

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.00 P.M., ON THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2003,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Chairman: Mr B Sabberton-Coe
 Mr S Dunn Mr F Colbridge Mr C
 Green Mr D Thompson Mr M Vincent Miss P
 Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr D Little Mrs G Masdin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

127. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr M Vincent declared a personal interest as he knew one of the landowners concerned with the objectors' sites.

129. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 10.07.2003 AND 28.07.2003

The minutes of 10.07.2003 had been confirmed as a true record, and adopted by the Council, and were signed by the Chairman. The minutes of 28.07.2003 were confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

130. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL, LOCAL PLAN REPLACEMENT – 1ST STAGE DEPOSIT, OBJECTORS SITES

The plan showing all the sites was considered and it was AGREED to make a strong objection to changing the designation of use of the sites.

Broadland District Council would be reminded that the Council had been in negotiation with the owners of the land to the south of Lavare Park with a view to acquiring most of the land to extend the park, and possibly supporting an application for some limited, and agreed development on the remainder.

131. LONE WORKING BY GROUNDS AND SUPERVISORY STAFF

It was AGREED that staff at the Church Street Recreation Ground should be issued with 'pay as you go' mobile phones for use in an emergency. They should carry the phones with them when on duty and keep pre programmed emergency contact numbers. The staff would be allowed to use the phones for personal use at their own cost, but must ensure that they were always in credit. This arrangement would be included in the staff contract of employment when it was revised.

132. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

- 132.1. Proposed senior football at Lavare Park. The Old Catton Junior Football Club had agreed to take financial responsibility for the senior team and to pay the additional £500.00 requested.
- 132.2. Hard training area. Enquiries had been made of Broadland District Council and the Football Foundation about specifications and grants. The conditions that would be imposed for major funding were very onerous and time consuming. It was AGREED that the surfacing should be done as soon as possible, along with suitable fencing and consideration of the floodlighting. The funds from Sabberton Builders were available and it was hoped to attract a grant from the NPFA. Priced options were needed for the next meeting.
- 132.3. Site for a bottle bank. All the options were considered and, regrettably, it was AGREED that there was not a suitable site at the Recreation Ground.
- 132.4. Bowling Green. Technical advice and quotations had been received to improve the state of the green, as per the attached report. The Anglia Bowls Club had offered to pay £500.00 towards the cost of the work. It was PROPOSED by Mr D Thompson and SECONDED by Miss P Wilkin that Collier Turf Care's quotation be accepted and the work put in hand. AGREED. It was AGREED to ask the ATV Bowls Club if it would like to contribute.

133. LAVARE PARK

Vandals had uprooted a litterbin and damaged the weldmesh fencing.

The Community Service Unit had agreed to re-fill the sandpits under the play equipment and to concrete a hardstanding area at the entrance to the play area from the car park. The only cost would be for the materials.

134. CEMETERY

The recommendations of the site visit and meeting of 28.07.2003 were confirmed. Mr F Colbridge offered to clear the weeds and brambles out of the central bed. His offer was gratefully accepted.

135. CHURCHYARD

135.1. Wall to Church Street. The two builders had been asked to requote and Mr Middleton had declined. Mr Watts' quotation was unchanged. The total cost would be £4,571.50. The necessary funds could be raised, with the help of a £2,000 grant from Broadland District Council, and by viring £1,600 that was not needed from the provision for new bus shelters to add to the Churchyard funds. Subject to the approval of Broadland District Council, it was AGREED not to seek further quotations as Mr Watts' quotation was almost the same as the one that had been withdrawn; and, due to the particular specification for the work it was essential that the builder employed should be known and proven to be competent in that type of work.

135.2. Gate to Church Street. The contractor who designed the gate posts had updated his quotation, it was £605.00. The faculty approval was awaited.

136. VILLAGE HALL DRIVE

The Community Service Unit had agreed to clear the drive.

137. WAR MEMORIAL

137.1. The memorial had been awarded second place in the Broadland District Council Design Award competition, a Certificate of High Commendation. It was noted that Broadland District Council would be publicising its awards in a display at The Forum.

137.2. Doctor Ian Gibson, MP, had written in response to a letter he had received from Mr Cannings, complaining about the loss of the old memorial. A reply had been sent to Doctor Gibson giving a full explanation.

138. STREET LIGHTING

St Faiths Road. Despite further reminders nothing had been heard from Norfolk County Council about up-grading the lighting at St Faiths Road.

139. OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

The updated list of ongoing and proposed work was not available but would be costed and presented to the next meeting.

140. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

140.1. Traffic calming. The additional 20 mph signs at Church Street and Lodge Lane had not yet been provided. Norfolk County Council would be asked when these would be put up and the urgent need stressed.

141. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was noted.

A letter from BT about its proposals to remove the public payphones at North Walsham Road, near the Woodman public house, and at Spixworth Road, near the Deer Park, was considered. These phones had a very low usage and there was an alternative phone in Moore Avenue.

Members felt that, as there was a low usage and a high degree of vandalism, the loss of the payphones should not be opposed.

142. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman was concerned about litter spoiling the Village and suggested that, perhaps, more local people might be encouraged to pick up litter, as it was known that some residents were already in the habit of doing this. It would be mentioned in the newsletter.

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and

closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m..

Chairman, 11.9.2003