

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,
HELD AT 7.30 P.M., ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY, 2005,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson – Chairman
Councillors – Mrs A Chandler, Mr C Green, Mr B Leggett , Mr K Leggett,
Mr D Little, Mr A Lovett, Mrs G Masdin , Mrs A Riches,
Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Mr M Vincent, Miss P Wilkin, Mrs J Williams

P C Williamson
14 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Mr J Arnott, Parish Tree Warden

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. **THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 27rd May, 2004, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

The report, which had been incorporated into the Newsletter, was accepted.

4. **ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2005.**

The accounts were accepted.

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

Written reports were received from the following – The Parish Tree Warden and the Twining Association. Mr B Leggett gave a verbal report of the Old Catton Society. Accounts were received from the Parish Charities and the Village Hall Management Committee.

6. **POLICE REPORT**

P C Williamson commented on the crime statistics, the crimes were minor. The Police were very aware of the problems with youths at the car park area of The Paddocks but had noticed a reduction recently.

Mr Burrows asked if the Police could tackle the parking and safety problems outside schools. P C Williamson said she would ask the traffic wardens to visit those areas.

Mr Crisp asked if parking was allowed on speed humps; it was if there were no yellow lines.

7. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

7.1. Mr Burrows was very unhappy with the reported increase in the parish share of the Council Tax.

The percentage quoted with the bills was an error. It had been necessary to increase the parish precept by more than the rate of inflation as in recent years running costs had been partly met by the use of balances. As balances had been greatly reduced it had been necessary to increase by more than inflation to 'stand still'.

7.2. Mr Crisp asked if the Council had been able to find out about a survey of the volume and speed of traffic following the implementation of the calming measures. *A reply from Norfolk County Council had not been forthcoming. Unsuccessful efforts had been made to arrange for Norfolk County Council officers to attend the meeting to discuss the many traffic concerns.*

7.3. Mr Crisp asked if anything had been done about the lighting in Ecton Walk. *Nothing had been done.*

7.4. Mrs Page suggested a mini roundabout at the junction of St Faiths Road with Fifers Lane.

There were ongoing discussions in the Council about this idea and a site meeting would be arranged with Norfolk County Council to look at ways to improve the junction. However, the Council had not yet decided to support the idea of a mini roundabout as it feared it would encourage more traffic in Church Street and St Faiths Road.

7.5. Ms Collier noted that vehicles were cutting the corners at this junction and mounting the pavement.

7.6. Mr K Leggett reported that the planning application to extend the terminal building at Norwich Airport was 'on hold' while a traffic assessment was carried out; he was still pressing for an airport newsletter but information was available on the website.

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
25.5.2006