

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2011,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr A Lovett Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

120. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14.3.2011

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

121. PLANNING

121.1. Planning applications.

A recommendation was made on a planning application as the attached list.

122.2. Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard.

It was noted that the joint application for Old Catton, Sprowston and Spixworth that Broadland District Council had made had been successful and that a meeting was being arranged to progress the neighbourhood plan.

123.3. Beyond Green Developments.

The Chairman, Mr J Arnott and the Clerk had attended a useful, informal meeting with Beyond Green; they had been favourably impressed with some of the ideas discussed. It was noted that a week of consultation events and exhibitions was being arranged by Beyond Green to which everybody would be invited.

122. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

122.1. Bowls/cricket building

It was noted that work was complete and very satisfactory. The bowls clubs' members would be decorating and furnishing the building. It was AGREED to organise an official 'opening' and to combine this with presentations to retiring councillors.

122.2. Work at the Pavilion

It was noted that the path paving work was complete with the standard of work excellent. It was AGREED to renew the office window to match the main windows and to paint the entrance doors.

122.3. Tractor and grass cutting equipment

As had previously been noted the tractor was becoming elderly and requiring more maintenance. It was not possible to replace the tractor with a machine that satisfied all the needs currently performed. It was suggested that a Triple Mower be purchased for grass cutting which would reduce the strain on the tractor and enable it to continue to be used for its other functions. Quotations had been obtained for new and second hand mowers. It was AGREED to recommend that the Council buy a second hand mower from Felthorpe Lawnmowers at a cost of £15,000.00; provision had been made for this in an earmarked reserve.

122.4. Cricket Club banner

It was AGREED that the Cricket Club could attach a banner advertising its new junior coaching to the fence of the play area; the banner should not exceed 4' by 2' and be removed at the end of July or earlier if it became unsightly.

122.5. Other matters

It was AGREED that the Recreation Ground looked fabulous.

123. LAVARE` PARK

123.1. Football arrangements.

A working group had visited the Park on 4th April and its recommendations (attached) were discussed. It was AGREED that for the 2011/12 football season the current arrangements should continue. A meeting would be arranged with the officers of the Junior Football Club to continue discussions with the club.

123.2. Boundary hedges

Members of the working group had been concerned about the condition of the boundary hedges and trees. It was AGREED, if necessary, to use some of the funds allocated for tree work at the Church Street Recreation Ground to deal with this.

123.3. Other matters

It was noted that vandals had damaged the play equipment; the Police had been patrolling the Park since this happened.

124. CEMETERY

It was noted that letters would be placed on the graves with extra vases and plants asking families to remove them by 2nd May.

It was AGREED to visit the Cemetery before a future meeting.

125. CHURCHYARD

125.1. Defective memorials

It was not known if the Chancellor had approved the faculty application.

126. NORFOLK VILLAGE GAMES

It was noted that Miss P Wilkin and the Clerk would meet Mr Hulme from Active Norfolk on 12th April to make arrangements to hold a Roadshow at the Recreation Ground.

127. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed. It was noted that the new trees had yet to be planted at Woodham Leas and that some of the existing trees might need attention.

The meeting was dismayed to note that the new, replacement, bus shelter at Spixworth Road had been sprayed with graffiti. The graffiti would be cleaned off after the Police had recorded and photographed it.

128. HIGHWAY MATTERS

128.1. Highways and Community Rangers

It was noted that the Rangers had carried out various jobs recently.

128.2. Potholes.

It was noted that the condition of the City Council's part of St Faiths Road was worsening. It was hoped that Norfolk County Council would deal with the depressions at Lodge Lane and the various holes and depressions at Spixworth Road in the near future.

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

Chairman, 16th May 2011