

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2012,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman - Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Leggett
Mr G Tingle Mr D Thompson
Miss P Wilkin (after item 100)

APOLOGIES: Mr B Honess

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr G Tingle declared an interest in planning application 12/00354 as he was working at the development. There were no other declarations of interest.

97. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13.2.2012

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

98. PLANNING

98.1. Planning application.

A recommendation was made as the attached list.

An amendment to the plans for Dowding Road, Taylors Lane and Douglas Close, application 12/00354, for landscaping changes and the inclusion of a play area was AGREED. The meeting was pleased that a play area was to be provided and that it was easily accessible to Old Catton residents from Evans Way.

98.2. Development at Spixworth Road

S106 agreement. It was noted that some changes had been made to the agreement; it had been proposed that the funds for offsite recreation should be paid in two instalments but after a strong representation this was subsequently reverted to the whole amount being payable before construction commenced.

Archaeological dig. It was noted that Taylor Wimpey proposed to fence their site while the dig was carried out and that they intended to use fences with proper footings rather than Arris fencing. It was felt that there could be some benefit to the possible long term plans to fence the football area. It was AGREED to mention this to the Junior Football Club but asking for their response within seven days before discussing any options further with Taylor Wimpey.

98.3. Beyond Green Developments' plans

The Clerk reported on the planning review which had taken place on 8.4.2012. Beyond Green's plans were almost ready for submission for outline planning

consent although there was some doubt about the effect of the recent setback to the Joint Core Strategy. It was not planned to build in Old Catton for several years. The East West road linking the Broadland Business Park with the Airport Industrial Estate was still included in the plans and it would be important to monitor this to ensure that additional traffic was not generated into St Faiths Road and that access to the Cemetery was maintained.

98.4. Other matters

It was noted that the period for appeal against the refusal of the retrospective planning application for a garage and shed at 27A Catton Chase was 12 weeks and four as reported previously.

It was noted that the proposed Tree Preservation Orders at Greyfriars Close would be appealed. It was AGREED that it was essential that the Council was confident there was no danger from the trees to children in the play area.

99. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

99.1. Car Park

There was nothing to report

99.2. Security of the Pavilion

It was noted that on two separate occasions the main door had been found unlocked in the morning and on one of these occasions the fire extinguisher had been removed. There was concern that so many people had keys to the building and that the keys were easy to get copied. As the football club now had a separate access through the changing room it no longer needed keys to the main door. It was AGREED to find out the cost of a new lock with controlled keys and to authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to accept a reasonable price.

99.3. Bench

It was AGREED that a bench could be provided as a tribute to a retired member of the cricket club; the bench should be made of recycled material and wording should say 'given by the family/friends of'

100. LAVARE` PARK

100.1. Condition of the ground.

It was noted that the condition of the new ground was still unfit and that Norse intended to carry out further work when the ground had been softened by rain.

100.2. Potential lease with Old Catton Junior Football Club

An e mail had been received from the Junior Football Club during the afternoon and was read to the meeting. The club was looking into various aspects of leasing the land but had nothing tangible to report. Members were disappointed but confirmed the earlier decision to give the club a week to respond to the idea of making use of Taylor Wimpey's fencing.

100.3. Buffer zone

Members were asked to consider the use of the buffer zone; for tree planting, a dog walking area and play or fitness equipment were potential uses. It was noted that the S106 funds would be available to buy play equipment.

101. CEMETERY

It was noted that the bulbs planted last year had not grown very well so far.

102. HIGHWAY MATTERS

102.1. Bollards in the verge at Church Street

Norfolk County Council had quoted £370.80 for three 150 mm bollards, it was AGREED to go ahead and place an order.

102.2. Grant application for a trod at Oak Lane

The success of the grant application was still unknown

102.3. Accidents at Spixworth Road

A site meeting had taken place at 9.00 am with the Highways Engineer of Norfolk County Council, the Police and a resident to discuss means of avoiding further accidents. The engineer had offered to provide temporary 'THINK' signs, organise the re-painting of the yellow and white lines and surface dressing of the road and to provide the SAM speed monitoring equipment when it was available. The resident had been interested in carrying out Community Speedwatch and this would be investigated. The Police officer would try to organise some speed checks. All these measures were AGREED.

102.4. Highways Rangers visit in April

It was AGREED to ask that the Rangers –

- Side the path next to the allotments at Spixworth Road
- If possible, to side Spixworth Road between 70 and 84

102.5. Other matters

It was noted that there would be some disruption at Taylors Lane while power supplies were extended into the new development

It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council to check on the condition of the trees in the verge at St Faiths road, near Louis Close

It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council to consider providing safe crossing points at St Faiths Road, between its junctions with Church Street and Garrick Green and near Appleacres; suggestions were a raised table, a pedestrian crossing or a central island near Appleacres.

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

Chairman, 16th April 2012