

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2006,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

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

APOLOGIES: Mr C Green, Mr B Leggett, Mrs G Masdin, Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

85. 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 86.

86. PLANNING

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

87. MINUTES OF 9.1.2006

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

88. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

88.1. MUGA. Another quotation had been received for a very similar amount to the quotation already received. It was noted that the first quote might need to be updated as some time had elapsed.

Two quotations to replace the four floodlights around the area had been received, a third was awaited.

Confidential details of the quotations are attached.

It was noted that nothing could be planned until funding had been obtained, at which time prices would be confirmed and updated if necessary. It was AGREED to submit a grant application to Wren and any other bodies who might help.

88.2. Storage Unit for Junior Football Club. Strong opposition to the idea of siting the unit in the wooded area had been voiced at the Parish Council meeting by a neighbour. It was AGREED to defer a decision pending a committee site inspection on 10th April. It was AGREED to invite the neighbour to this site inspection.

It was AGREED that planning permission was needed and should be applied for on behalf of the JFC. It was AGREED to keep the JFC informed and that it would need to pay the planning fee.

Members were given a copy of a draft lease to study before the next meeting.

88.3. Tree overhanging garden of 155 Spixworth Road. This neighbour had asked that the overhanging branches be dealt with. It was AGREED to look at these trees on 10th April but to tell the neighbour there was no objection to him cutting back the branches before then if he wished.

88.4. Garrick Green entrance. Mr C Green and Mr D Thompson had met the contractor and discussed methods of securing the gap between the new gate and the neighbours remaining fencing. The preferred method had been to fill the gap with steel railings that would be attached to the gate post and the fence post. The estimated cost of this was £350.00; the cost of chain link fencing and posts would have been similar. Mr M Vincent PROPOSED that the steel railings be used and an order placed for the work to be carried out as soon as possible. AGREED.

88.5. Woods, tree survey. Confidential details of the 3 written quotations received were considered. It was AGREED, subject to certain checks being carried out on all those quoting, to recommend that the Council accept the quotation from James Oxbury in the sum of £1500.00.

88. WOODHAM LEAS AMENITY LAND

The planting had again been delayed as all the trees were not yet available but was planned to begin on 2nd or 3rd March 2006.

89. LAVARE PARK

89.1. Floodlights for football training. Confidential quotations had been received from two contractors, a third was awaited. Norwich Airport had been consulted about using these lights near to its flight path. Subject to there being no objection from the Airport it was AGREED to apply to BIFFA and Broadland District Council for grants.

89.2. Enquiry from Broadland District Council about potential relocation of Wroxham Football Club. Broadland District Council had written to a number of parishes about potential sites which would include enabling housing development. The land around Lavare Park, which included the land managed by Brown and Co, was one of the sites being considered.

Members were surprised that Broadland District Council would consider this land as it had been very negative about a similar plan for the Council to enable football facilities to be extended for use by the Old Catton football club. It was AGREED to use this apparent new flexibility to promote the use of the land by the Council in conjunction with enabling development.

Members then considered and rejected the suggestion of Wroxham Football Club using the land as it was felt that the impact of non local traffic would be unacceptable.

90. CEMETERY

It was noted that one of the lych gates had been repaired again. A quotation to paint the lych gate structure was awaited.

91. CHURCHYARD

91.1. Damage to west wall. It was hoped the claim would be resolved in the near future.

91.2. Creation of a gate in chain link fence at Garrick Green. It had been suggested that an adequate access to the Churchyard could be made over the grassed area owned by a neighbour to enable the grounds staff to take a tractor and trailer into the Churchyard which would make removal of cuttings etcetera more convenient. The neighbour had offered the land to the Council if his legal fees were paid. A budget price for a gate was £500 to £550.00. The gate would be made of chain link fencing on a frame to look the same as the fence and would only be used for grounds maintenance and kept locked. Members agreed this was desirable.

It was AGREED to determine whether consent was needed from Norfolk County Council, Highways, or Broadland District Council's planning department and subject to this being obtained to go ahead with the acquisition of the land and the insertion of a gate.

92. NOTICE BOARDS AND BINS

The Old Catton Society had written again about the loss of an adequately sized notice board at Spixworth Road and asked to be consulted about the location of notice boards in future. The Society also mentioned the untidy state of the gas sub station at St Faiths Road and the need for a dog bin at St Faiths Road, north of the Cemetery.

It was AGREED to reply noting these comments and saying that the notice board situation at Spixworth Road would be reviewed when the success, or otherwise, of the Infoboard in the bus shelter had been judged. The Society would be asked if it wished to contribute to the cost of notice boards. The intention to renew existing sub-standard boards before providing new ones was confirmed. The exact siting of a potential dog bin near the Cemetery would be queried.

93. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

93.1. Spixworth Road. The results of Norfolk County Council's Traffic Safety Team's consideration were imminent and an interim message had been received. The Team was awaiting the results of laboratory tests.

93.2. Broken BT cover. The damage to this cover in the path at Spixworth Road would be reported to BT.

94. CORRESPONDENCE

94.1. The attached list was noted.

94.1. Item 1. A detailed reply would be sent, and would say that suitable sites for dog bins would be investigated.

94.2. Item 2. Members concurred with the reply already sent by the Clerk; it was hoped that Norfolk County Council would be able to reply more fully.

95. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was AGREED to ask BT to remove the graffiti from its equipment boxes at Spixworth Road.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Chairman 13th March 2006