

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,**  
**HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006,**  
**AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Mr K Leggett, Mrs G Masdin, Mr D Thompson,

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**108. SITE MEETING**

Two representatives of the Junior Football Club (JFC) and one of the neighbours had been invited to attend but they were not present. Members visited the potential sites for the JFC's storage unit. It was AGREED to recommend that it should be sited in the woods, approximately 5 feet into the woods and 5 feet from the fence to the South.

Members returned to The Pavilion.

**109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**110. PLANNING**

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

**111. MINUTES OF 13.3.2006**

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

**112. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

112.1. MUGA. All the sports groups had been asked to support the grant application for the MUGA. It had been discovered that the sizes of netball courts had been changed and that the existing netball courts could not be used. This strengthened the case for the MUGA but its size would have to be reviewed and possibly increased. The size would be checked and a new quotation sought, if necessary. This would delay a grant application.

112.2.Storage Unit for Junior Football Club. Mr M Vincent had checked the terms of the lease and changed parts of it. The lease was approved. It was AGREED that the annual fee for the site should be £50.00, with a review after 3 years. The Committee thanked Mr M Vincent for his time and expertise in formulating the lease. It was AGREED to discuss the need for and supply of electricity with the JFC. If the evening training was moved to Lavare Park the Unit would only be used during the hours of daylight.

112.3. JFC Five-a-side tournament, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The Chairman of the JFC had written about matters relating to this event. The matters were discussed and decisions made as follows, bearing in mind the Groundsman's advice –

- Extra pitch to enable girls to play. It was AGREED that this could be accommodated subject to reassurances that the facilities were suitable for girls. This pitch would be to the North of the Bowling Green.
- Roundabout fair ride. This had caused some serious and expensive damage to the ground in 2005 and the JFC asked if it could be used but in a different position. It was AGREED that the ride could be sited at the East side of the ground, outside the Cricket boundary circle, subject to the JFC agreeing to pay for any damage caused.
- Car parking at Lavare Park. The JFC asked if it could use Lavare Park as a car park with mini buses conveying participants to the Recreation Ground. This was NOT AGREED.

112.4. Mini Soccer pitch. The JFC badly needed a mini soccer pitch as the younger children could not play on full sized pitches. Scale drawings of the Recreation Ground were examined and two potential sites identified. The first would necessitate losing the Cricket Nets base and the second would only be possible if evening training did not take place at the Church Street Recreation Ground. It was AGREED to discuss this matter further with the JFC and the Groundsman.

112.5. Garrick Green entrance. It was noted that evidence indicated that the new railings had been used to climb to get in or out of the Recreation Ground. However, there had not been any complaints from the neighbours, who had approved the railings.

### **113. LAVARE PARK**

113.1. Floodlights for football training. The requirements of the JFC were still unclear and no progress had been made.

113.2. Request for football training during the Whitsun holidays. Mr A Nunn, one of the JFC trainers had written to ask if he might use the facilities at Lavare Park to train a group of 20 youngsters (aged 7- 9) for 2 hours a day during the half term holidays. This was AGREED subject to the training not taking place on the actual pitch and a charge of £10.00 for each session, to include the use of the Pavilion.

### **114. CEMETERY**

The main sign had been up rooted at the weekend. It would be stored until it could be suitably re-fixed.

### **115. CHURCHYARD**

115.1. Damage to west wall. It was understood from the Council's insurance company that an offer had been made to the owner of the wall.

115.2. Gate to Church Hall. The Clerk had met with the Churchwardens to discuss this; the Wardens were prepared to make the faculty application for the gates. If the new gates were wooden a faculty would not be necessary. However, until the situation with the proposed new entrance for maintenance vehicles at Garrick Green was resolved it was AGREED to leave final consideration of the gate to the Church Hall in abeyance.

115.3. Creation of a gate in chain link fence at Garrick Green. Replies from Norfolk County Council, Highways, and Broadland District Council's planning department were still awaited.

## **116. WOODHAM LEAS AMENITY LAND**

Members had visited the site and had varying opinions about the way to improve the use of the land. Unfortunately most of the stakes for the trees had been taken up during the last weekend. As there were insufficient funds available to create raised beds it was AGREED to re-stake the trees and to provide the 3 central trees with giraffe cages if this could be done at a reasonable cost.

## **117. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING WORK**

117.1. Request for additional street light at West Acre Drive. A solar powered light did not seem to be feasible. Discussions had taken place with EDF Energy to check its price for a supply of power and a site meeting was awaited.

117.2. It was noted that the path behind Garrick Green School, from Garrick Green to Players Way was also dark but it was thought that situation could be improved by changing the lamps and their fittings in 2 of the lights. A quotation would be obtained for the committee's consideration.

117.3. Notice boards. Provision had been made in the budget to replace another notice board. Members felt that the board at St Faiths Road should be replaced next; the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **118. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

118.1. Spixworth Road, Puffin Crossing. A detailed plan of the new crossing was examined. It was noted that the Old Catton Society opposed its site close to listed buildings. However, it was AGREED that the site was the only suitable site for the crossing and that safety considerations were paramount.

118.2. Lucerne Close, parking restrictions. There was no objection to the proposals for parking restrictions. It was understood that all the residents had been consulted, with 11 in favour and 2 failing to reply.

## **119. CORRESPONDENCE**

119.1. The attached list was noted.

119.2. Item 1. It was AGREED to site a doggy bin at St Faiths Road, on the way to the Cemetery if Norfolk County Council allowed it and Broadland District Council agreed to empty it.

## **120. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members noted with regret that Mrs Monica Coen would be leaving the Council's employ at the end of April, as she was leaving the area. Mrs Coen had worked at the Recreation Ground for just over 5 years and was very popular with all the Recreation Ground users and had served the Council well. It was AGREED that Miss P Wilkin would make a presentation to her at the conclusion of the Parish Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April. It was also AGREED that Miss P Wilkin should represent the Committee on the interview panel for a new Supervisor.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Chairman 10th April 2006