

PRESENT: Chairman: Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr S Dunn Mr C Green Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr F Colbridge Mrs G Masdin Mr D Little

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

40. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14.11.2002

The minutes had been confirmed and adopted by the Council on 28.11.2002. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

41. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

41.1.Football Training. There had been a problem with training taking place when the trainer had been advised that it was not possible to train on the grass. A system was in place that a notice was placed in the Pavilion door when the grass was not in a fit state for training. A letter had been sent to the Junior Football Club and the matter would be discussed at the next Recreation Grounds Committee meeting.

41.2.Multi purpose training area. Two quotations, attached to these minutes, had been obtained and it was possible to apply for grants to Broadland District Council, Awards for All, and the Football Foundation. It was AGREED that this project should be progressed as soon as funds were available. It was AGREED that the project should be funded by the Council, and not to ask for any contribution from the Junior Football Club. It was AGREED that the area would be marked for football, tennis and basketball.

It was also AGREED to look into replacing the fencing around the area.

41.2.Other matters. It was reported that the Community Service Unit would be used to carry out internal decorations at the Pavilion. Members would be consulted about colour schemes.

42. LAVARE PARK

42.1.Fencing at play area. It was noted that this work had not yet been carried out. The contractor appointed would be reminded.

42.2.Other matters. It was noted that the Community Service Unit would also be decorating the pavilion at Lavare Park.

43. ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLIDAY PERIOD

The Recreation Grounds would be closed on Christmas Day.

44. CHURCHYARD

The attached notes of the meeting with representatives of the Parochial Church Council were received. It was noted that, since the meeting, the Parochial Church Council had formally approved the design of the new side gateposts and the removal of faulty headstones. The advice of the Diocesan Officer about removing the headstones was awaited.

It was AGREED that the gate to the Churchyard should be removed if it appeared to be unsafe. The provision of a new gate would be considered.

45. LITTER BINS

It was AGREED that a replacement litterbin should be sited at Spixworth Road, near the entrance to Catton Park.

46. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL, LOCAL PLAN REPLACEMENT

Members had been supplied with a copy of the relevant pages and were informed of the comments already made by the Finance and Policy Committee. It was AGREED to endorse those comments.

47. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

47.1. Traffic calming. Mott MacDonald had advised that the work would begin on 8th January, 2003 and was expected to take 8 weeks.

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47.2. Street lighting. Members were very concerned that light number 1 in Church Street was still out. The fault was with 24 Seven's cable and numerous requests had been made for it to be repaired. It was AGREED to remind 24 Seven again.

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48. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was noted.

49. DATES OF MEETING FOR 2003

Members AGREED with the Finance and Policy Committee's suggestion that the day of the Council meeting should be changed to the fourth, rather than the last, Thursday of the month. It was noted that this would not be the case in January.

50. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

50.1. A communication had been sent to individual members by Mr G Clarke, the Secretary of the Old Catton Branch of the Royal British Legion, making various comments about the War Memorial project. It was AGREED, subject to obtaining the approval of the members that were not present, that a reply should be sent from the Council deploring the accusations made in the communication and offering a discussion with members of the Committee of the British Legion at the Pavilion.

50.2. Mr S Dunn was concerned that problems with insurance were being reported from bodies with skateboard parks. He also noted that Sprowston Parish Council was planning such a facility. It was AGREED that concerns about insurance and availability of facilities in the neighbourhood would be born in mind as and when the Council considered providing skateboarding facilities.

51. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr S Dunn and Mr D Thompson left the meeting before the planning applications were discussed.

The attached list of applications was considered and recommendations to the Planning Authority made, as noted on the attached list.

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m..

Chairman, 9.1.2003