

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2006,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr C Green Mr B Leggett Mr K Leggett
Mr D Little Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin
Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously AGREED to elect Mr B Sabberton-Coe as Chairman and Mr C Green as Vice Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K Leggett and Mr D Thompson declared their personal interest as members of Broadland District Council's Planning Committee; they took no part in the discussion of planning applications.

3. PLANNING

The list of planning applications was considered and recommendations made to the Planning Authority, Broadland District Council, as noted on the attached list. Application 20060661 (67 Spixworth Road) was AGREED on a majority vote with five in favour of its approval and one against.

4. MINUTES OF 8.5.2006

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

5. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

5.1. MUGA. The size required for netball had been confirmed by Mrs Lincoln and a fresh quotation requested. It had been indicated that the cost would be nearly £50,000 to include an extension to the area, a suitable metal fence (which would cost less to maintain than the present system using wooden boards to strengthen a chain link fence) and floodlighting. It was hoped that major grant funding would be available.

It was noted, with concern, that the fence around the training area was in very poor repair and it was AGREED to take it down and dispose of it.

5.2. Netball training. It was AGREED to allow Internetball to hire the courts and pavilion for a total of 27 hours from 31st July to 4th August, inclusive. The charge had been set by the Finance and Policy Committee at £250.00.

5.3. Broadland Life. An approach had been made by Mrs Flack, of Broadland District Council, asking to hold the official launch of Broadland Life at the Recreation Ground on 9th September. The event would be cost neutral to the Council and would give an opportunity for a social event and for Village organisations to raise some funds. The event would probably take the form of a fete with music and a barbecue but would be discussed in more detail if progressed. It was AGREED unanimously and enthusiastically that the Recreation Ground could be used for this event.

5.4. Other matters. It was noted that the Junior Football Club's Five a side Tournament had been very well organised. The planning application for the JFC's storage unit would be submitted in the next few days when some photographs had been produced.

6. LAVARE PARK

It was AGREED to visit Lavare Park during the summer.

7. CHURCHYARD

7.1. Gate to Church Hall. As Norfolk County Council had been very firm in its opposition to the suggestion of a gate into Garrick Green it was necessary to keep the gate to the Church Hall as a double gate; Mr B Leggett would follow this up.

7.2. Purchase of new mower for the Churchyard. The purchase of a new mulching mower for the Churchyard was confirmed. This would be an additional mower as the existing mower had needed significant repairs, due to the heavy nature of its work, which impeded maintenance

8. WOODHAM LEAS AMENITY LAND

It was noted that the trees that had been planted were still looking well and had improved the area considerably.

9. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING WORK AND BUDGET FOR 2006/7

The list was reviewed. Mr B Leggett's offer to repair a pothole in the Village Hall Drive was gratefully accepted.

The matter of provision of toilet facilities for the disabled had been raised at Finance and Policy Committee. It was AGREED to inspect the toilets at the end of the meeting to see if it would be possible to create this facility within the existing building and to then consider making provision in the budget when it was considered in the Autumn.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1. The attached list was noted.

11. HIGHWAYS

It was noted that construction of the Puffin crossing at the planned area of Spixworth Road would begin on 24th July; the work would take up to 4 weeks.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1. Concern was expressed about the lack of a footway at Oak Lane, along the edge of Buttercup Meadow, as this would be a pedestrian route to Catton Park. It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council if this might be included in a programme of future work.

12.2. The problems caused by trees obscuring the street lights at St Faiths Road, near Catton Court, had been raised at the Parish Council meeting. Mr Arnott, the Parish Tree Warden, was checking on this and would report back.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

Chairman 10th July 2006