

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2003, AT 7.30 PM,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
Mrs A Chandler Mr F Colbridge Mr S Dunn Mr C Green
Mr K Leggett Mrs G Masdin Mrs P Mattocks Mrs A Riches
Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr M Vincent
Mr J Arnott – Parish Tree Warden
Mr G Jeffries – Editor, Parish News
4 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting and explained that it was a special meeting with just one agenda item, to discuss and respond to the Catton Park Summary Conservation Management Plan.

351. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Mr D Little and Miss P Wilkin.

352. CATTON PARK CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

352.1. Mr K Leggett, Project Manager of the Catton Park the Steering Group brought the meeting up to date with developments since the public meeting held on 8th December. The points made by residents at the meeting had been noted and understood; the consultant was making further enquiries. The Conservation Management Plan would be updated as appropriate. The letters sent to the consultant had mainly been positive although some had expressed reservations.

Concern had been expressed about security. Mr K Leggett explained that part of the change of use procedure had been for the planning officer to consult with the Police. This had added weight to the ideas expressed by the Steering Group and the consultant and some suggestion had been made.

A charity called SUSTRANS was concerned with planning entrances to public areas and was being consulted. The Steering Group wanted to exclude motor bikes while welcoming pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchairs and pushchairs. It was hoped to find some ways to do this.

352.2. Mr B Sabberton-Coe referred to the Council's resolution to support the project but he was concerned about the proposed vehicle access in Church Street. The Council had already expressed its objection to the use of this access for any vehicles other than emergency vehicles to Broadland District Council in its response to the change of use application. It was AGREED to confirm the Council's opposition to the use of this access for any other than emergency vehicles.

352.3. Area shown for car parking for events. This had caused concern and it was

AGREED that this was not the ideal place. It was felt that if an area was to be used for parking it should be near to Oak Lane. It was AGREED that if car parking was necessary, the preferred area should be to the southern part of the park, near to Oak Lane and that both the entrance and exit should be in Oak Lane.

352.4. Security. Members were concerned about security and it was AGREED that in the fullness of time the design should allow for the park to be secure for its own benefit and to protect neighbouring properties.

352.5. Capital Funding. Mr K Leggett explained that 10% of the capital cost was required in addition to the 90% anticipated by way of grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. If the project progressed it was hoped that this could be found by way of Norfolk County Council's 'capital' contribution of the land at a peppercorn rent and the work in kind by officers that had already been carried out.

352.6. Revenue Funding. Mr K Leggett explained that a body like a charitable trust would be set up and would be responsible for the park and its revenue funding. There would be many sources of funding available to such a trust but the Heritage Lottery Fund would require revenue funding to be underwritten so as to guarantee availability of funds. It was hoped that this would be considered by the local authorities involved, although decisions would not be made by the local authorities until the Conservation Management Plan had been approved by them. The Parish Council was not committed to provide any funds but would not be precluded from doing so in the future.

352.7. Leases. Members were concerned that the leases from the two land owners were for different periods.

352.8. Tenant Farmer. Members were assured that the proper notice had been served on the tenant farmer's agent, in accordance with the legal requirements.

352.9 Summary. It was unanimously AGREED to support the Conservation Management Plan as the plan would benefit Old Catton and the surrounding areas subject to

- 1) An objection to the use of the access in Church Street by any vehicle other than emergency vehicles.
- 2) An objection to use of the area indicated for car parking and the suggestion that vehicles be restricted to the southern part of the park, near Oak Lane; with entrance and exit in Oak Lane.
- 3) The wish that, in the fullness of time, the design should allow for the park to be secure.

352.10. Future discussion. The Chairman said that the discussion at the next Steering Group's meeting would be reported to the Parish Council and, if necessary, another special council meeting would be called to discuss Catton Park.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman, 22.01.2004