

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 27th OCTOBER 2005
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
Mrs A Chandler Mr C Green Mr K Leggett Mr A
Lovett Mrs G Masdin Mrs A Riches Mr M Vincent
Miss P Wilkin
Mr J Arnott – Parish Tree Warden
5 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Mr B Leggett, Mr D Little, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mrs J Williams

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K Leggett and Mr D Thompson declared their interest in the Catton Park Trust.

43. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22.9.2005

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

44. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 34. It was noted that the Planning and Property had written to the Area Highway Engineer asking for an opinion on the junction of St Faiths Road with Fifers Lane and the idea of a mini roundabout there. The reply agreed that a mini roundabout would make the junction more attractive to motorists but that the accident records since 2001 did not justify the creation of a roundabout. Queuing times were not unacceptable and it would be difficult to justify expenditure at the location.

Mr M Vincent felt that the reply did not give a full explanation and PROPOSED that a further enquiry about the potential generation of additional traffic in Church Street and St Faiths Road if the junction were more attractive be made. This proposal was put to the vote and was LOST.

The meeting was then adjourned for public discussion.

45. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

45.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 13.10.2005. AGREED.

45.2. Receipts and payments. The lists that had already been approved by the Committee were confirmed.

45.3. Matters arising. It was noted that the Speed Awareness Message equipment had again been in use at Spixworth Road during the morning.

46. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

46.1. Mr Green PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 10.10.2005. AGREED.

46.2. Woodham Leas Amenity Land. The Clerk and Mr Arnott, the Parish Tree Warden had met with Mr Chesney-Beales, Broadland District Council, to discuss how best to plant the trees and shrubs proposed and the help that Broadland District Council could offer. Mr Chesney-Beales had suggested planting in the current year, with further planting in 2006; he had suggested suitable areas and species and offered to provide the trees, shrubs and chestnut paling to protect the plants. The Parish Council would use a contractor to carry out the work; the Committee had authorised a budget of up to £1000.00 for this. The Council AGREED to carry out this work in the way outlined.

46.3. Other tree planting. Mr Chesney-Beales had also agreed that Broadland District Council would help with more suitable trees for the Avenue at the Cemetery and for a site at a corner at the Paddocks, if ownership of the land could be clarified.

47. RELATIONSHIP WITH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Old Catton Twinning Association had asked if it might be affiliated to the Parish Council as it felt this would help in its dealings with the European Community. Members considered a report setting out the history of the Association. It was noted that, although the Council had provided administrative support, the association had never been an official part of the Council's establishment.

It was AGREED to write to the Twinning Association pointing out that the Association was already officially recognised by the EC and eligible to claim grants in the usual way. The letter would state the Council's support for the aims and objectives of the Association and an acknowledgement of its value to the community; also confirmation of the official beginnings of the organisation. It was not possible for any organisation to be 'affiliated' to the Council.

48. VILLAGE HALL

There was nothing to report.

49. CATTON PARK

Mr K Leggett reported that the Trust was still waiting to hear the result of the grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

50. REPORT OF AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr K Leggett reported on the meeting held on 3rd October 2005.

51. **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

Members were asked to let the Clerk know if they would be able to represent the Council at the service on 13th November.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.14 p.m.

Chairman, 24th November 2005