

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MARCH, 2007,
AT 7.30 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mrs G Masdin – Chairman
Mrs A Chandler Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr M Vincent Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Riches, Mr D Thompson, Mrs J Williams

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

60. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8.2.2007

The minutes, which had already been confirmed and adopted by the Council, were signed by the Chairman.

61. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 56. Generation of additional income. It was noted that income was generated by bottle banks, although it had already been agreed that these should not be positioned at either Recreation Ground. It was AGREED to ask the landlord of The Woodman public house if a bank might be sited there.

Minute 57.2. Mrs G Masdin reported on the NCAPTC Spring Seminar that she and the Clerk had attended that day.

62. FINANCE, CHEQUES, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

62.1. The attached list of vouchers numbered 517 to 562, with payments totalling £10,279.99 and receipts of £480.40 were approved and the comparison with the budget for 2006/7 noted. The bank reconciliation as at 26.2.2007 was noted.

63. STAFF TRAINING, CONTINUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that a procedure for making continued training a feature of the Clerk's contract was being discussed by NALC and SLCC and it was a feature of the Quality scheme. It was AGREED that the Clerk should attend suitable training courses within the budgetary allowance and with the agreement of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. It was noted that training for new and established councillors was also desirable.

64. PROCEDURES

There was considerable discussion about Mr M Vincent's suggestion that non members of a committee should be able to attend a committee and take part in the discussion of an item they were particularly interested in.

It was, however, generally agreed that the proper time for this discussion to take place was at the full Council meeting when a committee's recommendations were confirmed, or not. To clarify this procedure it was AGREED that a member who wished for a particular item to be discussed more fully by the whole Council should contact the Clerk and ask for that item to be specifically noted on the Parish Council agenda for a fuller discussion.

65. SCHEME FOR AWARD FOR SERVICE

This had been suggested by a resident and the Committee had agreed to discuss it. It was felt that such a scheme would be difficult to operate and that residents who carried out good service for the community often preferred to be anonymous. It was AGREED to suggest to the resident that he might consider sponsoring a scheme for local schools to encourage good citizenship.

66. CORRESPONDENCE

66.1. The attached list was received and discussed.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman, 12.4.2007