

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M.,
ON THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY, 2003,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
 Mr F Colbridge Mr S Dunn Mrs G Masdin
 Mrs P Mattocks Mrs A Riches Mr R Streeter
 Miss P Wilkin Mr K Leggett (for the latter part of the meeting)

Mr L Austin – Norfolk County Councillor
 Mr J Arnott – Tree Warden
 Mr G Jeffries – Editor, Parish News
 8 residents

APOLOGIES: Mr C Green Mr D Little Mr B Sabberton-Coe
 Mr M Vincent

 P C K Lambert

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

263. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

264. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 30.01.2003

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

265. POST OFFICE CLOSURE

Post Office Limited had written to say that it had decided to close the branch in Old Catton and again advising of the other post offices that could be used by residents.

Members were extremely displeased and disappointed by this decision.

The meeting then adjourned for public discussion.

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 27TH FEBRUARY 2003
NOTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

1. **MR P CRISP** asked if the litter bin that had been lost from Spixworth Road, near the War Memorial could be replaced. *The Council had already replaced a bin on the other side of the road but would look into this.*
2. **MR P CRISP** asked if a grit box could be provided at the entrance to The Warren. *The Council had looked into this a few years ago and not pursued it as residents adjacent to potential sites for a grit box had objected. The Council would look into the matter again.*
3. **MR J ARNOTT** said that the residents were disappointed that the iron finger post had not been replaced at the junction of St Faiths Road with Fifers Lane, he thought the post was at the Aylsham Depot. *Enquiries would be made.*
4. **MR P CRISP** queried the ownership of the hedge near Age Concern at St Faiths Road and suggested that the path be cleared where the hedge had encroached. *Norfolk County Council would be asked to do this, if it was possible.*
5. **MR B LEGGETT** made a presentation to the Council of a replica Cat on the Barrel, for use as a gavel, that he had made from wood salvaged from the old Village Sign. The Chairman was delighted to receive the gift, which was superb, and thanked Mr Leggett on behalf of the Council.

The meeting was adjourned again before item 270 to enable residents to ask Mr K Leggett questions about Catton Park.

6. **MR M MOORE** asked about the status of the Deer Park in the current talks by the Steering Group. Mr K Leggett replied that the Deer Park was excluded, the Steering Group was not considering any use of the Deer Park.

Mr Moore asked if there would be any opportunity for neighbours of Catton Park to discuss their concerns about security. Mr K Leggett replied that the consultants appointed would be consulting with neighbours, as well as groups and organisations in the Village.

7. **MR P CRISP** stated that, historically, the Deer Park, had been part of Catton Park. He congratulated Mr K Leggett for his achievement in initiating and organising the debate about Catton Park with the relevant parties.
8. **MR I CHETTLEBURGH** asked about the ongoing maintenance of the Park. Mr K Leggett assured him that this would be considered at the appropriate time and that a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund would not be offered for restoration of the Park unless provision for ongoing maintenance had been assured.
9. **MR J ARNOTT** was delighted to hope that Catton Park might be looked after properly and restored to the splendour of its former days.

266. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

266.1. Mrs P Mattocks PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 6.02.2003. AGREED.

267. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

267.1. Mr S Dunn PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 13.02.2003. AGREED.

267.2. Matters arising. Only two quotations had been received to re-roof the old tractor shed as the third contractor had failed to quote. The lowest quotation, in the sum of £745.00 from Walker Roofing Limited had been accepted.

268. VILLAGE HALL

268.1. Extension for new toilets. The second major grant, from Wren, had been confirmed and this had enabled an order to be placed for the work to begin on 1st April. The meeting recognised the very successful fund raising achieved by Mrs M Charlesworth and the Village Hall Management Committee that had allowed this important project to be undertaken relatively quickly.

268.2. Mrs A Riches reported that there would be a coffee morning and market at the Village Hall on 29th March, 2003.

269. WAR MEMORIAL

It had been noted that a hook had been inserted into the wall, by an officer of the British Legion, to secure a wreath. It was AGREED to write to the Old Catton Branch of the British Legion pointing out that under no circumstances should any changes be made to the Memorial without the consent of the Council.

(Mr K Leggett entered the meeting)

270. CATTON PARK

Mr K Leggett reminded the meeting of the report he had given at the last meeting. He went on to report that four consultants had been selected for further consideration. It was hoped that, at the conclusion of the study, the Heritage Lottery Fund would support the proposals.

The ten per cent local funding for the study would be supplied by Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council, Old Catton Parish Council, Mr Buxton and Mrs Cooke. The Parish Council's contribution would be £100.00.

Mr K Leggett emphasised that consultation with residents would be an important part of the study.

Mrs P Mattocks raised the question of the implications of the future management of the Park if the project were successful. It would have to be proven to the Heritage Lottery Fund that future management and maintenance could be secured before it would consider making a grant.

It was AGREED that Mr K Leggett would provide a feature for the next Newsletter.

262. NORWICH AIRPORT

The last meeting of the Consultative Committee had taken place on 10th February. However, since then it had been reported in the local press that the proposed sale of the airport had fallen through. Mr K Leggett had been unable to elicit any information about this.

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending, and closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman, 27.03.2003