

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH APRIL, 2012,
AT 7.30 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman – Mr M Vincent
Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr D Thompson Mrs J Williams
Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Chandler Mr B Palmer Mrs A Riches
Mr B Honess

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

65. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8.3.2012

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

66. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 61. E Communication. It was noted that the problems with the first electronic agenda were being resolved.

67. FINANCE, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

67.1. The attached lists of vouchers 558 to 599 in the financial year ending 31.3.2012 with payments totalling £9,782.19 and receipts of £935.00 and vouchers 1 to 22 with payments totalling £8,408.57 and receipts of £45.00 were approved. The bank reconciliation and comparison with the budget were not available.

68. BALANCES TO BE CARRIED FORWARD

The attached list was AGREED.

69. TROD AT OAK LANE

It was noted that Norfolk County Council had agreed the grant for a 'trod' style footpath at Oak Lane and required payment in advance of £7,500, 50% of the estimated cost of £15,000.00. It was AGREED to recommend the Council to approve this.

70. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was noted that the mini exhibition about the Northern Distributor Road would begin at 6.30 pm with the Annual Parish meeting starting at 7.30 pm. It was AGREED to invite Village Organisations to give reports as usual.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting would follow with a brief agenda.

71. POLICY FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

It was noted that the Clerk had been invited by the GNDP to a meeting with three other Parish and Town Clerks, officers of Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and two developers to discuss the maintenance of 'green infrastructure'. It was said that there was the potential for all open spaces to be maintained by a single contractor. Currently there could be more than one contractor operating in a Village at any time. In Old Catton the Parish Council used its own employees and contractors to maintain its own land, the Churchyard and to cut Norfolk County Council's verges, Broadland District Council maintained its land at Oakfield Gardens, Priors Drive, Norman Drive, The Paddocks, Three Corner Drive and Ecton Walk and Wimpey was still maintaining its land at Lodge Farm Drive.

It was AGREED that the Council should not consider delegating any other body to maintain its land and that it was important to retain complete control but that suggestions for other land would be considered on the merits put forward.

72. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

72.1. It was noted that Norfolk County Council had agreed to check out the possibility of siding Spixworth Road between 99 and 125.

72.2. It was AGREED to check with the Police about a suggestion made to improve visibility for vehicles leaving the Church Street School car park.

73. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

It was noted that the Junior Football Club had replied with questions about its potential lease of Lavare` Park, including what annual fee would be required. The Planning and Property Committee would discuss this in detail at its next meeting. It was AGREED to ask the advice of Norfolk ALC about valuations that might be required.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman, 10.05.2012