

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,
HELD AT 7.30 P.M., ON THURSDAY 27th MAY, 2010,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson – Chairman
Councillors – Mr J Arnott, Mrs A Chandler, Mr C Green, Mr B Leggett,
Mr B Palmer, Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Miss P Wilkin and Mrs J Williams

PCSO J McBride and a student PCSO for the part of the meeting
9 residents

APOLOGIES: Mr A Lovett, Mrs G Masdin and Mrs A Riches Mr M Vincent
Mr S Dunn – Norfolk County Councillor and Broadland District Councillor
Mr K Leggett – Broadland District Councillor

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 28th May, 2009, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The report, which was incorporated into the newsletter, was accepted. The Chairman spoke about other current issues and urged residents to come to Parish Council meetings when the Council would be willing to listen to any problems or concerns. He commented on the success of the Catton Park project and the current project to create an education building that was being entirely funded by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership.

3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO McBride gave a detailed report of crime in the Village during the last month. He said that police patrols had been increased to try to deal with the current problems with anti social behaviour. The Police were serving Section 59 notices on offending vehicles which would allow vehicles to be seized if they re-offended. The Chairman thanked the officers for all their work and the officers left the meeting.

4. ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2010

The accounts were accepted, a summary had appeared in the newsletter.

5. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS.

Written reports were received from Mr Dunn, Norfolk County Councillor, Messrs Charlesworth and Stuart for Old Catton.Com, the Old Catton Society and the Old Catton Twinning Association.

Mrs A Chandler reported on the Parish Charities; they administered the allotments at Spixworth Road. There were 100 allotments and a waiting list of 30. The site was supplied with water and a car park and was very popular. Surplus funds were available to help those in dire need; it was planned to give money to the Village Schools to distribute where need was identified. A meeting for allotment tenants had been arranged for 8th June 2010. Mrs Chandler wished to record her thanks to Mr J Aldridge who administered the day to day running of the site.

Mrs D Palmer reported on the Old Catton Women's Institute. There were over fifty members, who were mainly retired but included young women; they met monthly when they conducted their business and then listened to a speaker. As well as monthly meetings there were other activities including ten pin bowling and darts teams, singing and gardening groups and educational visits. The branch was involved with most Norfolk Federation events and helped with the provision of refreshments at the Norfolk Show. Mrs Palmer said the WI was a great organisation for ladies and provided friendship, interest and fun.

Mrs G Renouf reported on the way the Friends of Catton Park supported the Catton Park Trust; they aimed to encourage the use of the Park by organising a mix of events every year, including quiz nights, the AGM with speakers, the Easter Egg Hunt, Bird walk and barbecues. One off events included a bat walk, picnic and Pumpkins in the Park and an orienteering event. The Friends had carried out a survey of people using the Park which had provided very good feedback, with 90% of users pleased. All the Friend's activities were shown on the Catton Park website and in their newsletters. The Friends had bought picnic benches for use in the Park. Mrs Renouf thanked the Trust and others who help for all they do for Catton Park.

Mr J Arnott, Parish Tree Warden, spoke about his work and explained that the post is promoted and supported by Broadland District Council. He had surveyed all the ancient trees in Catton Park and elsewhere in the past but currently was involved in Tree Preservation orders and organising tree work at the Recreation Ground. Broadland District Council was now accurately mapping all significant trees by global mapping. In reply to a question Mr J Arnott explained that 'significant' trees were defined by their variety, species, size, position and shape.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A resident was concerned that the footpath at the bends on St Faiths near the Elms had become very narrow, making it difficult for pedestrians; she felt that the bank had intruded into the path over a number of years. It was agreed to ask Norfolk County Council to deal with this.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m..

Chairman, 28th April 2011