

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2014
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

PRESENT: Mr J Arnott Ms W Atkinson Mr B Honess
 Mr B Palmer Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr D Thompson
 Mr G Tingle Mr M Vincent Mrs J Williams

Norfolk County Councillor Judy Leggett
Broadland District Councillor Stuart Dunn
PCSO Janet Moore
5 residents

310. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Leggett and Miss Wilkin due to other commitments and Councillor Mrs Chandler due to illness. Apologies were also received from Broadland District Councillor K Leggett.

311. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS

Interests were declared as follows –
Mr B Palmer and Mr B Sabberton-Coe - Village Hall Management Committee.
Mr M Vincent – Agenda Item 7.2.

312. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13.10.2014

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

313. MATTERS ARISING

313.1. Councillors reported back on their findings from the street light defect report and quote from T T Jones Electrical Ltd. It was reported that approximately only 25% of the report was correct. The Clerk to ask the contractor how they base their findings.

314. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

PCSO Janet Moore reported on the recent crime figures, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. The Chairman, Councillor Sabberton-Coe, asked that it be made a priority for the Police to deal with parking outside of the Schools within the Parish. PCSO Moore stated that this was once again a SNAP priority.

Norfolk County Councillor Judy Leggett gave a report, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. She also made comment on how well the Remembrance Sunday Parade had been organised. She also gave an update on education in Norfolk, Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) and the planning application for land at Buxton Road, Spixworth.

Broadland District Councillor Stuart Dunn gave an update on new voting regulations that are coming into force. He stated that if anyone was concerned or wanted more information to either contact Broadland District Council or himself.

A local resident enquired as to what the procedure was for reporting street lights within the Parish. The Clerk explained the procedure and answered the resident's concerns. The resident also suggested that the Parish Council looks at the possibility of purchasing a SAM 2 for the Parish to control speeding.

A local resident and representative of Old Catton Cricket Club asked the Council if there was any further development with regard to the possibility of an extra cricket pitch within the Parish. The

resident was informed that this is part of the Beyond Green development and therefore is a fair few years away.

The meeting resumed.

315. FINANCE

315.1. Payments and receipts

It was AGREED that the list of payments and receipts, with vouchers 348 to 393 in the financial year ending 31.3.2015 with expenditure of £15,033.07 and income of £6,710.46, be approved. The comparison of income and expenditure with the budget was noted.

316. PLANNING

316.1. Planning Applications

20141678-1) Erection of Single Storey Front, Side and Rear Extensions. 2) Erection of Shed (Retrospective)-42 Oak Lane, Old Catton, NR6 7DD.

NO OBJECTION

20141725-Development of a minimum of 225 New Homes with Associated Car Parking, Open Spaces and Landscaping (Outline)-Land East of Buxton Road, Spixworth.

RESOLVED TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION TO THE COMMENT DEADLINE AND THAT A MEETING, BEFORE THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING, BE HELD WITH THE DEVELOPER AND OFFICERS AT BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL AND NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL BE HELD

316.2. The Clerk reported that a meeting with a consultancy firm has been arranged for 6pm on Thursday 4th December to discuss the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for Old Catton.

316.3. There were no other planning matters.

317. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

317.1. The Clerk reported that following the last meeting with regard to the problems being experienced with the ride on mower, the Council has spent approximately £1,800 since 1st April to fix the machinery. The deck of the mower is beyond repair and to replace it would cost in the region of £700.00 plus VAT. Due to the age of the mower it was AGREED to purchase a new ride on mower at a cost of £2,065.83 plus VAT.

Councillor Arnott stated that he had been speaking to the Groundsman who has concerns over the ground when used by the Football Club at weekends. The Football Club had not used its initiative on Sunday and cancelled the matches when the ground was wet therefore leaving the ground very muddy. It was AGREED that the councillors think about how this situation can be overcome and give their suggestions to the Clerk.

317.2. The proposed area for relocation of the Titan within the Recreation Ground was AGREED. Money used to relocate the equipment to come out of S106 money. Councillor Honess requested that his vote against this decision be recorded.

318. LAVARÉ PARK

318.1. Lavaré Park Project

The Clerk reported that she had received a quotation from Greenway Ecological to supply and install ground reinforcement mesh, as discussed at the last meeting, at a cost of £600.00 plus VAT. This quote was APPROVED. She also reported that the price of dog waste bins is £83.69 each, which was APPROVED. She was waiting for Broadland District Council to get back to her with a price for collection of dog waste and confirmation that the location of the bins was ok.

The Clerk reported that the play area is due to start being installed on 24th November. As she will be on annual leave Councillor Arnott to liaise with the contractor.

The final lease ready for signing had arrived in the office that morning and it was AGREED that Councillors Honess and Tingle sign it on the Councils behalf.

Councillor Arnott gave an update on the wildflower meadow development.

318.2. Correspondence from a local resident with regard to the walkway around the football fencing was considered. It was AGREED that the Groundsman liaises with the Warden of Catton Park with regard to wood chippings being laid where there are bad patches.

318.3. There were no other matters arising.

319. CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD

319.1. It was reported that both the Cemetery and Churchyard were both in good order. The Clerk reported on the advice received from a stonemason with regard to the flagstones in the Cemetery where ashes are buried. It was AGREED to defer this until the next meeting.

320. WAR MEMORIAL

320.1. Councillor Mrs Williams stated that the War Memorial was in good order. Councillor John Arnott was thanked for all his hard work with regard to the recent Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service.

321. BUS SHELTERS

321.1. It was noted that the Bus Shelters were all in good order. The clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a local resident with regard to the 20 and 21 bus service either running extremely late or not turning up at all. It was AGREED that the Clerk writes to the bus company asking for an explanation.

322. VILLAGE HALL

322.1. Councillor B Palmer stated that the Village Hall was in an excellent condition and is well used. Plans for 2015 are also underway.

323. HIGHWAYS

323.1. The Clerk reported that she has been corresponding with Highways with regard to the Vehicle Activated Sign in Church Street. A site meeting had been arranged for 9.30am on Friday 14th November. The Chairman and possibly Councillor Arnott to attend.

The Clerk also reported a request from a local resident with regard to the installation of an additional street light in West Acre Drive. It was AGREED that Councillor Honess would look at the site in question and report back at the next meeting.

323.2. Correspondence from Norfolk County Council regarding the Parish Partnership for 2015/16 was received. It was AGREED that the Clerk seeks costings for the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign to be placed in Fifers Lane, coming up from the Co-op to St. Faiths Road and also the purchase of a SAM-2, which flags up the actual speed of drivers, to be used in different locations within the Parish. The Clerk also reported that she now has enough volunteers to go ahead with setting up a Community Speedwatch Scheme.

324. Councillor John Arnott reported on the recent meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

325. A lengthy discussion took place with regard to the recent Remembrance Sunday Parade. It was AGREED that due to the lack of Police presence there and at future events the Clerk would investigate and devise a well-oiled plan for the future parades to run smoothly and effectively. It was also AGREED that a letter of apology should be sent to Sanders Coach Company with regard to the delay of the scheduled bus and that other options would be considered in the future.

326. CORRESPONDENCE

326.1. Broadland District Council re. Rough Sleep Counter. Noted.

326.2. Norfolk County Council re. Norfolk's Budget and Services 2015-18. If any Councillor wishes to make any comments then they are to inform the Clerk by 1st December so that she can submit comments before the deadline.

326.3. The British Heart Foundation re. Grant thank you. Noted.

327. MATTERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Any matters for future meetings to be given to the Clerk.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Chairman, 8th December 2014