

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2003, AT 7.30 PM,
AT THE CHURCH HALL, BLACKSMITHS WAY**

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
Mr C Green Mr K Leggett Mrs G Masdin
Mrs P Mattocks Mrs A Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr M Vincent Miss P Wilkin

Mr J Arnott – Parish Tree Warden
Mr G Jeffries – Editor, Parish News
10 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

332.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Mr F Colbridge, Mr S Dunn, Mr D Little and Mr L Austin. Members were pleased to hear that Mr D Little and Mr L Austin were both making progress.

333. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K Leggett declared a personal interest, as Project Manager of the Catton Park Steering Group and the tenant of Buttercup Meadow.

334. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25.09.2003

The minutes, which had been circulated, were confirmed as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting was then adjourned for public discussion.

335. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

335.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of 2.10.2003 as a true record of the meeting, and their adoption. AGREED.

335.2. Matters arising from the minutes. Parish Plan. A meeting of all those who had volunteered to help, along with representatives of the Council and three nominated organisations would be held in November. Mrs P Mattocks queried the Clerk's voluntary role in the Parish Plan process. The budget for the Parish Plan would be discussed in detail at the next committee meeting.

335.2. Approval of receipts and payments. The lists of receipts and payments that had been approved by the Committee were AGREED.

336. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

336.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation of the minutes of the

meeting of 9.10.2003 as a true record of the meeting, and their adoption. AGREED.

336.2. Planning application for change of use at Catton Park. The Committee had discussed this in detail and had recommended its approval, subject to reservations about the proposed access points and an objection to the use of the existing access in Church Street.

Mr M Vincent explained that, although he had previously felt that a full application for change of use was premature, planning regulations required that the application should be considered within the normal consultation procedure. The Committee had favoured the principle of change of use from agricultural to recreational and had reserved its judgement on the proposed accesses.

Mrs P Mattocks queried the area that was the subject of the planning application and asked if the application applied to the whole of Catton Park, or just the part of the Park that was the subject of the Heritage lottery bid and why Catton Hall, The Hall School and the cottages at Spixworth Road were not treated as parts of Catton Park.

Mr K Leggett explained that the application was for the land designated by the English Nature citation in 2001, the plan showed the land currently designated for agricultural use to be considered for a change of use.

Mrs G Masdin explained that she had voted against the Committee's recommendation as she had felt the application should have been deferred until more was known of the proposals for Catton Park.

The Chairman then asked members to vote on the Committee's recommendation in minute 154 of the Planning and Property Committee minutes, and voting was recorded as follows – FOR: Mrs A Riches, Miss P Wilkin, Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Mr M Vincent, Mr K Leggett, Mr C Green, Mr D Thompson (7), AGAINST: Mrs P Mattocks and Mrs G Masdin (2). The recommendation was AGREED.

337. RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

337.1. Miss P Wilkin PROPOSED the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of 13.10.2003, as a true record of the meeting, and their adoption . AGREED.

337.2. Multi purpose training area. It was noted that the Football Club had agreed to wait for this to be resurfaced in readiness for the 2004 season.

338. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs A Riches reported that a successful coffee morning had been held.

The Community Service Unit had cleared the Hall Drive and car park well; it was AGREED to write and thank them.

339. APPOINTMENT OF A MINOR AUTHORITY GOVERNOR FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED that Mrs D Reeves be re-appointed and thanked for all the work she had already done for the school. AGREED.

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340. CATTON PARK

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The Steering Group had met and published a press release, a copy of which had been given to each member. The Council would host a public meeting to discuss the proposals on 8th December, at the Church Hall.

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341. NORWICH AIRPORT

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Mr K Leggett had been unable to attend the recent meeting of the Consultative Committee, however the minutes would be made available, also the Annual Report and Accounts. Mr D Thompson reported that the Airport Advisory Committee had not met.

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There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.07 p.m.

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Chairman, 27.11.2003