

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL , MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,**  
**HELD AT 7.30 P.M., ON THURSDAY 25TH MAY, 2006,**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET**

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

P C K Lambert  
Inspector J Brown  
Mr S Dunn – Norfolk County Councillor  
Mr J Arnott, Parish Tree Warden  
7 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs A Chandler, Mr B Leggett, Mr A Lovett, Mrs G Masdin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**1. THE MINUTES** of the meeting of 26th May, 2005, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

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

**3. ACCOUNTS OF THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2006**

The accounts were accepted.

Mr Crisp asked why the balances had increased during the year and if any major expenditure was planned; he hoped that the increase in Council Tax in 2007/8 would be small. The balances had increased due to income being greater than anticipated and a number of savings that had been made during the year.

**4. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS.**

Written reports were received from the following – the Parish Charities, the Twinning Association, the Old Catton Society and the Norfolk County Councillor. The reports were accepted, with thanks.

**5. POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Brown outlined the areas and responsibilities the Sprowston Police Station covered. He was fortunate to have the services of several good Specials and Community Support Officers.

## 6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- 6.1. Concerns about speeding were expressed to the Police officers. Residents were asked to contact the traffic officers at Police HQ at Wymondham with these concerns.
- 6.2. Mr Hutt thanked the Parish Council for the tree planting scheme at Woodham Leas amenity land which had, so far, solved the problems for residents caused by large scale football.
- 6.3. Mr Crisp congratulated the Council on its help in effecting the improvements at the junction of Burma Road with Spixworth Road.
- 6.4. Mr Crisp asked that the area around the seats at the War Memorial be cleared and cleaned. *This would be done.*
- 6.5. Mr Blyth was concerned that the new street lights at St Faiths Road were ineffective between Catton Court and Woodland Drive due to overhanging trees; he had registered this concern several months ago and was unhappy that the situation remained. *It was understood that the manager of Catton Court had undertaken to have these trees cut back. However, it was not possible for the Parish Council to carry out this work on privately owned and protected trees. Mr Arnott would see what could be done.*
- 6.6. Mr Arnott had not given a report as Parish Tree Warden as most activity with trees was taking place at Catton Park. He noted that the dead Beech Tree at the Deer Park would be felled.
- 6.7. Mr Lacey congratulated the Council on the excellent website. *This would be passed on to the volunteer webmasters, Gordon Stuart and Graham Charlesworth.*

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.07 p.m..

Chairman, 26.4.2007