**Minutes of the committee meeting held 4th May 2010**

08.10 Present: Peter Dunnett (President), Martin Goold (Treasurer), Linda Rutter (Secretary), Keith Borrett (H&S), Hope Gaskin (Equal Opps), Maire Armstrong

09.10 Apologies were received from Rob Murray, Marie Gibb, David Stothard

10.10 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed

11.10 Matters arising – 60.09 UCU members working in schools (such as inclusion officers, 6th form and FE tutors doing diploma courses) are entitled to be associate members of the NUT but are not being targeted.

12.10 The ‘Fit Note’ is possibly a good idea but there could be a conflict between the advice given by a GP and that given by Occupational Health. One to One tutors should be paid sick pay as their employment is pensionable.

13.10 The Government’s decision to devolve National Strategy Funding directly to schools with effect from 2011 has impacted on ISIS with up to 50% of ISIS staff facing redundancy. Premature retirement is an option for them which does not seem to be open to County Music service employees.

14.10 The Treasurer reported that the Association funds are still healthy although the Division payment is due. We are still trying to make a payment to GUPT via a new contact within the union. The monies promised to St Felix School following the fire have yet to be requested and Melanie Hamilton-Davies the school rep is to be contacted.

15.10 The Equal Opportunities officer reported on the course and reception she attended recently. On the Equal Opps course the biggest issue appeared to surround ‘reasonable adjustment’.

16.10 The H&S officer advised that the NUT has produced a School Buildings Policy and that an issue for H&S is the effect of Ofsted.

17.10 Membership currently stands at 963 members which is fairly constant.

18.10 Regarding SOR – middle schools in Lowestoft are ‘closing’ a year early. Middle school staff teaching in years 6, 7 and 8 are being transferred to Kirkley High. Year 5s will remain in their Primary schools this September. The Sixth Form College is not ready yet. In Haverhill everything seems to be on track. There is no news on Clare Middle School.

19.10 The addition of the Secretary as a signatory to the TBS account was approved.

20.10 The ‘Leadership Team’ event and ‘Just Qualified’ events have been approved by the committee. The Leadership function will take place at the Linden Tree on July 7th and the Just Qualified event will take place at Ask on June 29th. The Just Qualified group will be invited to bring along a partner.

21.10 As there has been no positive response from Zoe Readhead, Kevin Bullock the Head Teacher at Fordham Primary School will be asked if he is interested in speaking at the Summer Tea.

22.20 The meeting closed at 6.24pm