

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.00 P.M., ON MONDAY 9th AUGUST, 2004,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr C Green Mr B Leggett Mr K Leggett
Mr D Thompson Mr M Vincent Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr D Little Mrs G Masdin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting,

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr D Thompson and Mr K Leggett declared their interests as members of the Planning Committee at Broadland District Council; they would not take part in discussion of planning applications.

Mr D Thompson and Mr K Leggett also declared their personal interests as Trustee and Secretary of the Catton Park Trust plc, in planning application 20041195.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

It was AGREED to defer making a recommendation on the application for Catton Park and to ask that it be 'called in' for a committee decision by Broadland District Council; and to defer the application for the Somerfield car park and to ask a Planning Officer to come to the next meeting to answer questions about it.

13. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12.7.2004

The minutes had already been confirmed and adopted at the Council meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

14. REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 12.7.2004

Cricket sight screen. Members had been invited to meet the members of the Cricket Club and see the complete sight screen at the Club's President's match and barbecue on 29th August. It was AGREED that members might attend informally but that the subject of the sight screen should be discussed formally at the Recreation Grounds Committee meeting on 6th September.

15. PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOL ACCESS AND FENCING

The head teacher had written to say that a planning application would be made to improve the fencing and access at the Middle School. One of the proposals was to make the single pedestrian gate that connected with the Recreation Ground drive into a double gate giving vehicle access to the school playground, to enable maintenance vehicles to enter.

15. Proposed changes to school access (Continued)

It was AGREED to ask about arrangements for locking the gate and if it might be used when events took place at the Recreation Ground to allow overflow parking on the playground; also if it might be used to allow parents to park for events at the school like parents evenings.

16. NOTES OF SITES VISIT ON 26.7.2004

16.1. Members had met and visited the sites listed in the notes.

16.2. Lodge Farm amenity land. Members reiterated their concern about the poor state of the land and their reluctance to adopt it.

17. SURVEY OF DRAINS AT CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

The video survey of the drains had shown a serious problem with all the runs of drains. This was because they were made of pitch fibre that had become crushed and damaged. The insurance company had stated that this was wear and tear and not covered by insurance.

It was AGREED –

- a) To obtain a quotation to replace the whole drainage system
- b) To ask Broadland District Council's Building Control department if a septic tank would be allowed rather than a mains drainage system
- c) Make enquiries about the availability of grants
- d) To warn the Junior Football Club and the Musical Keys that the toilets might not be fit for use for their events in 2005 and that an approved portable system would have to be used and paid for by their organisations.

18. CRICKET TABLE

It was AGREED to scarify the cricket table using the same system that had been employed on the bowling green. The cost should not exceed £300.00.

19. REVIEW OF WORK CARRIED OUT AND OUTSTANDING

19.1. The list was reviewed and the following points noted-

19.2. Churchyard Wall. The work at the Churchyard wall had presented another problem area. It was AGREED to carry on and complete the work, despite unforeseen additional costs.

19.3. Notice Boards. It was AGREED to allow to replace one notice board in the budget for 2005/6. An indication of cost would be investigated.

19.4. Village Hall Drive gates. The insurance company had confirmed that cover was provided for Mr B Leggett to paint the gates. Members were very appreciative of Mr Leggett's offer to do this work.

20. MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS OF CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

It was noted that the number of graves in need of cutting with the small mower had increased from 47 to 100 in the last 7 years. There had been additional cremation plots in the Churchyard also. The contractor carrying out this work (in addition to other duties at Lavare Park and holiday cover at Church Street Recreation Ground) was currently paid for 15 hours per week. It was AGREED to ask for provision to be made in the budget for this to be increased to up to 20 hours per week. It was also agreed to check with the Department of Inland Revenue if a change in the arrangements would affect the way the contractor was employed.

21. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 21.1. Consultation. The Area Engineer had replied suggesting discussion with his officers about routine maintenance and the Forward Programme. Although this response was appreciated it was hoped to establish a more formal arrangement with Parish Council input given serious consideration.
- 21.2. Prohibition of waiting traffic regulation order. The Council's approval for double yellow lines at the junction of Wrenningham Road with Lodge Lane and the junctions of Lodge Farm Drive and Evans Way with Repton Avenue was sought and AGREED.
- 21.3. Toucan crossing at Spixworth Road. This was being provided as a part of the Section 106 agreement with the developers at White Woman Lane (in Sprowston) and would cross near Desmond Drive to Three Corner Drive. Members wished to know exactly how a Toucan crossing worked but AGREED in principle.
- 21.4. Norwich Orbital (bus) Route. There was an invitation to a meeting on 27th August at County Hall. The route would only run in the Village from Fifers Lane into St Faiths Road to the ring road.

There being **no further business** the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman 13th September 2004