

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.00 P.M., ON THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER, 2003,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Chairman: Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr C Green Mr S Dunn (for items 172 – 169)
Mrs G Masdin Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr F Colbridge Mr D Little Mr M Vincent

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

170. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The attached list of planning applications was considered and recommendations made to the Planning Authority, Broadland District Council, as noted.

171. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE FOR CATTON PARK

It was noted that the change of use from agricultural to recreational had been approved by Broadland District Council's Planning Committee on 12.11.2003. The matter of the access points had not been discussed and would be dealt with in due course.

172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

173. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 9.10.2003

The minutes of 9.10.2003 had been confirmed as a true record, and adopted by the Council, the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

174. MATTERS ARISING

174.1. Vacancy for councillor. It was AGREED that Mrs A Chandler should be co-opted to fill the vacancy. It was also AGREED to recommend that Mrs Chandler be asked to serve on the Planning and Property Committee as she had been involved with property matters when she had served as a councillor in the past, and, with his agreement, to take Mr S Dunn off the Planning and Property Committee and for him to join the Finance and Policy Committee. The committee membership would be reviewed after the election in 2004.

175. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

175.1. Hard training area. It was noted that the football club was content to wait for this to be dealt with in the next financial year.

175.2. Bowling Green. The remedial work had been completed and there was now cause for optimism as the weather conditions had been beneficial.

175.3. Other matters. There had been another burglary and a chainsaw, strimmer and hedgecutter stolen from the garage while the groundsman was in the Recreation Ground. The matter had been reported to the police but the equipment had not been recovered. It was AGREED a) to replace the equipment, b) to make an insurance claim and c) to implement further security measures as recommended by the Crime Prevention Officer.

176. LAVARE PARK

176.1. Flooded area. Gary Cooper, a paving contractor, had made recommendations and quoted to tarmac either just the flooded area (6.72 square metres at £570.00) or an area that would extend to the gate to the play area (16 square metres at £1,128.00).

The Community Service Unit had agreed, in principle, to concrete the area, for which the cost of materials would be in the region of £200.00. It was AGREED that members would meet at Lavare Park at 8.30 a.m. on 24.11.2003 to look at what was needed and to ask the Community Service Unit when they might be able to carry out the work.

177. CEMETERY

177.1. Gate and fencing. It was noted that a sum had been included in the budget to enable the vehicle gate and entrance fencing to be replaced.

178. CHURCHYARD

178.1. Entrance from Church Hall. It was noted that some paving slabs had been placed next to the entrance. They were, however, on Church land and not on land for which the Council was responsible.

179. VILLAGE HALL DRIVE

179.1. The Hall Drive. The Community Service Unit had cleared the drive well.

179.2. Entrance piers. The repairs had been carried out successfully.

179.3. Lighting. It was noted that users of the Village Hall had made complaints about the lack of lighting. The Village Hall Management Committee had not produced any suggestions as to how best to light the Drive. The possibility of the Management Committee and neighbours sharing the cost of any lighting was discussed. It was AGREED to visit the Drive after the meeting to see what might be needed and to then obtain a quotation.

179.4. Gates. It was noted that the gates were in need of repair and maintenance.

180. STREET LIGHTING

Mr T Edmunds, of Norfolk County Council, had not yet confirmed in writing, that there

would be funds available to improve the lighting at St Faiths Road.

181. OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

181.1. Review of insurance cover. A suitable valuer had quoted to value the Village Hall and the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground; his charge would depend on the time taken and, at most, would be £450.00. It was AGREED to obtain another quotation and to authorise Mr D Thompson and Mr B Sabberton-Coe to form a sub committee to accept a quotation.

182. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

182.1. Norwich Area Transportation Strategy and Northern Distributor Road. Mr D Thompson and the Clerk had attended a presentation at Thorpe Lodge on the above. Although the route of the proposed NDR was important there were other issues that were also relevant as it would be the intention to restrict the use of other routes at the time the NDR was built. The access points to the NDR had not been discussed or whether roundabouts or other devices would be used. The importance of the continued use of the cycle track from Spixworth to Old Catton had been emphasised.

It was AGREED that the principle of the NDR should be supported but a preference for a route should not be given. However, it was AGREED to express the Council's concern about access to Spixworth/Buxton Road and the viability of the cycle track. It was also AGREED to ask that further consultation be carried out with the Council as the plans for the scheme progressed.

182.2. 20 mph speed limit for Lodge Farm Drive and Evans Way. It was AGREED to support this.

182.3. Speeding at Spixworth Road. It was noted that an accident had occurred recently. It was AGREED to remind Norfolk County Council of the need for interactive signs and also to ask the Police to carry out more speed checks.

183. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was noted.

184. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

184.1. Parish Plan. It was AGREED that a meeting of all the interested parties should be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd December 2003.

184.2. Next meeting. There would be no Planning and Property Committee meeting in December. Planning applications would be dealt with before the Council meeting on 27th November. If necessary a special meeting would be called to deal with planning applications received after that date.

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.04 p.m.

Chairman, .01.2004