

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2010,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr C Green – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr B Leggett Mr D Thompson
Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin Mr B Sabberton-Coe

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

36. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9.8.2010

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

37. PLANNING

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

37.2. There was some concern that the public notices advertising the variation of the licence for Morrison Supermarkets had been removed from the site at the Paddocks, presumably by vandals. However members noted that the proposals were similar to those enjoyed by previous supermarkets on the site.

37.3. It was AGREED that as many members as possible would attend a training session organised by Sprowston Parish Council dealing with the way that new style planning approaches could be made by local landowners

38. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

38.1. Bowls hut

It was noted that planning approval was still awaited.

38.2. Paving around the Pavilion.

It was AGREED to ask J Watts and Son to quote for additional work to pave or concrete a small margin inside the play area adjacent to the path. The Local Council Advisory Service would be consulted about any health and safety issues that might arise.

39. LAVARE PARK

39.1. Negotiations with the Junior Football Club.

Copies of the Junior Football Club's response were circulated and discussed. It was AGREED to reply to the Club answering all its points and pointing out that the Council is unable to make a commitment on behalf of future councils and offering to meet again to discuss a potential three year lease. A draft letter to the Club was AGREED.

39.2. Car park.

Morrisons' supermarket had asked if it might use the car park for some staff parking for two weeks beginning on 20th September. This was AGREED.

40. CEMETERY

40.1. Headstone.

Abbey Memorials had submitted two designs for a headstone. Neither was acceptable to the Committee. It was AGREED by a majority of four to one that the Committee recommend that the Council accept a modified design. As the matter was sensitive it was AGREED that the public and press would be excluded from the discussion at the Parish Council meeting.

41. CHURCHYARD

41.1. Defective memorials

A reply from the Parochial Church Council was still awaited.

42. WORK IN PROGRESS

It was AGREED that the condition of the War Memorial Garden was unacceptable. The problem was that celandine was established and could not be effectively treated while shrubs were planted there. As the shrubs had been vandalised it was AGREED to remove the shrubs and completely clear the garden so that the weeds could be treated in April 2011. It was also AGREED to plant winter pansies until then.

43. STREET LIGHTING

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

It was AGREED that Norfolk County Council be allowed to move the street lights back to enable construction of the track.

43.2. Contract for electricity supply.

It was noted that EOn Energy had omitted to renew the contract in October 2009 and that had now offered new terms. It was AGREED to consider the new terms along with an alternative quotation at a future meeting.

44. FINANCE, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The attached list of vouchers 215 to 252 with payments totalling £10,758.94 and receipts of £79,357.90 were approved.

45. HIGHWAY MATTERS

45.1. An update on the Highway and Community Rangers scheme was circulated.

45.2. It was noted that the footway resurfacing works at Garrick Green were progressing very slowly and that a problem with the supply to a street light had arisen and had yet to be dealt with.

45.3. It was noted that a Prohibition of Waiting Order was to be made for Dixons Fold.

46. CORRESPONDENCE

Residents of three properties at Spixworth Road had written to 150 properties in Spixworth Road about the new Norfolk County Council highways lighting. Forty residents had responded and a summary of the observations of nineteen dissatisfied residents was included with a letter asking for the Council's comments. Members were generally happy with the new lighting, particularly as parts of Spixworth Road had been prone to road traffic accidents. The correspondent had been invited to attend the Parish Council meeting to express his views.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.12 pm.

Chairman, 11th October 2010