

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003, AT 7.30 PM,  
AT THE CHURCH HALL, BLACKSMITHS WAY**

**PRESENT:** Mr D Thompson - Chairman  
Mr F Colbridge      Mr S Dunn      Mr C Green      Mr K  
Leggett Mrs G Masdin      Mrs A Riches      Mr B Sabberton-Coe  
Mr M Vincent

Mr R Burroughs, Planning Policy Manager, Broadland District Council for  
Items 320 to 323

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

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

**320.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**321. 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.

**322. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28.08.2003**

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

**323. THE LOCAL PLAN PROCESS AND THE DEER PARK**

323.1. Local Plan process. Mr R Burroughs, Broadland District Council's Planning  
Policy Manager, outlined the way the Local Plan Process worked. Broadland District  
Council had started a review of its Local Plan at the end of 2002/3. The Plan then  
went on deposit until early 2003, (a legally prescribed form of consultation, when all  
could express their views, for or against. A huge number of representations, most of  
which were objections and some proposing sites for development had been received.  
Before considering these representations, the District Council had undertaken  
consultations on some representations including those relating to sites suggested for  
development by objectors. The sites had also been publicised to keep residents  
aware and enable them to comment if they wished.

The District Council had to consider all the representations. Following consideration  
by Cabinet late in 2003, a revised deposit plan would be published taking into account  
changes made as a result of the representations.

Because Norfolk County Council was reviewing its transport policy there could be a  
delay in producing the revised deposit plan in order to take the transport policy into  
account.

Anybody that was dissatisfied could then object to the proposed changes, (the proposed changes would be publicised).

Unresolved objections from both the first and revised deposit stages would be considered by an Inspector at a Public Enquiry.

323.2. The Deer Park. Mr Burroughs said that the Deer Park was currently covered by four policies of the Local Plan –

1. Paragraph CAT 1 (where CAT stands for Catton).
2. ENV 9, which protected green spaces within the built up area.
3. ENV 10, which related to Historical Parklands.
4. The Conservation Areas Policy.

Mr Burroughs then summarised the representations that had been received. Members had each been provided with copies. The owner of the Deer Park had given his reasons why the Deer Park should be separated from Catton Park.

Broadland District Council had not yet taken a view on the relevance of the policies protecting the Deer Park but would consider whether it would be misleading to suggest restoration and public access to the Deer Park and assess its value as an open space, its wildlife and its recreational use. The Deer Park's status as Historic Parkland is not negotiable by the District Council, as it could not be removed from the Register of Historic Parkland by the Council. This status was not a statutory designation in the same way as Listed Building status, but any proposal for change would involve consultation with English Heritage and the Garden History Society in addition to the usual consultees.

The Deer Park would remain in the Conservation Area. This would not preclude development but would give added control over trees.

After Broadland District Council had taken a view residents should look at what had been said and then decide if they were satisfied that adequate protection for the Deer Park existed, if not they should object at that stage.

The Chairman thanked Mr Burroughs for his clear presentation and invited questions from the public.

**The meeting was then adjourned for public discussion.**

## **324. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

324.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 4.09.2003. AGREED.

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

324.3. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED and Mr B Sabberton-Coe SECONDED the following motion – Old Catton Parish Council supports Broadland District Council's Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee's concern recorded in its minutes of 23.04.2003, that "there should be no changes in POLICY CAT 1, which would exclude the Deer Park, or part of it, from the protection from development it currently enjoys, as this area is acknowledged as Humphry Repton's first work and is therefore of unique importance".

Mr K Leggett PROPOSED an amendment as follows – Broadland District Council should be recommended to implement a separate paragraph to protect the Deer Park but still to separate it from the part of Catton Park that was the subject of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid. There was no seconder and the amendment was defeated.

Voting then took place on Mrs Masdins's proposal. Mr S Dunn and Mr D Thompson did not take part as they were members of Broadland District Council's Planning Committee. The proposal was AGREED.

### **325. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

325.1. Mr M Vincent PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 11.09.2003. AGREED.

### **326. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE OF CATTON PARK**

A planning application had been made for change of use of Catton Park to Public Park for Recreational Use. Members felt that an outline application would have been appropriate at the early stage of the Steering Group's deliberations. It was AGREED to query this with Broadland District Council and also to ask for an extension of time in which to consider the application.

### **327. VILLAGE HALL**

The issues of the making good of the building after the demolition of the old toilet block and the canopy over the main entrance door were still outstanding.

Mrs G Masdin reminded the meeting that fund raising was still important and that there would be a coffee morning on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### **328. PUBLISHING MINUTES**

It was AGREED to publish the draft minutes on the Village Website at the same time as there were sent out to Councillors.

### **329. PARISH PLAN**

The Open Afternoon and Evening would take place on 26<sup>th</sup> September and it was hoped that residents would attend and give their views. The Chairman suggested that the Council consider holding a surgery in order to answer detailed questions from residents about particular issues, like Catton Park. This would be considered at a future meeting.

### **330. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was AGREED to exclude the press and public in order to discuss the confidential matter of agenda item 12. The members of public left the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

### **331. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING WITH THE CATTON PARK STEERING GROUP**

The members of the Council had met, informally, with members of the Steering Group on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Members agreed that the meeting had been worthwhile.

The following comment was AGREED – Councillors had been impressed by the amount and depth of work being carried out by, and the commitment of, the members of the Steering Group. Members were pleased that it had been confirmed that no decision would be made on the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund until the Parish Council and public had been consulted. It was noted that the timescale had been changed by circumstances beyond the Steering Group’s control, but members of the Steering Group were hopeful that the consultation would take place before the end of 2003. It was hoped that the Council could host a public meeting to discuss the ideas that the Steering Group might put forward to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Members had been pleased to re- confirm that the Steering Group would not be presenting anything as a fait accompli.

It was AGREED that the above minute should not be treated as confidential.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.

Chairman, 23.10.2003