

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2013
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

PRESENT: Chairman – Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Ms W Atkinson Mr C Green Mr B Honess
Mr B Leggett Mr B Palmer Mr G Tingle
Mr M Vincent Miss P Wilkin Mrs J Williams

Mrs J Leggett, Norfolk County Councillor
Mr K Leggett, Broadland District Councillor
PCSO K Casburn
4 residents

APOLOGIES for absence were accepted from Mr J Arnott, Mrs A Chandler and Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interests were declared as follows –
Mr B Sabberton-Coe as a Trustee of the Catton Park Trust and the Village Hall Management Committee.
Mr B Leggett as Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee

94. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 141.2013

It was AGREED that the minutes, which had been circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

95. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 87.4. It was noted that nothing had been done to date to survey an area for new play equipment for older children at the Recreation Ground. This would be arranged and suitable equipment, including a zip wire, suggested for consultation with the children.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion and reports from the County and District Councillors

PCSO Casburn presented and commented on the crime statistics. He spoke about the youth engagement project which was being held in the annex of St Cuthberts Church at Sprowston and the need to publicise this. The Homewatch AGM would be held on 20th

February 2013 at the Diamond Centre in Sprowston. The Chairman thanked the officer who then left the meeting

Mrs J Leggett reported on the work of Norfolk County Council. She reported that the Safer Neighbourhoods Action Panel (SNAP) had prioritised parking outside schools and speeding. Mrs Leggett also presented a written report on Catton Park. She and the Chairman undertook to raise residents' concerns about dogs in Catton Park at the next meeting of the Catton Park Trust.

The meeting resumed.

96. REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

The meeting was the last in the six month trial. Everybody AGREED to continue in the same way with meetings being held on the second Monday of each month at the Pavilion. The Chairman reviewed the individual duties undertaken by members who all agreed to continue.

97. FINANCE

97.1. Payments and receipts

It was AGREED that the list of payments and receipts, with vouchers 496 to 540 with expenditure of £10,185.57 and income of £6,212.93 be approved. The bank reconciliation and comparison with the budget were noted

97.2. Jubilee plaque. Approximate prices for slate at £640 and wood £900 were thought to be too expensive. It was AGREED that Mr G Tingle would investigate internet companies and report back to the next meeting.

97.3. Interim Internal Audit Report.

The recommendations in the report were noted and that the matters raised had already been dealt with.

97.4. Applications for grants

It was AGREED to make grants of £50 each to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service and AGE UK.

98. PLANNING

98.1. Planning applications were approved as detailed in the attached list

98.2. Planning training by Broadland District Council. It was AGREED to tell Broadland District Council that members would be interested in all the topics suggested and that one member would attend each session if the dates were suitable

99. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

There was nothing to report.

100. LAVARE` PARK

100.1. Surface of the new car park.

Taylor Wimpey but had yet to reply.

100.2. Remedial works to new land.

A report on the current situation was considered and it was AGREED –

- To confirm the nature of the recommended remedial works as previously agreed
- To authorise Andrew Harding, of Collier Turf Care to supervise the work
- To buy the materials directly from Collier Turf Care
- To employ Norse to provide labour and equipment for the work

100.3. Progress with negotiations with the Junior Football Club.

It was noted that the Chairman would meet the chairman of the JFC on 12th February 2013.

101. CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD

It was noted that both were in good order. However, the moss in the central 'roundabout' at the Cemetery was in need of control.

102. STAFF MATTERS

It was noted with regret that Mr A Stacey, the Groundsman, had decided to retire on 16th February 2013. It was AGREED to advertise for a new suitably experienced Groundsman in the local press on a salary scale on spinal column points 18 to 24. It was AGREED to delegate authority to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to interview and appoint.

103. HIGHWAYS

It was AGREED to consider changing Council policy on the provision of grit bins at a future meeting. It was noted that no allowance had been made for this in the budget for 2013/4. It was also noted that in the past Norfolk County Council had been reluctant to approve new bins; the current policy would be checked.

104. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from a resident outlining the difficulties with the bus service at Spixworth Road was considered and it was AGREED to contact the bus companies and Norfolk County Council about this. It was understood that these bodies had undertaken to review the service with the Parish Council in March.

105. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee would meet on 28th February 2013. Mr B Leggett reported that the Hall had only been forced to close for one day during the recent bad weather.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Chairman, 11th March 2013