

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,
HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 19th MAY 2016
AT THE CHURCH HALL, BLACKSMITHS WAY

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe - Chairman
Councillors – Mr J Arnott, Mr P Crisp, Mr B Leggett, Mr B Palmer, Mr R Tovell,
Miss P Wilkin and Mrs J Williams.

Mr S Dunn – Broadland District Councillor
Mrs K Vincent – Broadland District Councillor
Mr J Leggett – Norfolk County Councillor
Chloe Smith MP
Mr S Vincent – Neighbourhood Plan
5 residents

APOLOGIES: Councillors – Mrs A Chandler, Mrs L Fawke, Mr B Honess and Mr M Vincent
Broadland District Councillor Mr K Leggett

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 14th May 2015, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

The Chairman's report, which had been circulated in the spring edition of the Council's newsletter, was accepted. The Chairman thanked all Parish Councillors, District Councillors, County Councillors and staff for their support over the past year.

3. **ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2016**

The un-audited accounts were accepted. The Clerk assured all those present that the accounts were readily available for inspection in her office and under the Freedom of Information Act any resident was allowed to see the accounts.

4. **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS.**

A written report was received from Catton Park Trust, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. The Friends of Catton Park were thanked for all of their fundraising efforts and support over the past year.

Chloe Smith MP congratulated the Parish Council on its work and was pleased to see that lots of things were happening. She stated that she was available to her constituents to help with any local or national problems and her contact details can be found on her website <http://www.chloesmith.org.uk/>

Chloe gave a brief update on what has been happening at Parliament and urged all her constituents to register to vote for the EU referendum which is taking place on 23rd June 2016.

On a more personal level Chloe stated that she was expecting a baby and was due in October when she would take maternity leave. All those present wished her well.

Mr B Palmer gave an update from the Horticultural Society. He stated that there are 67 members. The Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall where there is always a speaker. They put on two flower/plant shows a year.

District Councillor Karen Vincent introduced herself and gave a brief update on the annual council meeting for Broadland District Council that took place on 12th May 2016.

She delved a little deeper into the local issues being discussed at Broadland District Council namely the developments at Dixons Fold, Repton Avenue and Beeston Park. She also gave a brief update on the Neighbourhood Plan for Old Catton.

County Councillor Judy Leggett gave a brief overview of what has been happening at County Hall over the past year. Topics included budget setting, devolution, schools and young people, adult education, the NDR, better broadband and the Aviation Society. She also gave an update on the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP). She stated that she is available to the people she represents to help with any issues they may have and her contact details can be found via this link www.norfolk.gov.uk/judyleggett

District Councillor Stuart Dunn stated that Broadland had voted a 0% increase to the council tax bill for the financial year 2016/2017. He also stated that residents can help save the council save money by signing up to have bills sent via email which in turn will save residents money.

The Chairman stated that he had attended Old Catton Junior Football Club's presentation evening with Councillor Pat Wilkin. He praised the club on all its efforts.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

A local resident asked for further information on the youth group that has been set up in Old Catton. Councillor Peter Crisp and County Councillor Judy Leggett both gave an in-depth response.

A local resident stated that Catton Park was a great asset to the Parish but that the view was it is becoming an events centre. He asked if the Council had looked into increasing the Parish precept instead of holding events. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council has given the park a grant of £30,000 this financial year out of its reserves and only increased the precept by 1%. She also stated that there will be fewer events held this year that are sympathetic to the Park and its surrounding neighbours.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

Chairman, 2017