

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M.,
ON THURSDAY 30th JANUARY, 2003,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

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

Mr J Arnott – Tree Warden
2 residents

APOLOGIES: Mr F Colbridge Mr S Dunn Mr R Streeter
P C K Lambert

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting and explained that the planned presentation by the Norfolk Casualty Reduction Partnership had been postponed because of the adverse weather conditions .

255. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

256. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28.11.2002

The minutes, which had been circulated, were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting then adjourned for public discussion.

257. POST OFFICE CLOSURE

Post Office Limited had written of its intention to close the branch in Old Catton and advising of the other post offices that could be used by residents. However, the Council and other interested parties were invited to send their views by 10th February, before a final decision was made.

It was AGREED that a post office was important and necessary for the Village and that Post Office Limited should be urged to provide a post office in the Village. It was known that one or two local businesses had already applied to have the post office in their premises. Residents should be encouraged to write individually or to sign the petitions in the local shops and this advice would be put on the website.

The need for a collection on Sundays would also be stressed.

258. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

258.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 5.12.2002. AGREED.

258.2. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 2.01.2003. AGREED.

258.3. Adoption of revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, as revised by the Finance and Policy Committee, be adopted. AGREED.

259. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

259.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 12.12.2002. AGREED.

259.2. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 9.01.2003. AGREED.

259.3. Matters arising.

Minute 56.2. Decoration of The Pavilion. Work by the Community Service Unit had been progressing well but there had been a problem with the free paint supplied by Scapbox. It was AGREED that paint should be bought to finish the work properly.

260. VILLAGE HALL

260.1. Extension for new toilets. The notes of the Working Group Meeting of 13th January were received. It was PROPOSED by Mr D Thompson that authority be delegated to the Working Group to act on behalf of the Council. AGREED.

If a situation arose where a loan might be needed from the Council, for instance pending receipt of approved grants, the authority of the Council or Finance and Policy Committee would be sought.

260.2. Mrs G Masdin reported on the recent meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee. Fund raising was going well, new ideas would be advertised and continuing support for fund raising was needed. The Council commended the fundraisers for their success.

The Management Committee had agreed that all the trees in the grounds of the Hall might be in need of attention.

It had also been agreed that a light in the Hall Drive was needed. It was AGREED to suggest that the Management Committee obtain an estimate of the cost of this and to suggest that a new light might perhaps be placed on the corner of the new extension. 24 Seven might be able to identify a potential source of electrical supply.

261. CATTON PARK

Mr K Leggett reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund had approved a grant for 90% of the cost of the Conservation Management Plan. The Steering Group comprised representatives of Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council and Norwich City Council, Mr Buxton, Mrs Cooke, Mr D Thompson and Mr K Leggett.

Six consultants had been invited to tender to undertake the study for the Conservation Management Plan and it was hoped that a draft report would be available by mid July, following consultation with local bodies and people. A final report was envisaged at the end of September. Subject to the agreement of the Steering Group, a further grant application to carry out the work agreed would be made, with a view to possibly starting work in 2004 in the woodland side of the Park.

The Deer Park was not a part of the study or any proposals.

Mr K Leggett would be happy to answer any questions, or obtain answers to queries.

The Chairman commented on the enthusiasm and commitment of the Steering Group, and particularly mentioned all the work that Mr K Leggett had contributed. He felt the results would be great for the Village.

262. NORWICH AIRPORT

The next meeting of the Consultative Committee would be on 10th February and more details of the sale of the airport might be available then.

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman, 27.02.2003