

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 2004, AT 7.30 PM,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
Mr S Dunn Mr C Green Mr D Little Mr K Leggett
Mrs P Mattocks Mrs A Riches Miss P Wilkin

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

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting and wished them well for 2004.
He particularly welcomed Mr D Little back to the meeting

353. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Mr F Colbridge, Mrs G Masdin, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr M Vincent. Members were pleased to hear that Mrs Masdin was making a good recovery after her accident.

354. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K Leggett declared his personal interest as project manager of the Catton Park Steering Group and tenant of Buttercup Meadow.

355. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 27.11.2003 AND 22.12.2003

The minutes, which had been circulated, were confirmed as a true record of the meetings, and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

356. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

356.1. Mrs P Mattocks PROPOSED the adoption of the minutes of the meetings of 4.12.2003 and 8.01.2004. AGREED.

356.2. Matters arising from minutes. Mrs P Mattocks referred to the Environment Day on 4th June that had been advertised in Norfolk Link. It was AGREED to agenda this for discussion at the next committee meeting and to ask members for ideas.

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

356.4. Procedures and policies for grievances and discipline. The policies were AGREED.

357. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

357.1. Mr C Green PROPOSED the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 15.01.2004. AGREED.

358. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs A Riches reported that the Management Committee would be meeting on 29.01.2004. It was noted that the work to 'make good' the areas affected by the demolition of the old toilet block was proceeding.

359. CATTON PARK

Mr K Leggett reported that the Steering Group had met on 12.01.2004 and considered the amendments and redrafting of the Conservation Management Plan. Following the public meeting on 8.12.2003, 27 written and 5 e-mail responses had been received and they would all be listed in the final report.

The points raised were mainly concerned with security, parking and the entrance in Church Street. There was no consensus about provision of parking or toilets inside the park. Principles governing potential events inside the park had been raised. A feeling that funding should not be from local taxes was expressed, as well as a suggestion that local people should each contribute £1.00 a year for the upkeep of the Park.

Mr K Leggett reported that a final report from the Steering Group would be with the local authorities (Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and Old Catton Parish Council) by the end of January 2004 and would be on display in the offices of those bodies. There would also be a non-technical summary. It was AGREED that the report would be available to be read at The Pavilion but that the Clerk would not enter into any discussion about its contents.

Mr K Leggett clarified that the Steering Group had discussed the points detailed above. It had been agreed (with reluctance) that fencing could not be provided initially, the Church Street gate would only be used for emergency vehicles, the Oak Lane entrance would be used as both entrance and exit, and the area shown as a potential parking area for events would be deleted.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman, 26.02.2004