

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2005,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs G Masdin Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

42. PLANNING

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

43. MINUTES OF 12.9.2005

The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

44. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

44.1. Safety surfacing in the play areas. A price for wet pour type safety surfacing had been obtained in 2001 for the horizontal ladder equipment. At that time it had been £103.00 per square metre. There were about 130 square metres in the young children's play area, plus the area at the wooded end of the Recreation Ground. At 2001 prices it would cost about £14,000 to replace the safety surfacing in the fenced play area.

Members held differing views about the desirability of replacing the surfacing but it was noted that it would not need to be replaced in the near future. It was AGREED monitor the situation and any further complaints and to find out what the children using the area thought about the type of surfacing and then to review the matter in the future.

44.2. Storage unit for Junior Football Club. Members had measured the site proposed behind the old tractor shed and it was AGREED that the larger size of 8' 6" by 30' should be allowed. It was noted that it should be laid on concrete slabs. It was felt that the unit should be lit and that a charge for electricity agreed. Details of a proper formal agreement would be discussed when the JFC confirmed its decision to go ahead with the idea.

44.3. Garrick Green entrance. The new gate had been installed and it was agreed it was very fit for purpose. However, the neighbour adjacent to the gate was concerned that the removal of the old chain link fence would compromise his security. It was AGREED to replace the old chain link fence with green 6' chain link fencing.

45. WOODHAM LEAS AMENITY LAND

The neighbours had been consulted about tree and shrub planting and a consensus view had been given involving islands of planting in the middle of the land and a shrub bed at one side.

It had been hoped to obtain advice from Broadland District Council's conservation department but this could not be done until 17th October. However, an informal approval had been given.

A budget price had been obtained from Green as Grass in the sum of £1,900.00 for 24 trees and a shrub bed. The monetary grant aid under Broadland District Council's Parish Tree Warden Scheme had been replaced with a supply of trees and materials (excluding giraffe cages); it was not clear what quantity could be supplied. A price had been obtained from the Garden Guardian for labour only in the sum of £500 for a week, the time estimated to be needed.

It was AGREED to authorise the Clerk to progress the scheme with a budget of £1,000. It was also AGREED to ask that £1,000 be vired from the Recreation Ground budget to finance the scheme.

It was AGREED to keep neighbouring residents informed about the scheme.

46. CEMETERY

- 46.1. Improvements to entrance. The building work was practically complete, it was agreed to check with the builder that the wall would be cleaned and pointed. It was AGREED that the earth bank should be planted with ground covering shrubs and spring bulbs.

It was noted that the gate to a nearby field was in a bad state of repair. The ownership would be checked and a request made to the owner that it be put in better order.

- 46.2. Meeting of bereaved relatives. The meeting had been arranged for Monday 14th November 2005 at 8.00 pm, following the Committee meeting at 7.00 pm and would be chaired by the Reverend Patient.

47. CHURCHYARD

- 47.1. Damage to west wall. Nothing had been heard.

47.2. Future maintenance. A quotation had been obtained from the Garden Guardian to tractor cut the flat areas 16 times in 2006 in the sum of £400.00. Mr Martin would then be able to spend more time on the difficult areas. It was AGREED to accept the quotation.

48. WAR MEMORIAL

Wreaths. The quotation for a rack for the poppy wreaths was unacceptably high at £270.00. It was AGREED to use spikes to anchor the wreaths.

It was also AGREED to ensure the area was weeded and tidy for Remembrance Day.

49. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

49.1. Junction of St Faiths Road with Fifers Lane. The subject of a proposed mini roundabout had been discussed in the past and it had been agreed to review the lack of support for such a proposal. Recently some members had met with the Highways Engineer and agreed that a mini roundabout would not be a good idea, because it might attract additional traffic through Church Street and St Faiths Road and also because there was not enough room for one, especially bearing in mind the large vehicles using the junction which was on the Heavy Goods Route Hierarchy. It had been noted that, since the most recent improvements to the junction, there had not been any accidents.

It had been agreed at the recent Council meeting that the topic be reviewed. It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council for a written opinion about potential improvements to the junction, including the practicability of a mini roundabout, and then to discuss the matter further.

49.2. Other matters. It was noted that the hedge at 4 Park Drive was impeding pedestrians using the footpath in Church Street. A dangerous GPO cover in Church Street would be reported to the Highway authority. Broadland District Council would be asked to 'leaf clear' the chestnuts in Garrick Green and St Faiths Road.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Chairman 14th November 2005