

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2003, AT 7.30 PM,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
Mr F Colbridge Mr S Dunn Mr C Green
Mrs G Masdin Mrs A Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Miss P Wilkin Mrs A Chandler (for item 334 onwards)

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

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

342. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Mr D Little, Mr K Leggett, Mrs P Mattocks and Mr M Vincent, also Mr L Austin.

343. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

It was PROPOSED by Mr F Colbridge and SECONDED by Mrs A Riches that Mrs A Chandler be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council. AGREED.

344. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mrs A Chandler signed her declaration and joined the Council.

345. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

346. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23.10.2003

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.

347. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

347.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of 6.11.2003 as a true record of the meeting, and their adoption. AGREED.

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

347.3. Delegation of authority to Finance and Policy Committee during December. It was PROPOSED by Mr S Dunn and SECONDED by Mr F Colbridge that authority be

delegated to the Finance and Policy Committee to act on the Council's behalf during December 2003. AGREED.

347.4. Approval of summary budget for 2004/5. It was PROPOSED by Mrs G Masdin and SECONDED by Mr B Sabberton-Coe that the summary budget and a precept of £107,000.00 for the financial year 2004/5 be approved. This included an increase of about 3.4%. AGREED.

348. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

348.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of 13.11.2003 as a true record of the meeting, and their adoption. AGREED.

348.2. Matters arising from minutes.

Minute 176.1. Flooded area at Lavare Park. The extent of the problem had been emphasised by the recent wet weather. Possible solutions would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Minute 182.3. Speeding at Spixworth Road. Norfolk County Council had agreed to provide two interactive 30 mph signs in the near future and a pedestrian crossing later, when funds were available.

348.3. Norwich Area Transportation Strategy. The confirmation of the Committee's recommendation was PROPOSED by Mr B Sabberton-Coe and SECONDED by Mr C Green and AGREED as follows – The principle of the Northern Distributor Road should be supported but a preference for a route not given. Concern would be expressed about access to Spixworth/Buxton Road and the viability of the cycle track. Further consultation would be requested as the plans for the scheme progressed.

349. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs A Riches reported that there would be a Christmas party on 13th December.

Members had visited the Hall Drive in the dark to consider suitable lighting. The cost of a street light would be in the region of £1,000.00 plus £150.00 per metre to extend the electricity supply from its position in the Drive. The Village Hall Management Committee's suggestion for a method of lighting was awaited. It was noted, however, that there were no Council funds available for a scheme.

350. DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2004

Council meeting dates were AGREED.

The Chairman reminded everybody of the public meeting about Catton Park, to be chaired by Mr Martin Shaw, at 7.00 p.m. on 8.12.2003, at the Church Hall.

The Chairman wished everybody a happy Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year and thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.14 p.m.

Chairman, 22.01.2004