

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2012,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman - Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Honess
Mr B Leggett Mr D Thompson Mr G Tingle

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Chandler

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11.6.2012

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

14. PLANNING

14.1. Planning application

A recommendation was made as attached.

14.2. Development at Spixworth Road

It was noted that work was proceeding speedily. Now that the construction had begun Broadland District Council would arrange for the S106 funds to be paid. It was noted that Taylor Wimpey and Broadland District Council felt that a substantial part of the money should be used for facilities at Lavare` Park. It was decided that plans for using the money could not be formulated until the discussions with the Junior Football Club had defined the boundary.

14.3. St Christopher's school conversion

Broadland District Council's S106 officer had reported that three of the flats were occupied and that he would be reminding the property's owner that his S106 payment was due. The money had been earmarked to pay for the new bowls building.

15. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

15.1. Purchase of leaf blower.

It was AGREED to buy an additional leaf blower at a cost of about £200.00.

15.2. Fuel payment card.

It was AGREED to apply for a new fuel card with All Star as the local garage had ceased to accept the Total card and was reluctant to accept cheques. It was AGREED to authorise payment by Direct Debit.

15.3. External door to the Ladies' toilets.

It was noted that the wooden door was rotten and it was AGREED to obtain a quotation for a new plastic door for consideration at the next meeting.

15.4. Entrance to the Recreation Ground.

It was AGREED to replace the existing chain with a lockable bollard at a cost of £90.00 plus installation.

15.5. Floor in the Gentlemen's toilets.

It was noted with concern that the floor, which had been surfaced when the toilets were renovated, was in a poor state. It had already been agreed to pressure wash the floor to try to remove the flaky paint. It was acknowledged that a tiled surface would be unsuitable for the traffic from cricket and football boot studs but it was AGREED to enquire about suitable surfaces used in other sports buildings.

16. LAVARE` PARK

16.1. Condition of the ground.

Norse had been asked to visit and experience the undulations in the new ground while driving the tractor; it was AGREED to arrange this as soon as possible and to agree any further remedial work before the contract was completed.

16.2. Potential lease with Old Catton Junior Football Club

It was understood and accepted that the playing surface would need to be fit before the Junior Football Club either leased the land or hired it. It was, however, AGREED to write to the Junior Football Club with queries about the practical specifics of the potential lease. These would include the desired boundaries, the building and maintenance of the ground and hedges.

17. CEMETERY

It was noted that a suitable specimen tree had yet to be planted and that the bulbs planted in 2011 had been disappointing. It was AGREED to buy and plant additional bulbs.

18. CHURCHYARD

Following Mr J Arnott's meetings with the Vicar and James Oxbury a recommendation and quotation in the sum of £560.00 for the work had been received. It was AGREED that, subject to the Vicar obtaining a faculty for the work, an order be given to James Oxbury to carry out the work.

It was noted the Vicar was dealing with the replacement of the dedication plate on the new gates.

19. WAR MEMORIAL

It was noted that the weeds were stubborn and had yet to respond to treatment. A Norfolk County Council road sign had been abandoned there and would be removed. Mr J Arnott would take the two wreaths away in August.

20. HIGHWAY MATTERS

20.1. Path at St Faiths Road, behind The Elms. It was noted that Mrs J Leggett, the Norfolk County Councillor, was already pursuing the need for this path to be maximised with Norfolk County Council.

20.2. It was AGREED that letters would be sent to occupiers of properties where hedges were overhanging footpaths.

20.3. It was noted that the recent surface dressing had not dealt with the existing depressions.

20.4. It was noted that road works were planned for Fifers Lane from Hurricane Way to Cromer Road beginning on 23rd July and lasting for eight weeks. It was feared that serious delays and congestion would result.

21. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Mr B Honess asked that the Council consider using some of the Jubilee Funday 'profits' to provide seating in bus shelters. It was noted that it had been a deliberate policy not to provide seating in bus shelters as it would provide a facility for people to congregate inappropriately.

It was noted that the bus shelters were in need of cleaning.

Mr B Honess was concerned about the poor visibility to the right when exiting the Recreation Ground. It was felt the visibility was restricted by the school fence and wildlife area and it was AGREED to ask the head if anything could be done to improve the visibility.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.