

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30 P.M., ON THURSDAY 15th MAY, 2003,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

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

APOLOGIES: Mr B Sabberton-Coe

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

84. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3.04.2003

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

85. CHEQUES, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

85.1. The attached lists of vouchers numbered 11 to 49 were approved and the comparison with the budget noted.

86. DONATION TO HOMEWATCH

It was AGREED to make a donation of £50.00. It was also AGREED to invite Mrs C Robson, the Homewatch administrator to attend a future meeting to talk about the organisation's work. All members would be invited to attend the meeting.

87. VILLAGE HALL

87.1. Toilets extension. The Village Hall Management Committee had written about certain issues. The Committee had decided that hand dryers should not be provided. The Committee was concerned about storage, and felt windows would have improved the appearance of the new extension. Storage was a matter for the Committee and the lack of windows had been a feature of the plan that had been approved by the Committee. Tree surgery was planned, partly to enable the garages to be used for dry storage, and it was AGREED that the Council would apply for a grant under the Parish Tree warden Scheme and pay for the work from the money held for the extension.

87.2. Hall Drive.

Mr Buxton was willing to give his land at the side of the Hall Drive to the Council, subject to the Council paying the legal fees and taking responsibility for cutting the hedge there.

This was AGREED.

88. CATTON PARK

The Chairman commented on the quality of the Planning for Real exercise that had been carried out at the weekend and had been well attended.

The Consultant had met with the Steering Group that morning to discuss issues that had arisen from the exercise. Some concern had been expressed at that meeting that the Council was unhappy with the degree of consultation it had experienced. The Committee did not agree that this was the case, and the decision to wait to meet with the Consultant until there was more to discuss was confirmed. It was AGREED that the Council should meet and formulate its input to the consultation exercise, either by completing the questionnaire or noting its points in a letter. The brief to the Consultant would be copied to each member before the meeting. This meeting would be held on Monday 9th June 2003 at the Pavilion.

89. HOUSEHOLD WASTE CONSULTATION

It was AGREED that members should complete the questionnaire individually, if they wished, and that the Council would not give a view.

90. CREATION OF A PARISH PLAN

It was AGREED that the Council be recommended to apply for grant from the Countryside Agency for a Parish Plan. This would involve the whole Village in 'shaping its future'.

91. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was received.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman, 5.06.2003.