

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 16TH MAY 2011,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Honess
 Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr G Tingle Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr D Thompson

Mr B Sabberton-Coe welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously AGREED to elect Mr B Sabberton-Coe as Chairman and Mr C Green as Vice Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11.4.2011

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

4. PLANNING

4.1. Planning applications.

It was AGREED to object to application 20110552 to vary the opening hours of the takeaway premises at 10 Dixons Fold to allow the business to be open until 23.00 every night. It was noted that when the Planning Inspector had allowed, on appeal, the business to open every day, he had cited the closing time at 21.00 as appropriate and necessary to protect the local environment and the living conditions of nearby residents.

4.2. Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard.

There was nothing to report. Broadland District Council was currently attempting to cost the work as the funds allocated by the government were less than had been anticipated.

4.3. Development at Dowding Road.

Although outline planning permission had been given by Norwich City Council some time ago no building had yet taken place. David Wilson Homes were currently seeking reserved matters approval for 59 homes on three parts of the site and it was expected that the City Council would consult in the near future. David Wilson Homes had been advised of the need to improve the state of the unadopted Taylors Lane which would provide pedestrian access for the new homes and the need to provide for play and its funding from the S 106 agreement, in the area closest to the development, in Old Catton.

5. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

5.1. Work at the Pavilion

It was AGREED to accept a quotation in the sum of £323 for a new window in the Council office.

5.2. Trees

Mr J Arnott would check the condition of the tree at the back of the tennis courts. Work in the wooded area would not be determined until the need for work at Lavare` Park had been established.

5.3. Bowls/cricket building

It was AGREED that the official opening of the new building would take place at 5.00 pm on Friday 3rd June. The councillors who had recently retired would be invited along with the bowls clubs' members and two representatives of the cricket club.

6. LAVARE` PARK

6.1. Condition of the ground and hedges

It was noted that the new ground was still unfit. It had not been possible to confirm ownership of the boundary hedges and trees but it was AGREED that it was necessary to make the trees safe for people using the Park. James Oxbury had been asked to check the trees and would be asked to quote for necessary remedial work.

6.2. Football

It was AGREED to invite the officers of the Junior Football Club to meet the committee at 8.00 pm on Monday 11th July 2011.

6.3. Other matters

It was noted that vandals had interfered with the swings.

7. CEMETERY

It was noted that the extra vases and plants had been removed by families as requested.

8. CHURCHYARD

8.1. Defective memorials

It was noted that the Chancellor had approved the faculty application; the work would be put in hand as soon as possible, but probably not until August.

9. WAR MEMORIAL

9.1. Mr J Arnott reported that the committee of the British Legion wished to be allowed to have a wooden box filled with sand to place wooden crosses in from Remembrance Day until most of the wreaths were removed in January. This was AGREED.

9.2. It was AGREED that the celandine growing in the garden areas be treated aggressively and that subsequent planting be discussed at a future meeting.

10. NORFOLK VILLAGE GAMES

It was noted that Mr Hulme from Active Norfolk was making arrangements to hold a Roadshow at the Recreation Ground on Sunday 21st August from 11 am to 3 pm to introduce adults to various sporting activities. This would be advertised widely.

Miss P Wilkin was arranging netball and rounders teams to enter the games.

11. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed. It was AGREED that the car park at the Recreation Ground was in poor condition and not used to its best capacity. It was AGREED to obtain three quotations to surface the car park before deciding if it might be possible to undertake a resurfacing scheme.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council if additional bollards could be provide at the junction of St Faiths Road with Fifers Lane as there had been two accidents there recently.

13. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

It was AGREED to investigate the cost and viability of obtaining a licence for Ordnance Survey mapping.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

Chairman, 6th June 2011