

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,  
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011,  
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Chairman - Mr B Sabberton-Coe  
Mr J Arnott                      Mrs A Chandler (after agenda item 10)  
Mr C Green                      Mr B Leggett                      Mr G Tingle  
Mr D Thompson (until agenda item 16)      Miss P Wilkin

**APOLOGIES:** Mr B Honess

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**53. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8.8.2011**

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

**53. PLANNING**

53.1. Planning applications.

Recommendations were made as the attached list.

53.2. Events held by Beyond Green Developments

Mr J Arnott and the Clerk reported on the events they had attended. They had been favourably impressed by the concepts of the proposals, particularly that the area within the four parishes was being considered as a whole. Their reservations were related to potential problems if the Northern Distributor Road was not built and the affordability of the planned homes.

**54. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

54.1. Tree work

It was AGREED to use the remainder of the sum in the budget allocated for tree works to deal with safety issues and to remove weed sycamores.

54.2. Car Park

Mr G Tingle reported that percolation tests were required to determine the extent of the required soakaways and it was AGREED that Mr G Tingle would organise this.

54.3. Boundary with Woodland Drive

Mr J Arnott and Mr G Tingle has assessed the work needed to remove the accumulated soil to enable the neighbour to fence his property, this would take

half a day, employing a digger and driver who would also be used to excavate the car park for the percolation tests. This would be discussed again at the next meeting after discussing the matter with the neighbour.

## **55. LAVARE` PARK**

### 55.1. Condition of the ground and hedges

It was noted that all the necessary tree work had been carried out. A report on the state of the new ground and its fitness for play was awaited.

### 55.2. Use of capital funds

It was AGREED to use some of the remaining funds paid by Brown and Co to prepare the land (£8,738.00) to pay for the tree works that had cost £1,650.00.

## **56. CEMETERY**

It was noted that crocus and dwarf daffodil bulbs had been purchased ready for planting when the ground was fit; a suitable tree had yet to be located.

## **57. CHURCHYARD**

There was nothing to report

## **58. WAR MEMORIAL**

Quotations had been obtained for plain concrete slabs or York stone type slabs. It was, however, AGREED to defer a decision pending a check on the suitability of the sub base proposed and the desire to use cobbles rather than slabs. It was AGREED to delegate authority to Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr C Green to accept a quotation when these issues had been resolved.

## **59. BUDGET REQUIREMENTS**

It was AGREED to ask that the following projects be considered for inclusion in the 2012/13 budget –

- Provision of a snooker wall, details and prices were awaited
- Improvements to the entrance of the Pavilion, with a view to creating an area for visitors outside the office and making the office secure; it was acknowledged that it might be necessary to fund such building works by a loan
- Provision of Photo voltaic units if the roof of the Pavilion was suitable

## **60. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

It was noted that the Community and Highways Rangers had carried out various jobs in the Village in the previous week.

It was noted that the issue raised by some residents of Oak Lane concerning speeding there had been prioritised for action by the Safer Neighbourhoods Action Panel.

## **61. CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence was noted.

## **62. OTHER MATTERS**

It was noted with concern that the Village had suffered five robberies recently.

## **63. THE FUTURE OF LAVARE` PARK**

The Chairman welcomed Mr K Brown and Mr M Bulmer, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Old Catton Junior Football Club to the meeting and invited them to outline the Club's aspirations for its use of Lavare` Park.

Mr Bulmer and Mr Brown explained that the Club was in talks with Wroxham Football Club about its potential involvement with that club in new land at Rackheath. However, it would be the Club's wish to continue to play in Old Catton.

The Club wished to acquire and develop facilities at Lavare` Park with funding by the Football Foundation. The Club wished to achieve –

- A building capable of providing shelter for spectators from which they could watch matches, provide refreshments and decent and proper changing facilities
- A securely fenced area for its exclusive use, with access for the general public to the remaining area by kissing gates; the secure area would be the part of the Park that was currently used for football and exclude the new land
- A minimum of 25 years lease

The Club did not wish to include the car parks or play area in its lease

A lengthy discussion ensued and it was AGREED that the Club should put forward concrete proposals for the Council's consideration following a joint site meeting to be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011, before the Recreation Grounds Committee meeting.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

Chairman, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011