OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2010, AT 8.05 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman – Mrs G Masdin

Mrs A Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe

Mr D Thompson Mr M Vincent Mrs J Williams

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Chandler Mr B Palmer Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

31. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14.10.2010

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

32. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 29. Presentation by Beyond Green Developments. Members discussed the recent presentation and noted that the Council would be included in future discussions with the company.

33. FINANCE, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

- 33.1. The attached list of vouchers 314 to 352 with payments totalling £9,114.79 and receipts of £1,783.00 were approved. The bank reconciliation and comparison with the budget were noted.
- 33.2. Finance Seminar. Mr M Vincent reported on the seminar he had attended with Mrs A Chandler on 9.11.2010.

34. BUDGET FOR 2011/12

A detailed budget complying with the proposals agreed at the recent Council meeting was discussed and AGREED with a precept of £158,000.

The scale of fees and charges was discussed and AGREED. It was noted that in the past, the charge to the sports groups, with the exception of the Junior Football Club, had been a fixed charge with a maximum use of the facilities specified. In the current year the Junior Football Club was playing fewer teams than in the past with a resultant loss of budgeted income for the Council while incurring the same costs. It was AGREED unanimously that the charge to the

Junior Football Club for the 2011/12 season should be a fixed charge of £3,400.00, with a specified maximum number of teams. This took into account the provision of two additional two mini soccer pitches as well as the additional costs of maintaining the new land at Lavare` Park.

35. CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING

Two contractors had been asked and had agreed to quote for a four year contract. Despite a reminder Amey had not submitted a quotation. It was noted that T T Jones Electrical Limited had quoted for the same rates as used in 2006. It was AGREED to accept T T Jones quotation and enter into a contract for four years to expire in November 2014.

36. THREE TIER WORKING

The Norfolk Association of Local Councils (Norfolk ALC) was working with Norfolk County Council and the district councils on a new agreement for the three tiers of local government to work together and sought the Council's requirements from such an agreement. It was AGREED that better consultation and communication was a priority and also that the Council wished to be involved in further discussions.

37. CONSULTATION ON MEMBERSHIP OF NORFOLK ALC

The meeting AGREED the responses to the consultation. It would be noted that it was not happy with the way subscriptions were calculated based on electorate and not the use made of the Association.

38. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list of correspondence was noted.

39. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Mr M Vincent suggested that it would be necessary for the Council to invest in facilities to show plans in future when paper plans ceased to be sent by Broadland District Council.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman