

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,  
HELD AT 7.30 P.M., ON THURSDAY 27TH MAY, 2004,  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mrs G Masdin – Chairman  
Councillors – Mr S Dunn, Mr K Leggett, Mr D Little, Mrs P Mattocks,  
Mrs A Riches, Miss P Wilkin

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors – Mrs A Chandler, Mr C Green, Mr B Sabberton-Coe,  
Mr D Thompson, Mr M Vincent

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**1. THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2003, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**3. REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

The report was accepted.

**4. ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2004.**

The accounts were accepted.

**5. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS.**

Written reports were received from the following – The Village Hall Management Committee and Mr Chapman as governor of Lodge Lane School. Accounts were received from the Parish Charities and the Village Hall Management Committee. The Clerk gave a verbal report of the Twinning visit which had taken place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May and had been very successful.

**6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

6.1. Mrs M Charlesworth asked for news of the sale of Norwich Airport and why the subject of the airport was not on every council agenda. She asked if the Council should be pressing for more information. *There was nothing to report; the next meeting of the Consultative Committee would be held in early June and Mr K Leggett would report to the July Council meeting. The Managing Director of the Airport would be meeting councillors to keep them informed soon after the elections.*

6.2. Mrs Charlesworth asked if the Council could instigate a cull of wood pigeons. *The Clerk replied that this was not an appropriate matter for the Council.*

6.3. Mrs Charlesworth noted that reference had been made, in a political leaflet, to the Old Catton Community Centre.

6.4. Mrs Charlesworth reported that a resident of Church Street had won 'The Baker of the Year' award.

6.5. Mrs J Leggett asked if a traffic survey had been undertaken since the installation of the traffic calming measures and if the volume of traffic had decreased. *There had been no evidence of a survey taking place. The Council would ask if this could be done to determine both the volume and speed of traffic*

6.6. Mr G Stuart referred to speeding and traffic in Church Street, also drivers mounting the pavement. He had raised this at an earlier meeting when the police officer present had agreed to look into the situation. Mr Stuart noted that a police radar check had been carried out recently at a time when there was little traffic. *P C Lambert pointed out that this would not be a high priority for deployment of officers, however, he had recently served tickets of drivers parked on the path.*

6.7. Ms L Collier complained that the lighting in Ecton Walk was inadequate and asked if it could be improved. *The Chairman said that the Council would look into it.*

6.8.P C Lambert reported that crime levels in the Village were low. He commented on the restrictions placed upon his work in Community Policing as policy was to give priority to the apprehension of criminals. There had been a problem at a disused building at Buttercup Meadow that was being attended to. He would report that the telephone at Police Headquarters had not been answered at 7.00 a.m..

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m..

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Chairman  
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