

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST APRIL, 2004,
AT 7.30 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson – Chairman
Mr S Dunn Mrs A Riches Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr K Leggett, Mrs G Masdin, Mrs P Mattocks, Mr B Sabberton-Coe

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

201. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was AGREED to elect Mr D Thompson as Chairman of the meeting.

202. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

203. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4.03.2004

The minutes, which had already been adopted by the Council, were signed by the Chairman.

204. CHEQUES, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET AND BANK RECONCILIATION

204.1. The attached lists of vouchers numbered 601 to 647, with payments totalling £8,859.57 and receipts of £724.11, were approved and the comparison with the budget and the bank reconciliation and list of unpresented cheques for the current account noted.

205. HIGHWAYS

205.1. Vehicle Activated Signs at Spixworth Road. There was concern that traffic from the south was still speeding. It was hoped that the pedestrian crossing proposed would help to deter speeding in the Burma Road area.

206. CATTON PARK

Mr D Thompson reported on the inaugural meeting of the Friends of Catton Park on 31st March. The meeting had been well attended by about 50 enthusiastic and supportive people. A committee had been formed, and Mr S Osborn elected as Chairman. Mr K Leggett would liaise between the Steering Group and the Friends.

207. ENVIRONMENT DAY 5.06.2004

It was noted that the Council had not made any commitment to financing the bird boxes.

208. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs A Riches reported that plans for the canopy and new doors had been approved and a quotation was awaited.

209. CLERK'S REPORT

The contents of the report on recent meetings attended and Quality Parish Status were noted.

210. CORRESPONDENCE

210.1. The attached list was received and discussed.

211. NEWSLETTER

The delivery of the newsletter might not take place before the Easter weekend, as had been hoped; therefore the article about the charity sponsored walk on Good Friday had been omitted. Mr S Dunn expressed his disappointment about this. The Questionnaire for the Parish Plan would be delivered at the same time as the newsletter.

212. INSURANCE

A formal valuation of the Village Hall and Pavilion had been made and was awaited, it was understood that the current valuation was adequate. The matter would be included on the agenda for the May meeting.

213. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr D Thompson reported on the serious damage to trees in the Churchyard after the recent gales and the action taken to deal with the situation.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman, 6.05.2004