

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2004, AT 7.30 PM,**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mr D Thompson - Chairman  
Mrs A Chandler      Mr C Green      Mr K  
Leggett  
Mrs A Riches      Mr B Sabberton-Coe      Mr M Vincent  
Miss P Wilkin  
  
Sergeant Ventham, Sprowston Police  
Mr G Jeffries – Editor, Parish News  
5 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**370. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Mr F Colbridge, Mr S Dunn, Mr D Little, Mrs G Masdin, and Mrs P Mattocks. Also Mr L Austin – Norfolk County Councillor and Mr J Arnott – Parish Tree Warden

**371. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**372. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 26.2.2004**

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

**373. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Norwich Airport. Mr K Leggett reported that a decision had been made about the sale of the airport but he had no details as the Consultative Committee had not met.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

**374. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

374.1. Mr K Leggett PROPOSED the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 4.3.2004. AGREED.

374.2. Matters arising. Minute 196.1. It was noted that the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) were in place. A third sign would not be considered until the effects of the two signs installed had been assessed. Members were concerned that traffic from the south was still speeding. The Police felt that the VAS were actually more effective than speed cameras as they were triggered at the speed limit and cameras had a small tolerance.

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

**375. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

375.1. Mr C Green PROPOSED the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 11.3.2004. AGREED.

375.2. Matters arising. Churchyard. It was noted that the recent gales had seriously damaged the Jubilee Cedar and some yew trees, and that emergency work had been carried out to make the Churchyard safe.

375.3. Replacement of fascia and guttering at the Pavilion. It was AGREED to accept the lowest quotation, from Uniglaze, in the sum of £3,600, for this work in accordance with the Committee's recommendation.

375.4. Broadland District Council, Local Plan Replacement. The Committee had considered the details of the Old Catton section and had no objections to the proposed changes. The continued protection of the Deer Park, although it had been split from the main part of Catton Park, was reassuring. There was no objection to the proposals.

### **376. VILLAGE HALL**

Mrs A Riches reported that tenders for the canopy and doors were being obtained. Further clearance work to the car park would be carried out by the Community Service Unit in June. The recent coffee morning had raised about £140.00.

### **377. CATTON PARK**

377.1. Progress report. Mr K Leggett reported that, since his report to Finance and Policy Committee, Norwich City Council had confirmed its contribution to the capital and revenue costs of the project. Much support had been expressed by residents and organisations. A meeting of the Friends of Catton Park would be held on 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

377.2. Nomination of Trustee. Miss P Wilkin PROPOSED and Mrs A Riches SECONDED Mr B Sabberton-Coe to serve as a trustee; this was unanimously AGREED.

377.3. Future Revenue Funding. It was PROPOSED by Mr C Green and SECONDED by Mrs A Riches that the Council make a commitment to a contribution of £500.00 a year toward the revenue funding of Catton Park, following its restoration. This was unanimously AGREED.

### **378. PARISH PLAN**

The Focus Group had been working well and the questionnaire would be delivered with the Newsletter, hopefully before Easter, and collected by volunteers. Residents should be encouraged to complete the questionnaires.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman, 22.04.2004