

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025

Present:	Mr T Cooke (Chairman)	Mr J Arnott	Mr G Crouch
	Mr B Leggett	Mr G Tingle	Mr M Vincent

1. WELCOME

Apologies were received from Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Chairman of Old Catton Parish Council. Mr T Cooke, acting Chairman, welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 30.05.2024

The Minutes of the Meeting, which had been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman's report, which had been circulated, was accepted.

4. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS

A copy of the Spring Newsletter containing reports from local organisations and the Police, previously delivered to all residents of Old Catton, had been circulated. Apologies were received from Broadland District Councillor K Leggett and Norfolk County and Broadland District Councillor K Vincent. No verbal reports were received.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- a. A resident raised fundraising at Catton Park and whether there was a means to target the dog walkers. Discussion followed regarding irresponsible dog owners, increased number of dog walking businesses using Catton Park, overflowing bins (either due to dog poo bags or coffee cups from café). It was raised if there were a means of targeting the dog walking businesses for donations to the Park. It was pointed out that membership of Friends of Catton Park was a means to donate. A few questions were raised: there is a picnic area but no picnic tables (these being outside this area); consideration of a public toilet; increased bins, path improvements to the Spixworth Road entrance.
- b. A resident asked when the public would be able to access the Deer Park. It was highlighted that this remained a restricted area. The objective was to purchase the Deer Park to protect which had been achieved. During the process reports of significant flora and fauna on site were received; management of this needed to be considered. It is also a health and safety issue while the horses are on the Park. Improvements such as an information board and new fencing are being considered, restricted by available funding.
- c. A resident complained Parish Council minutes were late to be published. Clerk stated legislation requires minutes to be published within two weeks of a meeting; minutes are published on the Parish Council website within this period.

- d. A resident asked about the Sewell Meadow revised construction traffic planning application. Resident was advised the application was still with BDC Planning and no decision had been made.
- e. Paper copy of the Norfolk County Council questionnaire on devolution was highlighted to all attendees. Clerk confirmed NCC would still receive paper copies of the questionnaire despite deadline having passed.
- f. A resident raised the placement of the U9s playground at the Recreation Ground when the building was redeveloped. It was confirmed the U9s playground would remain in the same location.
- g. A resident asked when the road would be installed as part of the Beeston Park development (field behind Morrisons). No information had been provided to the Parish Council; residents would be informed once this information was received.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Chairman, 21st May 2026