

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 7.30 P.M., ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2002,  
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mrs G Masdin – Chairman  
Mr S Dunn                      Mr K Leggett                      Mrs A Riches  
Mr B Sabberton-Coe      Mr M Vincent                      Mr D Thompson  
Miss P Wilkin

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs P Mattocks

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**287. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13.06.2002.**

The minutes, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Council.

**288. MATTERS ARISING**

288.1. Damage to wall and fence at play area at Church Street Recreation Ground. Mr Macro had made a contribution of half the cost of the new fence.

288.2. Newsletter. It was AGREED to print 200 extra copies next time and to keep them back from the delivery contractor in case some were inadvertently delivered in the wrong areas again.

**289. RECREATION GROUNDS AND CEMETERY**

289.1. Fencing at Church Street Recreation Ground. Two quotations had been obtained but as one included barbed wire and the other did not this would be considered again when comparable estimates had been obtained. It was also AGREED to ask the insurance company's opinion of the suitability, or otherwise of barbed wire.

289.2. Damage to shed roof at Church Street Recreation Ground. It was felt that as the roof had been repaired well it was not necessary to consider re-roofing at the present time. However, it was AGREED to check if new legislation would impose a duty to replace the cement asbestos, also to carry out a risk assessment.

289.3. Churchyard, gate to Church Hall. The Parochial Church Council had no record of the donor of the gate. It was AGREED to defer consideration of the gate for the time being.

289.4. Use of cricket and bowls facilities. The Groundsman had advised that the cricket square was being used to much and this amount of use would be detrimental. He had suggested that, for the next season, the number of matches allowed should be restricted to 21 or a new wicket created. Mr M Vincent PROPOSED and Mr B Sabberton-Coe SECONDED that, subject to the cost of an additional wicket being reasonable and the Groundsman being in agreement, a new wicket should be created, subject also to consultation with the Cricket Club about an increase in charges. AGREED.

289. RECREATION GROUNDS AND CEMETERY (continued)

The Groundsman also felt that the Bowling Green was under used. There was a possibility that the Coronation Bowls Club might need new premises and that it might be able to fit its matches in with the existing Clubs. It was AGREED to wait until the end of the season and review the situation with a view to advertising on Radio Norfolk and the Broadland News.

289.5.Cemetery, siting of memorials for ashes. It was AGREED that the Cemetery Working Group should be delegated to meet and decide where to site the new memorials.

## **290. VILLAGE HALL TOILETS, PROGRESS REPORT**

The work to build the new toilets would be going out to tender soon and a list of builders to be invited to tender was approved. It was AGREED that the tenders should be opened at a meeting of the Parish Council and Village Hall Partnership Working Group.

The architect had recommended hiring a Planning Supervisor to prepare a Health and Safety Plan and to advise on Health and Safety matters. It was AGREED to defer discussion until the tenders had been received.

The Village Hall Committee had asked that the demolition of the old toilet block be included in the project for grant purposes. The old block could not be demolished until the new toilets were ready to be used. It was AGREED to discuss this at the next meeting of the Working Group.

## **291. WAR MEMORIAL**

291.1. The builder planned to return to the site to carry out the work for Mr Buxton within the next two weeks.

291.2. The Old Catton Society had agreed to pay for one of the seats. The anonymous donor wished for a plaque to be attached to the seat he would pay for saying '2002 – Presented in recognition of the service to the community by Councillor Ann Riches'. Members all agreed that Mrs Riches did indeed serve the community well and that the plaque was well deserved. It was AGREED that the anonymous gift should be accepted with a small plaque worded as above.

291.3. It was AGREED to authorise the Clerk to put in hand the work to demolish the old memorial and to organise the granite chipping surface and the garden areas.

## **292. PROPOSED NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

The attached report was discussed again. It was AGREED that the meeting dates proposed for Planning and Property Committee should be the second Thursday rather than the first Thursday of each month.

It was AGREED that the Recreation Grounds Committee should be a full committee and not a sub committee.

## **292. PROPOSED NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE (continued)**

Circulation of the agendas for the Committee meetings to all Council members was discussed and no decision made.

It was PROPOSED by Mr D Thompson and SECONDED by Mr M Vincent that the Council be recommended to try the Proposed New Committee Structure for one year. This was AGREED with all members in favour with the exception of Mr K Leggett who abstained from voting.

If this recommendation was agreed by the Council, members would be asked to state which committee they preferred to join before the next meeting and the trial of the new structure would begin as soon as possible.

### **293. CHEQUES, PAYMENTS AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET**

The attached list of vouchers numbered 125 to 172 was approved, and comparison with the budget noted.

### **294. CORRESPONDENCE**

The attached list was received and discussed as follows:

Item 1. A Sprowston resident had offered her services as a governor of Lodge Lane School to fill the vacancy caused by the completion of Mrs A Crook's term of office. It was AGREED to advertise the vacancy in the Parish News and the notice boards before making a decision.

Item 2. Hutchison 3G had made a pre planning application enquiry about support for the erection of a mobile phone mast at the corner at the junction of White Woman Lane with Spixworth Road. It was AGREED to agenda the matter for the next Council meeting and mention in on the notice boards.

Item 3. Norfolk County Council wished to know if the Parish Council approved its plans for a waiting restriction at the corners of Norman Drive at its junction with Lodge Lane. The Parish Council had requested this after a resident had suggested it. It was AGREED that the proposed restriction should be approved.

Item 4. Norfolk County Council had notified that it would be carrying out kerb and footway replacement at Mansell Drive; the work was actually in progress. Some of the residents had expressed their opinion that the kerb replacement was unnecessary.

Item 5. Norfolk County Council, consultation about road access options to the new Norwich Hospital and Research Park. It was AGREED to photocopy the consultation paper to each member to complete individually.

### **295. POST OFFICE CLOSURE**

It was rumoured that the post office in Burma Road would be closing later in the year. A letter had been sent to Post Office Counters but no reply had been received. Mr S Dunn would be attending a meeting about post office closures at Age Concern on 12<sup>th</sup> July and would try to find out what was happening and report back.

### **296. APPLICATION TO EXTRACT AND PROCESS GRAVEL AT HORSTEAD**

This application had been discussed in general terms and concerns expressed about the additional 150 lorry movements per day on the B1150. It was AGREED to object to the application on grounds of this additional traffic that would have an undesirable effect on both the B1150, especially at its junction with George Hill, and a 'knock on' effect at Spixworth

Road.

#### **297. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

It was probable that the start of the traffic calming works would be delayed. Norfolk County Council was unable to confirm when the starting date would be.

#### **298. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

298.1. It was AGREED that the Chairman or Vice Chairman would present the two book token prizes from the Council to the children of the Middle School if the school wished.

298.2. Mr S Dunn stated that he had attended a seminar about cemetery safety in June, he would report to the next meeting.

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman, 8.08.2002