

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2006,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr C Green Mr B Leggett Mr K Leggett
Mrs G Masdin Mr M Vincent
Miss P Wilkin (after item 75)

APOLOGIES: Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K Leggett declared his personal interest as a member of Broadland District Council's Planning Committee, he took no part in the discussion of item 73.

73. PLANNING

73.1. The list of planning applications was considered and recommendations made to the Planning Authority, Broadland District Council, as noted on the attached list. The objections of 2 neighbours of application 20051775, for erection of 8 dwellings (outline) at Lavare Court were noted; however members wished for the site to be tidied up and would deal with the type of dwellings when a detailed application was considered.

74. MINUTES OF 12.12.2005

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

75. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 71.3. Lighting at West Acre Drive and Kiln Close. Some members had visited the area and felt that it was poorly lit. It was AGREED to obtain a quotation for an additional light to be sited at the edge of the grassed area or to be attached to a resident's property (if agreed by the resident) and to make a decision when the price was known.

76. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

76.1. Storage Unit for Junior Football Club. The Club had indicated that it preferred the permanent site for the unit to be on the field. Members AGREED that it should be sited just into the wooded area so it was less obtrusive. It was AGREED to let the Club know that payment would be expected to make good any damage that might be done to the ground when the unit was moved.

76.2. Safety surfacing in the play areas. No further comments had been received.

76.3. MUGA. A quotation to renew the lighting had been received in the sum of £6245.00. This brought the total cost to approximately £28,000. However, it had not been possible to apply for grants with single quotations and further quotations were still awaited. The next opportunity to apply for a grant from Wren would be at the beginning of April.

76.4. Woods, tree survey. Written quotations were still awaited.

76.5. Any other matters. Garrick Green entrance. It was noted that although the panel of the neighbour's fence adjacent to the new gate had been securely repaired it had been removed again. It was AGREED to provide a chain link fence to cover the area if the neighbour agreed to also replace his panel. Mr Green and Mr B Leggett would meet the fencing contractor to decide the best way to do this.

77. WOODHAM LEAS AMENITY LAND

The planting was planned for the week beginning 23rd January 2006.

78. LAVARE PARK

78.1. Football training. A formal reply had been received from the JFC, confirming its interest in training at Lavare Park. However, the letter mentioned a need for 6 lights so that 2 training sessions could be carried out simultaneously. The meeting confirmed that its intention was not to provide extra facilities and its concern that over use would be detrimental to the ground. It was AGREED to offer to meet the Club to discuss its requirements.

A quotation had been received for 4 lights to achieve the recommended lighting level and another was awaited.

78.2. Damage to window. The kitchen window had been broken again. It was reluctantly AGREED to fit steel grilles to the window after it had been repaired.

79. CEMETERY

It was noted that one of the lych gates had become detached again.

80. CHURCHYARD

80.1. Damage to west wall. The Council's insurers had visited and photographed the wall. A further inspection might be needed before the claim was resolved.

80.2. Gate to Church Hall. Mr B Leggett was obtaining quotations for the gate on behalf of the Old Catton Society. The Chairman thanked Mr Leggett for undertaking this task.

81. CONTRACT TO CUT NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL'S GRASS VERGES

81.1. Norfolk County Council wished to delegate the function for another 3 subject to the same conditions. This was AGREED.

81.2. Quotations for verge cutting. Two quotations for 12 cuts had been received as follows:

The Garden Guardian	£2,182.03 plus VAT
Green as Grass	£5,875.00 plus VAT

It was noted that The Garden Guardian had carried out the contract since its inception very successfully. It was noted that the grass cuttings would not be picked up and were not required to be by the contract.

It was PROPOSED by Mr B Leggett and SECONDED by Miss P Wilkin that the contract be awarded to The Garden Guardian. AGREED.

82. LIST OF OUTSTANDING WORK

The list was reviewed.

83. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

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

84. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

84.1. Invitation to patrol with the Police. Members were asked to let the Clerk know if they wished to do this.

84.2. Invitation to 'Let's Talk Quality' event on 8th February 2006. This event was free but a deposit of £30.00 per person was required to secure a place; the deposit would be forfeited if anybody failed to attend. Miss P Wilkin, Mrs G Masdin, Mr K Leggett and the Clerk agreed to attend; other members would let the Clerk know if they wished to attend by 13th January 2006.

84.3. Invitation to the NCAPTC Spring Seminar on 7th March 2006, £25.00 per person. Members were asked to let the Clerk know if they wished to attend by 13th January 2006.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

Chairman 13th February 2006