

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER, 2010,
AT 8.05 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman – Mrs G Masdin
Mrs A Chandler Mrs A Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr D Thompson Mr M Vincent Mrs J Williams

APOLOGIES: Mr B Palmer Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

22. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12.8.2010

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

23. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 15. It was noted that the new printer/copier was very efficient.

Minute 17. The Chairman reported on the SLCC Regional Conference that she and the Clerk had attended; she felt it had been very interesting and worthwhile.

24. FINANCE, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

24.1. The attached list of vouchers 253 to 313 with payments totalling £16,034.94 and receipts of £2,878.73 were approved. The bank reconciliation and comparison with the budget were noted.

25. BUDGET FOR 2011/12

The meeting discussed elements to be taken account of in the budget. It was AGREED that –

- The precept should only be increased by approximately 1.35% to £158,000.
- The hourly rate paid to supervisory staff be increased by 2% to £7.00
- To defer discussion of charges for football until after the meeting of the Recreation Grounds Committee on 18.10.2010
- If the Section 106 money from the development at St Christopher's was not available in time to fund the new bowls/cricket building consideration would be given to alternative funding sources including unspent balances

- Mr M Vincent presented his analysis of the financial situation of Catton Park and noted that funding would become difficult when the reserves of money from Heritage Lottery Fund ran out in 2015; he estimated that an additional £10,000 a year would be needed to maintain the Park. Mr M Vincent noted that Parish Council funds of £5,000.00 would become available when one of the loans from the Public Works Loans Board was repaid during the year. Mr M Vincent PROPOSED and Mrs A Chandler SECONDED that the budget for 2011/12 include a donation to the Catton Park Trust increased by £5,000.00 to £7,000.00; subject to this being reviewed annually. Members discussed this thoroughly. The proposal was AGREED unanimously.
- These elements would be incorporated in a detailed budget for consideration at the next meeting.

26. CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF POWER TO STREET LIGHTING

It was noted E On Energy had failed to renew the contact that had expired in November 2009 although they had continued to take payment by direct debit. Quotations for a new contract had been obtained from E On and ESPO (Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation). The quotation supplied by ESPO was the lower but would be re-negotiated in June 2011. The power for the pavilions was already arranged by ESPO who negotiated with electricity and other companies on behalf of councils and schools. It was AGREED to enter into a new contract with ESPO and noted that this would be re-negotiated in June 2011.

27. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

It was noted that one of the residents of Spixworth Road who were dissatisfied with the new Norfolk County Council street lights planned to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

28. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list of correspondence was noted.
It was AGREED that Mrs A Chandler and Mr M Vincent would attend the Finance Seminar on 9th November.

29. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Mr M Vincent reported on the presentation he had attended at the Sprowston Parish Council meeting on 13.10.10 by Blue Living on their proposals for a new community for Broadland at land to the north of Old Catton and Sprowston. Blue Living had asked to meet the Council and it was AGREED to arrange this for either 8th or 11th November at an informal workshop prior to a committee meeting.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.12 p.m.

Chairman 11.11.2010