provision of £500, for floodlighting repairs or lamp replacements, has been included in the draft 2010/11 Community Hall budget.

8 Roof repairs

City Roofing Contractors have replaced the damaged roof tiles over the Ladies toilets. The total cost of the work is £220 plus VAT.

9 Budget Items

The Community Hall Trustees requested that a table storage trolley for the Pavilion be included in the 2010/11 Community Hall budget.

The Trustees agreed to make the following recommendation to the Parish Council.

Recommendation:

In the interest of safety, the Parish Council agree to the immediate purchase of the table storage trolley.

10 Hedges and Tree Cutting

East Herts Council have granted permission for the pollarding work to be carried-out on the Oak tree in the sportsfield hedge (opposite 10 School Lane).

Adam Welch will be carry-out the work, which Dr Norden (10 School Lane) has agreed to pay for.

11 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th April 2010 at 15.30 hours.

- Mr. Poulton collected £60 in floodlighting donations, which he gave to the Clerk for banking.
- **The meeting closed at 1 5.45 hours.**