

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2010,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

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

APOLOGIES: Mr J Arnott Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

81. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14.12.2009

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

81. PLANNING

No planning applications had been received.

82. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

82.1. Bowls Hut.

Broadland District Council had confirmed that it would allow S106 money when it became available to be used for the bowls hut as the extended hut would add to the facilities available for additional bowls and cricket. It could not be used retrospectively.

It was noted that there was a minimum amount for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board of £5 per elector, this was £23,975.00.

Plans for the proposed hut were approved and it was AGREED to apply for planning permission for this design. It was AGREED obtain two quotations for the agreed design when it had been approved by Broadland District Council.

It was noted that there would not be enough time to build the hut for the 2010 season and therefore a decision on funding would be made later in the year, when more might be known about the availability of the S106 funds, with a view to building the hut for the 2011 season.

82.2. Path to the Pavilion.

A price to re-lay the existing paving slabs on a firm base would be available for the next meeting.

83. LAVARE PARK

83.1. Transfer of the new land.

The transfer had been completed and the funds to prepare the land had been received, less a small amount for solicitors' fee. The actual payment was £24,907.75. The contract with Norse (Norfolk County Services) was for just under £16,000.00. It was not know what other costs might be involved. The work to prepare the land was in progress.

84. CEMETERY

It was noted that Section 1 was almost full and it would be necessary to discuss the style of memorials to be allowed in and layout of section 2 at the next meeting.

85. CHURCHYARD

85.1. Beech hedge.

The Diocesan Registrar had advised that the Parochial Church Council would be invited to petition the Chancellor for consent to remove the hedge. It had been suggested, however, that the Parish Council meet the Parochial Church Council to discuss the situation. It was AGREED to invite the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council, the Vicar and Churchwardens to an informal meeting with Mr D Thompson, Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Mr C Green and the Clerk.

85.2. Lych gate.

It was noted that Broadland District Council had said it would grant aid with 50 % of the lowest quotation. It was AGREED to ask the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council to apply for a faculty to carry out the work.

86. NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS TO SWITCH OFF FOOTWAY LIGHTS AT NIGHT

Although Norfolk County Council had written to consult about its proposals it would be making a decision before the next Council meeting. Some of the estates in the Village were lit by Norfolk County Council although more were lit by the Parish Council. The Norfolk County Council lights were at Appleacres, Beeches Close, Bronde Close, Catton Court, Desmond and Dunwood Drives, Evans Way, Lindley Close, Lodge Farm Drive, Longland Close, Priors drive, Swansgate and The Elms, 126 lights. The lights at Spixworth Road would not be affected.

Members were very concerned about these proposals and feared the risk of an increase in crime and loss of security in the affected areas. There would be a significant cost of between £7 and £153 per light in changing the lighting controls that would detract from any savings. If, as feared, the loss of night light was unsuccessful and the lighting had to be reinstated there would be another similar cost.

As the Parish Council lights would continue to be on all night there would be some dark areas in the Village that would seem more vulnerable to risk.

It was unanimously AGREED that a strong objection be made to the proposals subject to the Finance and Policy Committee being of the same view.

86. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed.

87. HIGHWAY MATTERS

87.1. Various defects would be reported to Norfolk County Council.

87.2. It was noted that some of the new surface at St Faiths road had become loose and that Norfolk County Council would be checking it as soon as possible.

87.3. There had been requests from residents of the Warren and Mansel Drive for grit bins to be supplied to those areas. It was AGREED to agenda this for discussion at the next meeting.

88. CORRESPONDENCE

88.1. The attached list was noted.

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

Chairman, 8th February 2010