

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 10TH MAY 2010,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr A Lovett
Mrs G Masdin

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APOLOGIES: Mr B Leggett Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr B Sabberton-Coe declared an interest in planning application 20100425 and took no part in its discussion. There were no other declarations of interest.

124. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12.4.2010

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

125. PLANNING

125.1. Mr C Green chaired discussion of 20100425. Recommendations were made on planning applications as the attached list.

126. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

126.1. Further security measures at the Recreation Ground

Gate at entrance from Garrick Green. It was AGREED to order a panel of narrow railings to fit to the left side of the gate at a cost of £255.00 as the chain link fence there was being used to help climb over the gate since the panel at the right of the gate had been altered.

126.2. Tree work.

The tree works at the boundary with Garrick Green had been completed, along with further tree work and weed killing in the wooded area. Neighbours had commented favourably. The Chairman thanked Mr J Arnott who had supervised the work while the appointment of a new Parish Tree Warden was awaited. It was AGREED to buy three new specimen trees to plant in the woods at a cost of £300.00.

126.3. Other matters.

It was noted that the netball lines on the MUGA were due to be replaced in the correct place on 12th May. There would be no cost to the Council as the contractor had been at fault when they were painted.

127. LAVARE PARK

127.1. Progress with the new land.

The land had been seeded successfully. It would be cut and stone picked throughout the remainder of the season as part of the contract.

128. CEMETERY

It was agreed that the Cemetery was looking neat and tidy. It was AGREED to consider planting spring bulbs in the 'roundabout' for 2011.

129. CHURCHYARD

129.1. Lych gate.

It was noted that J Watts and Son had begun work after managing to obtain suitable quality oak. Broadland District Council had paid £1,300 of the grant for materials already provided.

129.2. New area of Churchyard.

It was noted that the faculty application to remove the hedge had been granted. It was AGREED to write to the Parochial Church Council saying that the Parish Council would prefer that the railings be left clear after the hedge had been removed so that the whole area could be maintained in a clean and neat condition.

129.3. Defective memorials.

The Clerk and the Vicar had checked some of the very old monuments, also known as 'chest tombs' and were very concerned that they had deteriorated seriously. Fairhaven and Woods had been asked to inspect, advise and give an indication of the cost of repairs. It was AGREED to fence off the monuments thought to be a source of risk.

The responsibility for the monuments would normally rest with the families but as these were extremely old it would almost certainly not be possible to contact relatives. It was anticipated that the cost to repair the monuments would be prohibitive to the Parish Council or the Parochial Church Council. It was AGREED to write to the Old Catton Society to ask if it would like to be involved in any restoration work.

It was noted that all the conventional memorials would be checked during the year.

130. WORK IN PROGRESS

130.1. The list was reviewed.

130.2. It was AGREED that the War Memorial garden was in urgent need of attention

130.3. Notice Boards. Although three attempts had been made to gain the consent of the owner of the car park at The Paddocks to site a replacement notice board on its wall this had not been forthcoming. It was AGREED to buy a new notice board, to match the other new ones, and to place it in the same position as the old board, which would be removed.

131. HIGHWAY MATTERS

131.1. Overgrown trees and hedges. It was noted that a letter had been sent to a property at Lodge Lane asking that the hedge and trees be cut back to expose the traffic lights.

132. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was noted.

Item 1.2. It was noted that the Council Chairman and the Clerk would attend a consultation on shortlisted sites for the Local Development Framework on 17th June 2010.

Item 6. It was AGREED that the netball camp should take place between 26th and 30th July 2010. The Finance and Property Committee would set a charge at its next meeting.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Chairman, 14th June 2010