

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY, 2007,
AT 7.30 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mrs A Chandler – Chairman
Mrs A Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr D Thompson
Mr M Vincent Mrs J Williams

APOLOGIES: Mrs G Masdin, Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr D Thompson declared his interest in the Norwich Fringe Project as they had carried out work at Catton Park. There were no other declarations of interest.

44. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9.11.2006

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

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

45.1. The attached list of vouchers numbered 456 to 482, with payments totalling £2,927.54 and receipts of £3,449.10 were approved and the comparison with the budget for 2006/7 noted, also the bank reconciliation as at 5.1.2007

45. VIREMENT OF BUDGET ALLOWANCES

It was AGREED to vire £2,500.00 which would be unspent in the current financial year from the Administration budget and £2,000.00 from Contingencies to Major Works at the Recreation Ground.

46. AUDIT REPORTS

Copies of the Interim Internal Audit Report had been circulated and were received and noted. No problems had been identified. It was AGREED to review the action taken or yet to be taken as a result of the Internal Audit Report of the year ending 31.3.2006 at the next meeting.

The Audit Commission had completed the external audit of the year ending 31.3.2006 and approved the Statement of Accounts. The appropriate notice had been displayed in the notice board.

47. NORWICH CITY COUNCIL'S BIDS FOR UNITARY STATUS

The Chairman and Clerk had been invited to and attended a presentation by the City Council which had outlined the details of its bids for unitary status. One bid related to the existing boundaries and the other included the area of greater Norwich including the fringe parishes. The Chairman, Clerk and Mr M Vincent had attended an event organised by Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council which opposed the City Council's bids.

The meeting discussed the relevant factors in detail and came to the conclusion that a unitary Norwich City, with or without the fringe parishes would not be beneficial to Old Catton. Members were concerned that the views of the whole Council should be relayed to the Secretary of State in good time. It was AGREED to check on the arrangements for consultation and if necessary to arrange a special council meeting.

48. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was received and discussed.

It was AGREED to make a donation of £100.00 under section 137 of the Local Government Act to the Norwich Fringe Project. Mr D Thompson left the room while this item was discussed.

49. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 49.1. It was AGREED to discuss Recreation Grounds hire charges and Cemetery fees at the next meeting.
- 49.2. It was proposed by Mr M Vincent that the Council should look at ways to generate additional income. It was AGREED to agenda this for the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman, 8.2.2007