

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 28TH JULY 2005
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT:Mr D Thompson - Chairman

Mrs A Chandler Mr C Green

Mr D Little Mr A Lovett

Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe

Wilkin Mrs J Williams

Mr B Leggett Mr K Leggett

Mrs G Masdin Mrs A

Mr M Vincent Miss P

Mr J Arnott – Parish Tree Warden

Mr S Dunn – Broadland District and Norfolk County Councillor

Mr B Edwards – Communications Manager, Norfolk Casualty Reduction Partnership

Sergeant Scott – Sprowston Police

14 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K Leggett, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr D Thompson declared their interests in the Catton Park Trust. Mr K Leggett and Mr D Thompson declared their interests as members of Broadland District Council's Licensing Committee.

13. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 26.5.2005

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

14. PRESENTATION BY MR EDWARDS

Mr Edwards gave a brief outline of the constitution and remit of the Norfolk Casualty Reduction Partnership. It was a partnership of the Police, Norfolk County Council, the Highways Agency, the courts and the University of East Anglia. The Partnership was tasked with reducing injuries by 40% and speed by 6 mph by 2010. It had to be self funding; the income derived from speed cameras went to the government and only running costs were reimbursed to the Partnership.

The sites for cameras were strictly prescribed by the government and Norfolk County Council and related to the number of death and injury accidents that were speed related at a site. Old Catton did not meet these criteria. The partnership was not allowed to operate in 20 mph areas.

However, the Partnership was able, within a 15% tolerance, to use a speed camera on a motor cycle in other areas, like Spixworth Road, where many accidents had taken place but did not meet the above criteria. It was AGREED to write to the Partnership and ask if this could be arranged.

Mr Edwards pointed out the wider powers of the Police and offered to ask them to

attend. The Partnership was only intended to complement the work of the Police. Sergeant Scott was not involved with traffic but was aware that the work of road policing was very stretched and had great demands placed upon it. He would ask the newly appointed Police Community Support Officers to give attention to the problems in the Village.

The meeting was then adjourned for public discussion with Mr Edwards, Sergeant Scott and for other matters residents wished to raise.

Following the public discussion the Chairman thanked Mr Edwards and Sergeant Scott for attending the meeting and their valuable input. They then left the meeting.

15. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

15.1. Mrs Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meetings of 9.6.2005 and 11.7.2005. AGREED.

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

16. ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDING 31.3.2005

Following the internal audit examination the accounts had been amended to take into account an item of interest that had been accounted for in the wrong financial year. It was PROPOSED by Mr B Sabberton-Coe and SECONDED by Mr B Leggett that the Accounts of the year ending 31.3.2005 presented to the meeting be approved. AGREED.

17. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

17.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meetings of 6.7.2005 and 11.7.2005. AGREED.

17.2. Matters arising. It was noted that an order had been placed with Northcote Services for the new gate and posts for the entrance to the Recreation Ground from Garrick Green in the sum of £490.00.

17.3. Improvements to the entrance to the Cemetery. The recommendations of the Committee were AGREED. It was hoped that work would begin in a few weeks.

18. LICENSING, APPLICATION BY THE WOODMAN PUBLIC HOUSE

Mrs Masdin took the Chair for this item and Mr D Thompson and Mr K Leggett withdrew from the meeting.

The concern of residents about this application to extend the opening hours and to play live music had been expressed during the adjournment of the meeting for public discussion and members shared the residents concerns. It was unanimously AGREED to write to Broadland District Council and the Police expressing the Council's strong opposition to these changes and explaining the reasons for the objection.

19. VILLAGE HALL

There was nothing to report.

20. CATTON PARK

Mr K Leggett reported that the grant application was progressing fairly well; a decision was not expected until the end of the year, when, if successful, work could start in 2006. The Friends of Catton Park were publicising a picnic in the Park on 21st August and a litter pick on 11th September 2005.

21. NORWICH AIRPORT

Mr K Leggett reported on the Consultative Committee meeting of 6th June 2005. The planning application to extend the terminal building had been delayed while revisions were made. There had been concern about the night flights for football. The next meeting would be on 3rd October 2005.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman, 25th August 2005