

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 26th JANUARY 2006
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT:Mr D Thompson - Chairman

Mr C Green	Mr B Leggett	Mr K Leggett
Mr D Little	Mrs G Masdin	Mrs A Riches
Mr B Sabberton-Coe		Mrs J Williams

Mr S Dunn – Norfolk County Councillor

Mr J Arnott – Parish Tree Warden

5 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Mrs A Chandler Mr A Lovett, Mr M Vincent and Miss P Wilkin

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K Leggett, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr D Thompson declared their interest in the Catton Park Trust.

63. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24.11.2005

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

64. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 60. Police. Members were very sorry that the Police were no longer able to send an officer to the Council meetings, especially as it had been felt to be of real value and did not take up much police time. It was AGREED to write and convey the Council's disappointment.

The meeting was then adjourned for public discussion.

65. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

65.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meetings of 8.12.2005 and 12.1.2006. AGREED.

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

65.3. Renewal of delegated function contract with Broadland District Council, 'Street Cleaning and Cleanliness Monitoring'. It was AGREED to renew the contract and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should sign the agreement.

66. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

66.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation of the minutes of the meetings of 8.12.2005 and 12.1.2006 and their adoption with the exception of minute 76.1. AGREED. It was AGREED that the Committee would review its recommendation in minute 76.1. in the light of points raised during public discussion.

66.2. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 77. It was noted, with regret, that Broadland District Council had not yet been able to supply the trees for the Woodham Leas amenity land. Broadland District Council had given assurances that the trees would be available during the next month.

Minute 83.1 The results of Norfolk County Council's Traffic Safety Team's study of Spixworth Road were awaited.

66.3. Contract to cut Norfolk County Council's highways' grass verges. It was PROPOSED by Mrs G Masdin that the contract be renewed for 3 years and The Garden Guardian be appointed to carry out the contract. AGREED.

66.4. Junction of Fifers Lane with St Faiths Road. The Committee's recommendation that no further action be taken was put to the vote. The Chairman asked that the vote be recorded. It was AGREED that no further action be taken regarding the junction of Fifers Lane with St Faiths Road, unless further new information was forthcoming. Those in favour were Mr C Green, Mr B Leggett, Mrs G Masdin, Mrs A Riches, Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Mr D Thompson, and Mrs J Williams. Those voting against were Mr K Leggett and Mr D Little.

67. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs G Masdin reported on the Management Committee meeting held on 25th January 2006. The Hall's finances were looking healthy. A programme of fund raising activities had been discussed.

68. CATTON PARK

Mr K Leggett reported that the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund had been approved subject to the usual completion of formal documentation. Permission to start work was awaited; it was hoped to begin in mid February. The work was being scheduled as follows – firstly relating to safety in the western woodlands, secondly the main north – south track and then fences, gates and making good the hedge at Spixworth Road.

There was no intention to close the Park while work was in progress, just the areas where work was in progress.

All these matters would be publicised and local help and support encouraged. The AGM of the Friends of Catton Park would be held on 2nd March.

Mrs G Masdin asked how funding would continue after the money from the lottery finished. Mr K Leggett anticipated a shortfall in years 9 to 10 but was reasonably confident that funding would flow from ways that were being currently discussed.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending, and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman, 23rd February 2006