

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY, 2010,
AT 7.30 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman – Mrs G Masdin
Mrs A Chandler Mr B Palmer Mrs A Riches
Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr D Thompson Mr M Vincent
Mrs J Williams

APOLOGIES: Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr D Thompson declared his interest as manager of the Norfolk Accident rescue Service.

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12.11.2009

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

43. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 34, Land at Spixworth Road, adjacent to Lavare Park. It was noted that the land had been transferred, the funds to lay out the land received and work to prepare the land had begun.

44. FINANCE, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

44.1. The attached list of vouchers numbered 455 to 507 with payments totalling £12,682.15 and receipts of £26,549.75 were approved. The comparisons with budget and bank reconciliation were noted.

45. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The report pointed out that the Council had not undertaken an assessment of the effectiveness of its internal audit arrangements for the year and that the internal auditors had not been formally re-appointed. Members were aware of the need to assess the internal audit and wished to undertake training in this. It was AGREED to arrange for training as soon as possible. It was AGREED to re-appoint Auditing Solutions as internal auditors for the accounts of the current financial year.

46. DONATIONS

It was AGREED to make the following grants –

- Old Catton Twinning Association - £50 for administration and £250 to entertain the visitors
- Norfolk Accident Rescue Service - £50
- Norwich CAB - £30
- North Walsham CAB - £30
- Norwich Fringe Project - £50
- Old Catton Website - £500

It was noted that grants to the Catton Park Trust of £2,000 and the Royal British Legion of £40 had already been made. Specific budgetary provision had been made for the website and Catton Park.

47. NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO TURN OFF FOOTWAY LIGHTING BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND FIVE AM

This had already been discussed at the Planning and Property Committee meeting on 11.1.2010 and that Committee had been strongly opposed to the proposal. It was PROPOSED by Mr B Palmer and SECONDED by Mr B Sabberton-Coe that the Council make a strong objection to Norfolk County Council's proposal to restrict lighting in the Village. It was noted that the Police had recently recommended residents of Garrick Green to light the outside of their properties better to discourage crime. AGREED unanimously.

48. CONNECTING NORFOLK CONSULTATION

The Clerk had been invited to a workshop on 3.2.2010 and would report after the event. Details could be seen and comments made online at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/connectingnorfolk> by 15th February 2010.

49. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The meeting was concerned about the many potholes that had appeared during the recent extreme weather.

50. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was received.

It was AGREED to reply to the letter from the Old Catton Tennis Club who had queried the hire fees for 2010. It was not possible to reduce the fees if the weather stopped play or to define the time of a hired session.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman 11.2.2010