

**HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**LETTINGS SUB-COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Lettings Sub-Committee was held at 1 Trinity Place, Hartford Road, Huntingdon on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Present: Councillors A Blackwell & J Skerry (Vice Chairman as Chairman).

In attendance: Councillors J Sarabia; C Hyams & A Beevor.

Absent: Councillors Cole and Subhan.

9. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Hensley & Sanderson.

10. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none

11. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of a meeting of the Lettings Sub-Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (M1) had been circulated to Members, following their informal approval by the Chairman and it was

**RESOLVED** that these were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

12. **PUBLIC ADDRESS/ADDRESS BY OTHER TOWN COUNCILLORS TO PANEL**

The meeting heard that Councillor Hyams wished to speak regarding item 5 and did so during consideration, with the approval of the Chairman.

13. **HUNTINGDON OLYMPIC GYM CLUB – PROPOSALS FOR EXTENSION**

Members had before them a report of the Town Clerk, together with written representation from the Huntingdon Olympic Gym Club Trustees, seeking the favour of the Council in respect of early proposals to extend the Olympic Gym Club.

The report advised Members on the history of the plans for extension at the Club and provided some detail on the terms of the lease agreement for the premises, between the Council and the Gym Club Trustees.

There was some discussion about these plans and reference was made to the Gym Club's historic refusal to close the Clayton's Way Access, despite a new access from Mayfield Road having been created and much to the annoyance of neighbourhood residents in Clayton's Way. It was therefore proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to recommend that a decision to permit the development should be deferred until the Council had some certainty in respect of closure of the Clayton's Way access and to seek this by proposal to the Trustees of the Club that the land on which the access stands be removed from the lease agreement, allowing the Council control over access.

14. **HUNTINGDON & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB**

A report before Members gave details of a discussion involving Cricket Club representatives, Councillors Skerry, Hensley & the Town Clerk, where the rent for the Pavilion at St Peter's Road, together with the cricket practice area had been reviewed.

Members heard that the Cricket Club had offered to increase the annual rent charge for Pavilion and Practice Area to £100, from an existing £81.

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to recommend acceptance of the proposal for increase, with immediate effect.

The Chairman addressed the meeting in respect of a matter not included on the agenda. Members heard that an area of land at King George V St Peter's Field previously used for tennis courts and subsequently used by the Cricket Club as Practice Area had been used to extend parking facilities at the Huntingdon Leisure Centre without permission or suitable recompense by the Huntingdonshire District Council.

The land had been covered by a five-year agreement for rent by the Cricket Club, expiring in 2009. Since the Cricket Club were now paying the Council a rent for the land used by them, the Council's obligation to seek compensation for use of the land by the District Council, on behalf of the King George V Field Trust was currently not met, in the Chairman's opinion. The Chairman's view was that in the event that an agreement could not be reached on an annual rental for the land in question, the District Council should be asked to dig up the car park in order that the land might be returned to its intended use of open recreational space.

It was therefore agreed that this matter should receive further consideration by this Sub Committee at the next available opportunity.

**CHAIRMAN**