OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE, HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE 2011, AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman - Mr B Sabberton-Coe

Mr C Green Mr B Honess Mr B Sabberton-Coe

Mr G Tingle Miss P Wilkin

3 residents for items 14 to 16.

APOLOGIES: Mr J Arnott Mr B Honess Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

15. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16.5.2011

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

16. PLANNING

16.1. Planning applications.

It was AGREED to object to application 20110754 to change the use of the art gallery at the racquets court at Catton House to a pre school nursery.

Norwich City Council had formally re-consulted on the land at Dowding Road, Taylors Lane and Douglas Close. It was AGREED to reply reminding the City Council of the use that would be made by residents of the new properties of Old Catton facilities and the need for section 106 funds to be made available; also of the need to make the surface of the unadopted Taylors Lane suitable for pedestrians from the new development.

16.2. Neighbourhood Planning Vanguards.

It was noted that Sprowston Parish Council had decided to proceed alone and given its reasons for doing so. It was AGREED that it was not necessary to proceed with a neighbourhood plan just for Old Catton as there was little land available for development and that it would still be possible to comment on proposals for Sprowston. It was confirmed that the joint discussions with Beyond Green would continue.

16.3. Subscription to Parish Online.

Parish Councils had been invited to subscribe to this service that would provide mapping facilities more cheaply than ordnance survey. It was AGREED to subscribe at a cost of £70 per year plus an initial set up cost of £20.

17. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

17.1. Car park

It was noted that the internal auditor had advised that it was possible that up to £40,000 could be spent from reserves and still comply with CIPFA guidelines. Enquiries were being made of contractors about methods and costs for resurfacing the car park. Broadland District Council had been asked for advice about drainage and the need for planning and building regulations approval. It was AGREED to discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

17.3. Bowls/cricket building

It was noted that the wall of the building was being used by footballers. It was AGREED to ask the Supervisors to check on this regularly and to consider planting and fencing the adjacent area at the next meeting.

17.4. Other matters

It was noted that the Junior Football Club's five a side tournament had again been extremely well organised and the ground left in an immaculate condition. It was AGREED to write and congratulate the Club.

18. LAVARE' PARK

18.1. Condition of the ground and hedges

It was noted that ownership and the condition of the trees and hedges had yet to be confirmed.

18.2. Other matters

It was noted that vandals had wrenched the grille off the referee's changing room window and then, subsequently, broken the window. The window had been boarded and it was AGREED to defer a decision on whether to re-glaze and grille the window or brick it up until the meeting with the Junior Football Club had taken place.

19. CEMETERY

It was AGREED that the Committee would visit the Cemetery prior to the August meeting.

20. CHURCHYARD

20.1. Defective memorials

It was noted that the work would begin on 7th June.

20.2. New area for cremated remains

It was noted that some relatives were unhappy with the way the memorial stones were being set out. This concern had been shared with the Vicar who would discuss it with the Parochial Church Council.

21. WAR MEMORIAL

It was AGREED that the pansies should be removed and the area cleaned.

22. ACTIVE NORFOLK ROADSHOW AND NORFOLK VILLAGE GAMES

Miss P Wilkin reported that the Old Catton Tennis Club would compete in the Games.

She would attend all day at the Roadshow, assisted other Councillors. It was AGREED to give the event as much publicity as possible.

23. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed.

24. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council's Highway and Community Rangers to side the path at St Faiths Road by The Elms, weed around the tree at Garrick Green, clear the path between Garrick green and the Recreation Ground, clean along the kerb edge where cars are parked at Spixworth Road and clean the graffiti off the road sign at the junction of George Hill and Spixworth Road.

25. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was noted.

26. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

It was AGREED to ask the bus company to place its timetable in the place provided in the new bus shelter.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Chairman, 11th July 2011