

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2010,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Leggett
Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin

APOLOGIES: Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

101. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8.2.2010

The minutes of the meeting, which had been circulated, were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

102. PLANNING

Recommendations were made on planning applications as the attached list.

103. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

103.1. Replacement notice board.

The notice board near the entrance to the play area had been smashed by vandals. It was AGREED to order a new, more robust notice board, similar to the one at the entrance from Church Street and including 'no golf' and 'the gates are locked at dusk or 9.00 pm'.

103.2. Security at the Recreation Ground.

It was felt that this should be reviewed following the recent vandalism and it was AGREED to survey the ground prior to the next meeting when the evenings would be lighter. It was AGREED that better lighting was required outside the Pavilion and a quotation would be considered at the next meeting. Members would consider the merits of anti climb paint being used on the gate at Garrick Green.

The security of the office when the Clerk was alone was discussed; however usually the Groundsman and the Clerk were both present at the Recreation Ground. When the Groundsman was elsewhere the outer door could be locked. The Clerk had never felt threatened. If any problem was perceived the committee would discuss the matter again.

103.3. Budget and expenditure for 2009/10.

The unspent balances and commitments were considered and it was noted that most of the budget would be spent when the path was laid and the new notice board erected.

103.4. Other matters.

It was AGREED to buy a verticutting reel to use with the bowling green equipment to remove thatch from the green at a cost of about £300.00. This was within the budget allowed for plant and machinery.

104. LAVARE PARK

104.1. Progress with the new land.

No further work had been carried out.

104.2. Pavilion.

Following discussions with the representative of the football club and council staff it seemed unnecessary to partition the large room. It was AGREED to leave the room intact and to add coat hooks to the wall and buy additional chairs rather than create benches.

105. CEMETERY

105.1. New section.

It was AGREED to update the rules about headstones to be placed in the new section as agreed at the last meeting.

106. CHURCHYARD

106.1. New area of Churchyard.

The Parochial Church Council was waiting to hear from the Chancellor if he would allow the hedge to be removed. The Parochial Church Council had yet to ask for the area to be maintained.

106.2. Lych gate.

The Vicar had advised that a retrospective faculty application was acceptable and an order had been given to J Watts and Son to carry out the work.

107. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed.

108. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

It was noted that the Police and Wherry Housing were dealing with the youths responsible for the recent problems. A meeting had been arranged for 24th May 2010 at the Church Hall when it was hoped that Parish Councillors and residents of the Lodge Farm area would discuss any problems with the Police and Wherry Housing.

The Clerk reported on a seminar on anti social behaviour organised by the department of Communities and Local Government.

It was noted that the problems reported by residents of Blacksmiths Way were caused by different young people and that the Police were dealing with them.

109. PROVISION OF GRIT BOXES

It was AGREED that grit boxes would not be supplied in the Village. The reasons were that no relevant accidents had been reported during the recent extreme weather; residents had driven accordingly. Such extreme weather was not regular. It was feared that the bins would be used to deposit litter and be a liability to maintain.

110. HIGHWAY MATTERS

110.1. It was noted that Norfolk County Council had advised that the lines at the entrance to George Hill from Spixworth Road were appropriate and that any problems were caused by poor driving.

111. MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED to nominate P C Lambert for an award in a local event in recognition of his fine service.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

Chairman, 12th April 2010