

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2011,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Leggett
Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr B Leggett declared his interest in planning application 20110025 as he was Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Mr J Arnott declared his interest in agenda item 10. as his home adjoined the junction of Fifers Lane and St Faiths Road

95. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14.2.2011

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

96. PLANNING

96.1. Planning applications.

Recommendations were made on planning applications as the attached list. It was AGREED to object to the application for a telecommunications mast at the corner of White Woman Lane and Spixworth Road.

96.2. Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard.

It was noted that Broadland District Council had applied to the Department of Communities and Local Government for funding for several parishes to form Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard, including a joint submission for Old Catton, Sprowston and Spixworth. It was AGREED that if the application failed the three councils would nevertheless proceed to work together to plan the future development of the three parishes in line with Broadland District Council policies.

96.3. Beyond Green Developments.

It was noted that the Clerk, along with the clerks of Sprowston and Spixworth Parish Councils had met representatives of Beyond Green informally to discuss how to work together on Beyond Green's plans. The clerks had indicated their unwillingness to attend all the conceptual seminars that Beyond Green were organising as their workload would not permit it. However, it had been AGREED that a working group comprising the clerks and nominated councillors along with representatives of Beyond Green would be established to discuss practical issues of any proposed development.

It was AGREED that the Clerk and at least one of three nominated members would represent the Council on the working group. It was AGREED that the members would be Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Mr J Arnott and Mr C Green.

Details of all the sites promoted for development by agents, including Beyond Green, were noted for future discussion.

97. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

97.1. Bowls/cricket hut

It was noted that the hut had been emptied in readiness for its demolition.

97.2. Water damage to The Pavilion

It was noted that the insurance company had accepted M & J Gall's quotation and that work was in hand. It had already been possible to make the toilets accessible.

97.3. Edging for the under 9's play area

J Watts and Son had quoted to create a concrete edge inside the play area, to abut the existing slab footpath to the Pavilion when it was re-laid, in the sum of £580.00. It was AGREED that the work was needed and that the use of concrete, rather than slabs, was the best method and to place an order with J Watts and Son for the work.

97.4. Other matters

It was noted that the repairs to the porch were complete.

98. LAVARE PARK

98.1. Football arrangements.

The Junior Football Club had e-mailed to say that it had doubts about whether the new land would be fit for play, but, if it was fit, the Club would like 4 pitches there. It was noted that Norse had carried out remedial works, free of charge, and that the land was in good condition. An officer of Norfolk FA had been asked to check and confirm this. It was noted, however, that it would only be possible to create 3 pitches there. It was AGREED that this and other matters could be discussed with representatives of the Junior Football Club at the Recreation Grounds Committee meeting on 21st February.

99. CEMETERY

There was nothing to report.

100. CHURCHYARD

100.1. Defective memorials

It was noted that the faculty application had been recommended for approval by the Chancellor. It was AGREED to put the work in hand as soon approval was received.

100.2. Other matters

It was noted that the soil from the new cremation plots and a grave had been dumped randomly in the Churchyard and that gravediggers would be instructed where to dump spare soil in the low areas in future.

101. WAR MEMORIAL

The timing of the removal of poppy wreaths was discussed as members were concerned at the untidy condition of the memorial. The County Committee of the British Legion did not specify a date for removal. It was AGREED that, ideally, all the wreaths, with the exception of the British Legion's wreath, which would be securely fixed, should be removed in early January. Mr J Arnott would discuss this with the local British Legion committee and report back to the next meeting.

102. JUNCTION OF FIFERS LANE WITH ST FAITHS ROAD

The potential to widen this junction by acquisition of a vacant house had been mentioned at the recent Parish Council meeting and Mr S Dunn had raised it with the appropriate member and officer at Norfolk County Council. It was felt that funds would probably not be available but a site meeting had been suggested. It was AGREED that Mr J Arnott and Mr C Green would attend a site meeting to see what might be achieved.

103. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed

104. HIGHWAY MATTERS

104.1. Grass verge at the Village Sign at Church Street

It had been reported at the Parish Council meeting that this verge had become deeply rutted by a vehicle mounting the verge. Norfolk County Council had been asked to provide bollards and a reply was awaited.

104.2. Shared use cycle/footpath at White Woman Lane

It was noted that work had begun.

104.3. Other matters

It was noted that Norwich City Council would be resurfacing the roundabout at Constitution Hill and closing the road for up to two weeks. It was accepted that traffic chaos on other roads would be inevitable while the work was in progress.

105. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was noted.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

Chairman, 14th March 2011