

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,
HELD AT 7.30 P.M., ON THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2013,
AT THE CHURCH HALL, BLACKSMITHS WAY

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe - Chairman
Councillors – Mrs J Williams, Mr G Tingle, Miss P Wilkin, Mr J Arnott, Mr C Green, Mrs A Chandler.

Mrs J Leggett – Norfolk County Councillor
Mr K Leggett – Broadland District Councillors
8 residents

APOLOGIES: Councillors – Mr M Vincent, Mr B Leggett, Mr B Palmer, Mr B Honess, Mr D Thompson.

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting and introduced Melanie Kingshott.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 24th May 2012, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

The Chairman's report, which had been circulated in the spring edition of the Council's newsletter, was accepted. Mr B Sabberton-Coe stated that his first year as Chairman had been an interesting year with lots going on. Further to his report he stated that the council is now in receipt of a defibrillator and further discussions will take place at the parish council meeting on 10th June as to storage and accessibility. The Chairman re-visited the idea of the Parish Council taking over Catton Park once funding runs out in 2015. He asked for the parishioners views.

He also stated that since his report was published it has been confirmed by Sanders that an additional bus service will be running and will commence in July/August time.

3. **ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2013.**

The audited accounts were accepted. It was asked how many households there was in Old Catton. There are approximately 2,800 but this does not include the Austin Field development yet.

Queries were raised regarding grants to Catton Park in 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14. The Chairman stated that in 2011/12 the grant given was £7,000. In 2012/13 the council decided to cut back its grant to £5,000. The reason the council is granting £12,000 in 2013/14, which will be paid in £1,000 monthly instalments, is because a percentage of the grant given will be going towards the administration role, which was originally done carried out by the Clerk of the Council.

4. **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS.**

Written reports were received from the Old Catton Society, the Old Catton Women's Institute and Old Catton Village Hall Management Committee (copies of which are attached).

Verbal reports were given by –

- Mrs A Chandler - Parish Charities (Allotments)
- Mr K Leggett - Broadland District Council
- Mrs J Leggett - Norfolk County Council

The Chairman thanked all these people and organisations for the good work they did in the Village.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the future of Catton Park. Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund will run out in 2015 and the Trust will have great difficulty in keeping the Park going. Funding from Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council are not envisaged in the future. Various options are being looked at but the Chairman wants to gauge public opinion of how parishioners would feel about the Parish Council taking it over. It was agreed that a press release would be drawn up to form an article in the local newspaper to gather public opinion.

The Parish Council was asked to keep an eye on the Beyond Green Development in particular the vehicular access on St. Faiths Road. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council is on the case.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Chairman, 2014