

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2010,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mrs G Masdin
Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr B Leggett Mr A Lovett

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

48. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13.9.2010

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

49. PLANNING

49.1. Recommendations were made on planning applications as the attached list.

49.2. There was no objection to a licensing application for the shop at the corner of Constitution Hill and George Lane which was to become a convenience store and off licence, although there was some concern for the safety of pedestrians crossing the busy road.

49.3. Mr J Arnott, Mr C Green, Mr M Vincent and the Clerk had attended a useful and informative training session by Planning Aid at the offices of Sprowston Parish Council on 5.10.2010. The ways that Parish Councils could become involved in planning had been outlined, also aspects of Section 106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy. This was relevant to potential plans for development to the north of Sprowston and Old Catton. The organisation involved, Blue Living, would be making a presentation to Sprowston Parish Council on 13.10.2010 and members were invited to attend the presentation.

50. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

50.1. Bowls/cricket hut

It was noted that planning approval had been given. Three contractors had been asked to give budget prices to construct the building. One contractor had given a detailed specification for the work and the other two had just given budget prices. It was AGREED to obtain detailed quotations based on the specification obtained for consideration at the next meeting.

50.2. Other matters

Under nines' play area. It was noted that the seesaw had been identified by the inspector as being impaired by a worn pivot and in need of repair. The Council's handyman had advised that it would be necessary to take the seesaw out of the ground to investigate this which would damage the wet pour surfacing. As the seesaw was very old and becoming increasingly difficult to maintain it was AGREED to obtain prices to replace the seesaw for consideration at the next meeting.

It was also noted that one of the acer trees had reverted shoots that would need to be removed and that the silver birch tree was looking unhealthy. It was AGREED that these matters would be addressed when the 2011 tree maintenance work was undertaken.

51. LAVARE PARK

51.1. Negotiations with the Junior Football Club.

It was noted that Junior Football Club committee was currently in the process of reevaluating its options. There had been no response to the offer to meet again.

It was noted, however, that currently the club only had eleven teams playing on Council premises and one at the Middle School with none playing at other venues. It appeared that the overall number of teams had been reduced by three, with a resulting reduction in income to the Council. This would be discussed at the Recreation Grounds Committee meeting on 18.10.2010.

52. CEMETERY

There was nothing to report.

53. CHURCHYARD

53.1. Defective memorials

A reply from the Parochial Church Council was still awaited.

54. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed. It was noted that the condition of the War Memorial garden would be made ready for Remembrance Day.

55. STREET LIGHTING

55.1. Extension to shared pedestrian/cycle track in White Woman Lane.

The plans were approved.

55.2. Contract for electricity supply.

Quotations from EOn Energy and ESPO were considered and it was AGREED to recommend the ESPO quotation to the Finance and Policy Committee.

56. HIGHWAY MATTERS

56.1. Graffiti. Although the Police had arranged for the offender to remove his graffiti this had not been successful. It was AGREED to ask the Police if this could be done properly. It was AGREED to arrange for the bus shelter and sign for the Recreation Ground to be cleaned professionally.

56.2. It was noted that the road surface at Church Street, near the Manor House, was breaking up; this would be reported to Norfolk County Council; and that the soft red brick walls in Church Street at Catton House and 218 St Faiths Road were being eroded by rain, this would be reported to Broadland District Council's Conservation officer.

57. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was noted.

58. BUSINESS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

It was noted that the Finance and Policy Committee would be discussing some elements of the budget for 2011/12 at its next meeting. It was AGREED that the new bowls/cricket hut should be a priority.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Chairman, 8th November 2010