

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30 P.M., ON THURSDAY 6th MARCH, 2003,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mrs G Masdin - Chairman
Mr K Leggett Mrs P Mattocks Mrs A Riches Mr R Streeter
Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

65. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6.02.2003

The minutes had been confirmed as a true record and adopted by the Council, and were signed by the Chairman.

66. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 63.1. Post Office Closure. Post Office Limited had decided to close the branch in the Village. Members were very disappointed. It was AGREED that the Council should not attempt to lead a campaign against the closure but to report the matter in the Newsletter and telling residents who to write to if they wished.

67. CHEQUES, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

67.1. The attached list of vouchers numbered 555 to 594 was approved and the comparison with the budget noted. The bank reconciliation was noted.

67.2. The overspending on street lighting repairs was a source of concern. It was thought that vandals had damaged the lights. Two lights in Mansell Drive had been replaced after they were damaged at the time the highway works had been carried out. Norfolk County Council's Highways Contractors had admitted damaging one of the lights but denied causing the damage to the second; their insurers had offered a settlement of £400.00 for the replacement of one light. The total amount claimed, for the two lights had been £1151.12. The calculation of the £400.00 had been queried, the reply would be reported to the next meeting.

68. DONATION TO HOMEWATCH

Mr K Leggett had looked into the activities and benefits and felt that a donation to the organisation would be of benefit to residents. It was suggested that Mr K Leggett also look into

PACT before discussing the matter again at the next meeting.

It was noted that the statistics supplied by the Police of crimes in the Village did not indicate if any of the crimes were solved. It was agreed to suggest that the results should also be reported.

69. VILLAGE HALL

69.1. Fundraising. The major grant from WREN had been confirmed and the work was planned to begin on 1st April.

69.2. Hall Drive. It was AGREED that Mr D Thompson, Mrs G Masdin and the Clerk would meet the Council's solicitor as soon as possible to check on the issues relating to the Drive.

The one of the piers at the entrance had been damaged, it was not known how. Broadland District Council had advised that the piers were listed as Grade 2 and recommended a suitable contractor to carry out a repair. It was AGREED obtain a quotation and to check on the insurance position.

70. CATTON PARK

It was AGREED that the Council be recommended to formally appoint Mr D Thompson as the Council's representative on the Steering Group. Mr K Leggett would continue to act solely in his personal capacity, as Project Officer for the Steering Group.

Mr K Leggett reported that a consultant had been appointed and that one of the consultant's priorities would be to consult with local people and groups.

71. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was received.

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

Chairman, 3.04.2003.