

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,**  
**HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006,**  
**AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman  
Mr C Green                      Mr B Leggett                      Mr K Leggett  
Mr D Thompson

**APOLOGIES:** Mr D Little, Mr A Lovett, Mrs G Masdin, Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr K Leggett and Mr D Thompson declared their interests as members of Broadland District Council's Planning Committee; they took no part in item 64.

**64. PLANNING**

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

**65. MINUTES OF 13.11.2006**

The minutes which had already been confirmed as a true record and adopted by the Parish Council were signed by the Chairman.

**66. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

66.1. MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).

The East of England Regional Assessment Panel had confirmed its support for the project and the application for a grant of £45,455 to Biffaward. A further application had to be submitted for the Biffaward panel to consider by mid January.

66.2. Embankment slide.

Mr M Vincent had written expressing his concern about the condition of the embankment slide, particularly the concrete mounting at the top of the slide. Although the condition of the concrete had been criticised at the last safety inspection the engineer had not suggested taking the slide out of use. Members were concerned about the condition of the slide and the difficulty in making it safe and it was AGREED to remove the slide and the embankment and level the ground. Replacement play equipment would be considered at a future time.

### 66.3. Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

It was noted that Broadland District Council had confirmed its up to date formula for provision of offsite recreation facilities. The amount that would be received from a developer who was not providing on-site facilities would vary between £3,511 per 1 bed roomed dwelling to £7,022 per home with 5 or more bedrooms. As an example the development for which planning consent was sought at Parkside Drive would provide £40,379. The money could only be spent on recreational facilities. It was AGREED that the committee should assess all the recreational facilities and plan additions or improvements. It was understood that any projects would need Broadland District Council's approval for the money to be released.

### 66.4. Disabled toilet.

Members considered and approved a plan for conversion of the existing ladies toilets submitted by the architect; the plan included a disabled toilet reached from the Recreation Ground via a ramp and alterations to provide 2 ladies cubicles with wash basins in a lobby; the lobby to be accessible from the Recreation Ground and also inside the Pavilion. It was AGREED to ask the architect to obtain 3 quotations for the work.

## **67. LAVARE PARK**

There was nothing to report.

## **68. CEMETERY**

There was nothing to report.

## **69. CHURCHYARD**

It was AGREED to renew the contract with the Garden Guardian for grass cutting the open areas for 2007 at a cost of £26 per cut, with 16 cuts planned.

## **70. HIGHWAYS GRASS VERGES**

It was AGREED to renew the contract with the Garden Guardian for 2007, with 10 cuts at £200 per cut. This was paid for by Norfolk County Council and organised by the Council as a delegated function.

## **71. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING WORK AND BUDGET FOR 2006/7**

The list was reviewed as follows:

War Memorial. It was AGREED that the lavender would last for another year and its replacement discussed at a future meeting.

Bus shelters. It was agreed to agenda the provision of another bus shelter, possibly at St Faiths Road, near its junction with Church Street for the next meeting.

Notice Boards. It was AGREED that the allowance in the budget should be used for a bus shelter, rather than a notice board.

## **72. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

The attached Child Protection Policy was AGREED.

## **73. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The Committee had been given delegated authority to act on behalf of the Council during December. The lists of payments and receipts on voucher numbers 385 to 455, with payments totalling £22,902.88 and receipts of £3,463.30 were AGREED and authorised for payment. It was noted that the lists included payment of wages for November and December 2006.

## **75. CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence was considered and discussed as follows:  
A complaint about the bus stop at Lodge Lane, near Priors Drive, being dark; it was AGREED to visit the area to see if the existing street lighting could be improved by new lanterns.

Broadland District Council, Norfolk County Council and Norwich City Council had all written about Norwich City's bids for unitary status, one of which included the fringe parishes as part of an enlarged Norwich City. The Chairman and Clerk had been invited to meetings with the City and County early in January and would report back to the Council.

## **76. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted with displeasure that the recycling areas at the car park adjacent to Somerfield were in need of attention, the bottle and cardboard banks were full, bags of bottles had been dumped in the area and there were quantities of cardboard in the hedges. Broadland District Council would be notified.

It was AGREED to include bus shelters and improvements to lighting at Lodge Lane in the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Chairman 8th January 2007