

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 14TH AUGUST 2006,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr C Green Mr B Leggett Mr D Little
Mr A Lovett Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mrs G Masdin Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr A Lovett declared their personal interests in applications numbered 20061198 and 20061158 respectively; they took no part in the discussion of those planning applications.

24. PLANNING

Mr C Green took the Chair for discussion of item 20061198.

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

25. MINUTES OF 10.7.2006

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

26. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

26.1. MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). Some progress had been made with the grant application to Biffa, the most promising grant provider. A further two quotations were required and were awaited. It had been agreed with Broadland District Council that all 'profits' contributed by stall holders at the Community Celebration on 9th September would be dedicated to the MUGA project and this would be a feature of the grant application.

However, the Junior Football Club had agreed to provide the barbecue but wished to use its share of the profits to pay for the hard standing for its storage container as it did not expect to use the MUGA. Members felt that the JFC should contribute in the same way as other organisations (who would also not use the MUGA) and it was AGREED, by a majority vote with 4 in favour and one against, that the JFC would have to agree to pay half of its profits to the fund for the MUGA or alternative arrangements would be considered.

26.2. Disabled toilet. It was AGREED to obtain quotations for the design and supervision of this proposed project.

26.3. Showers. It was noted that the showers needed to be retiled and that their water supply was currently heated in two large cylinders by immersion heaters. It was felt that this was an expensive way to heat the water not relating to the actual use and that two instant electric showers would be more economical. It was AGREED to obtain quotations for the work and consider the matter again.

26.4. Engineer's report on play equipment. Details of the work required were considered and it was AGREED that the necessary work should be carried out and reported to the next meeting.

26.5. JFC's request for a mini soccer pitch. The JFC had supplied details of the pitch they desired. Members felt that the proposed site was inappropriate and declined to allow this. It was noted, however, that if the evening training were to cease, space could be provided for a mini soccer pitch.

26.6. Tree Survey. Members were given copies of the tree survey and recommended work. It was AGREED to obtain quotations to carry out the work for consideration at a future meeting. It was thought that, if necessary, the work could be carried out in stages as funds permitted.

Correspondence had been received from a neighbour in Woodland Drive setting out reasons for his objection to what he thought might be planned for the wooded area. In reply it had been explained that residents would be kept informed of any plans.

26.7. Launch of Broadland Life. It was AGREED that an attraction with securely caged ferrets could be included.

27. LAVARE PARK

27.1. Fence around play area. This fence had been damaged again and some members had visited the park to see the damage. It was AGREED, in principle, that a lower fence would be more appropriate as it would not be used as a goal and balls could be retrieved without damage. It was AGREED to repair the south side fence and lower the eastern fence at the present time.

27.2. Land adjacent to Lavare Park. Brown and Co, the agents for the land owners wished to meet with members to discuss their plans for the land before it was submitted for planning consent. It was AGREED to arrange a meeting.

27.3. JFC's request for a mini soccer pitch. Again the JFC had submitted plans and a request for a mini soccer pitch, next to the main pitch. This would mean reducing the width of the main pitch, and the Club had been asked to check with its men's' team that the main pitch would continue to be adequate. It was AGREED that this mini soccer pitch could be provided.

28. CEMETERY

It was reported that the signs had been fixed to the lych gate.

29. CHURCHYARD

29.1. Gate to Church Hall. It was noted that plans for this gate and the land next to Garrick Green had been delayed until a new Vicar was in post.

30. STREET LIGHTING

A list of the street lights in detached footways was reviewed. It was AGREED that the standard of lighting in the footways between Garrick Green and Players Way, and Wrenningham Road and Spixworth Road was poor. It was AGREED to change the lanterns on the first two lights to the 70 son lights and to reduce the height of the columns to 4 metres so they could be maintained safely. The light at Wrenningham Road would also be changed, if necessary, following an inspection in the hours of darkness.

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

The list was reviewed and the following noted –

Notice boards. The new notice board had been fixed at St Faiths Road. It was AGREED to allow the Parochial Church Council and the Old Catton Society to use the locked section of this and the other new board, in Norman drive, in order to make optimum use of the boards.

32. HIGHWAYS

- 32.2. Footpath at Oak Lane. It was noted that Norfolk County Council had not agreed to provide another footpath at Oak Lane to provide safer pedestrian access to Catton Park.
- 32.3. It was noted that some preparatory work would be carried out during August for the Puffin Crossing at Spixworth Road; the work would be completed during half term holidays in October. Norfolk County Council had asked to use the Recreation Ground car park for a site hut; this was AGREED. The contractors would be asked to smooth the hump at the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Chairman 11th September 2006