

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 18th MAY 2017
AT THE CHURCH HALL, BLACKSMITHS WAY

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe - Chairman
Councillors – Mr J Arnott, Mr B Honess, Mrs J Leggett, Mr B Palmer, Mr R Tovell
and Miss P Wilkin.

Mrs K Vincent – Norfolk County Councillor and Broadland District Councillor
Mr K Leggett – Broadland District Councillor
Women's Institute
Old Catton Cricket Club
Horticultural Society
Old Catton Junior Football Club
13 residents

APOLOGIES: Councillors – Mrs A Chandler, Mr P Crisp, Mr D Elmer, Mrs L Fawke, Mr B
Leggett and Mr M Vincent
Organisations – Old Catton Walking Group, Wensum Bowls, Catton Bowls Club,
Old Catton Tennis Club, Old Catton Allotments

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting and introduced the Clerk and
Deputy Clerk to the Council.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 19th May 2016, which had been circulated, were confirmed
and signed by the Chairman with minor amendment.

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.

3. **ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2017**

The un-audited accounts were accepted. The Clerk assured all those present that the
accounts were readily available for inspection in her office and under the Freedom of
Information Act any resident could inspect the accounts.

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

A written report was submitted by Old Catton Walking Group, a copy of which is attached to
the official minutes.

A written report was submitted by Wensum Bowls, a copy of which is attached to the official
minutes.

A written report was submitted by Catton Bowls Club, a copy of which is attached to the
official minutes.

A written report was submitted by Old Catton Tennis Club, a copy of which is attached to the
official minutes.

A written report was submitted by Old Catton Allotments, a copy of which is attached to the
official minutes.

Norfolk County Councillor and Broadland District Councillor K Vincent thanked everyone for
their support in the recent County Council election. She informed all those present that at the
annual meeting of Norfolk County Council she was elected onto three committees. She

stated that she would be producing a monthly newsletter updating her constituents on matters of interest.

With regard to Broadland District Council she briefly spoke about the two developments that are taking place in Old Catton namely, Dixons Fold and Beeston Park, and gave an update as to how she was working with the Council to ensure the views of residents are being heard and that residents' concerns with regard to volume of traffic and that the figures generated by the SAM 2 would be useful when considering any planning applications.

She finally reported that she would continue to hold monthly surgeries in Morrison's.

Councillor J Leggett gave a brief update on the workings of Norfolk County Council over the past year. She wished Councillor K Vincent all the best and stated that it had been an honour to serve Old Catton as County Councillor for the past 6 years. She briefly talked about better Broadband, NDR, Syrian refugees and education.

District Councillor K Leggett gave a brief update on recycling credits within the Parish which raises money for Catton Park and thanked all those present for their continued support.

A representative from Old Catton Cricket Club gave a brief update on the Club. It was noted that 19th July 2018 marks the 150th anniversary for the club and that a big event is being planned to celebrate. He stated that although there are plenty of adult teams they are calling out for more people to join the junior teams.

A representative of Old Catton Horticultural Society gave a brief update on the Society. It was noted that their meetings, which take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm, are well attended with a current membership of 73. Membership is £10 per annum. An update on the shows and trips that have taken place over the last year and what is due to take place this year was also given.

A representative from Old Catton Evening WI gave a brief update on the group's activities during the past year. It was noted that the group formed in April 1919 and currently has a membership of women aged between 43 and 96. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. During the past year the group has listened to talks from a wide range of speakers. There are several special outside groups which include singing, darts and gardening. The group has also linked up with other Evening WI groups within the area for sports and social events.

It was noted that 2019 marks the groups centenary.

A representative from Old Catton Junior Football Club gave a brief update on the Club. It was noted that the club has the largest membership/teams in Norfolk with 350 players. This past year has seen huge on field success. The club collaborated with Norwich Soul Church to assist with the club's charity work. This year the club's chosen charity is Break. A number of improvements have been made to Lavaré Park and the Parish Council was thanked for all its support over the years.

A representative from the Old Catton Society gave a brief update on the Society. It was noted that it meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Village Hall. It has been a successful year with a variety of speakers. A particular project was the installation of the fence at the Victorian pond in Parkside Drive.

The Chairman thanked all organisations within the Parish for everything they do and stated how good it was to see such community spirit.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

A resident asked for an update on the Youth Project in Old Catton. Councillor J Leggett gave a brief outline of the project. The Clerk stated that she had recently received the annual report from SYEP and that the resident could see sight of this report at the council offices.

A resident expressed concern regarding housing development taking place within the Parish and the negative traffic impact they will have in an already congested area, in particular

Spixworth Road. The resident was reassured that her concerns were well heard and that the Council along with our District and County Council representatives were working closely with planners, highways and developers to ensure the best possible results for the Parish. A particular issue highlighted was the fact that there were so many cars parked on Spixworth Road opposite the War Memorial. It was explained that NCC Highways would not install double yellow lines in this area as the parked cars are seen as a traffic calming measure.

A resident gave a brief report on the building works he is having done to his house in Church Street and stated that he had liaised with the relevant authorities prior to commencement of the works regarding works traffic on Church Street.

Following a discussion, the question was raised as to whether a zebra crossing could be installed in Church Street near the School. Norfolk County Councillor K Vincent stated that she was meeting with the Highways Engineer for Old Catton in the coming weeks and would pose this question to him.

A resident briefly spoke about and expressed concern regarding a planning application for Anglia Square which will impact the view of Norwich Cathedral from Catton Park. District Councillors K Vincent and K Leggett stated that they were already liaising with officers of Norwich City Council on behalf of the residents regarding this application. It was also noted that Catton Park Trust would be sending a report to Norwich City Council.

District Councillor K Leggett stated that he was pleased to see the current survey with regard to traffic management of Oak Lane and urged all residents to complete the survey.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Chairman, 2018