

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M, ON THURSDAY 25TH JULY, 2002,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
 Mr F Colbridge Mr S Dunn Mr C Green Mr K Leggett
 Mr D Little Mrs G Masdin Mrs P Mattocks Mrs A Riches
 Mr R Streeter Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr M Vincent Miss P Wilkin

Mr G Jeffries – Editor, Parish News
 Mr L Austin – Norfolk County Councillor
 Mr J Arnott – Tree Warden
 5 residents

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

205. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K Leggett declared an interest in Planning Application 20559 as he was the tenant of the adjoining land.

206. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 30.05.2002

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

207. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 196. Queen's Jubilee. Mrs P Mattocks reported that the Jubilee event had been very successful and had raised over £300, with more expected from sales of Jubilee mugs that were still being sold. The Jubilee Committee had agreed that the money would be used for the Village Hall new toilets fund. The Chairman thanked Mrs P Mattocks and Miss P Wilkin for their work in instigating the celebration and making it such a success.

208. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

208.1. Planning applications. The Committee's recommendations on the attached list of applications were AGREED.

208.2. Appeal, land adjacent to Hawthorn House, St Faiths Road. Broadland District Council had refused the application for a dwelling on the land as it was outside the development area. The applicant had appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions; there would be an informal hearing at Thorpe Lodge on a date to be announced. The representations already made would be taken into account by the inspector. It was AGREED not to add anything to the comment already made.

208. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (continued)

208.3. Pre-application consultation for proposed H3G base station. Hutchison 3G had asked for comments on its proposal to site a mobile phone mast at the junction of White Woman

Lane with Spixworth Road. Most members felt that there was not enough information available to give an opinion. It was AGREED that the Council should not comment at this stage but just acknowledge the letter and tell the applicant to approach Broadland District Council as the planning authority. AGREED.

209. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

209.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED and Mrs P Mattocks SECONDED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meetings of 13.06.2002 and 11.07.2002. AGREED.

209.2. Matters arising.

Minute 279.3. Slide in play area. The insurance company had appointed a new engineer to inspect the play equipment. The engineer had made his inspection and commented adversely on the concrete blocks. It was AGREED that the old concrete blocks should be removed when the new slide was installed and that the sand pits around all the equipment filled.

209.3. Cheques, payments and income and comparison with the Budget. It was AGREED that the attached list of vouchers numbered 125 to 172 be approved. The comparison with the budget was noted.

210. PROPOSED NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Mrs G Masdin explained the Finance and General Purposes Committee's suggestions for a new Committee structure and PROPOSED that it be implemented for a trial period of one year. Mr D Thompson SECONDED the proposal and it was unanimously AGREED. The new structure would begin as from 1st September, 2002.

The days for meetings was discussed as some members found Thursdays difficult. It was AGREED, however, to continue to meet on Thursdays until the end of 2002 and to review the day after that.

211. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was received and the Finance and General Purposes Committee's responses noted and AGREED.

212. VILLAGE HALL

212.1. New toilets scheme. The Working Group had met with the architect that morning and had been pleased that plans were going well. The tenders for the work would be returned and opened by the Working Group on Monday 19th August, 2002. The demolition of the old toilet block was being treated separately and a very competitive quotation had been obtained.

Fund raising was going well with some super ideas being planned. Mrs A Riches reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had raised £5,000.00 already.

213. NORWICH AIRPORT

Mr K Leggett reported that the Consultative Committee would meet on 29th July and would hear about the Government's white paper on The Future Development of Air Transport in the United Kingdom. There would be a consultation period until 30th November, 2002.

214. TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC TO DISCUSS A PERSONAL MATTER RELATING TO A MEMORIAL AT THE CEMETERY.

It was AGREED to exclude the public for this item. The confidential minute is attached.

NOTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

1. Mr G Jeffries asked about the rumoured closure of the Post Office in Burma Road. *The owner of the Post Office had stated that he did not know when this would be. Mr S Dunn had attended a meeting with Postwatch and other interested parties and it had not been possible to discover the status and future of the Post Office. The Council would be keeping the situation under review.*
2. Mr J Arnott was very concerned about the junction of Fifers Lane with St Faiths Road, there had been three accidents during one week. He asked when the traffic calming works would begin. *Since the site visit Norfolk County Council had agreed to replace the proposed reflector boards with strong bollards, the number of bollards to be provided was not known. The start date of the traffic calming works had been delayed by legal matters between Norfolk County Council and Wimpey Homes.*
3. Mr P Crisp was concerned about lockable bollards that had been provided at the car parking area of the Woodman Public House on North Walsham Road, he felt that accidents might be caused by cars being driven inappropriately while entering or leaving the bollarded area. *This situation would be checked and a report given at the next meeting.*

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

Chairman, 29.8.2002