

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 24th MAY 2007
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe - Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mrs A Chandler Mr C Green
Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin Mr B Palmer
Mrs J Williams

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES for absence were accepted from Mr B Leggett, Mrs A Riches, Mr D Thompson, Mr M Vincent and Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr B Sabberton-Coe declared his personal interest in the Catton Park Trust.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 26.4.2007 AND 11.5.2007

The minutes, which had been circulated, were confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1. Minute 82.1. Broadland District Council had informed the council of its intention to remove the kicking wall from the Priors Drive amenity and and to replace it with two open goal posts, it would not be making a bye law to prohibit ball games.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

The meeting resumed.

7. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

7.1. Mr A Lovett PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2007. AGREED.

7.2. Matters arising from minutes. Minute 10.2. It was noted that Norfolk County Council had trimmed back the hedge at the junction of Oak Lane with Chartwell Road.

7.2. Payments and receipts. The lists, which had been approved by the Committee was AGREED.

8. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

It was AGREED to support Norfolk County Council's proposals to implement 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) at Burma Road, near its junction with Spixworth Road, around a green area near 147/185 The Paddocks and outside 57 Spixworth Road. It was not AGREED that the restriction should continue outside 59 Spixworth Road.

9. RESPONSE TO NORWICH CITY COUNCIL'S BID FOR UNITARY STATUS

The Council had already sent its objection to the Minister for State but needed to respond again during the official consultation period. It was noted that individual local councils had not been consulted directly although the Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils (NCAPTC) had been consulted on behalf of all Norfolk parish and town councils.

Mr J Arnott, Mr B Palmer and the Clerk had attended a presentation by the City Council, organised by the NCAPTC, the previous evening and members would attend a similar event with presentations by Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council and South Norfolk District Council on 31st May. In answer to a question the City representatives had indicated their enthusiasm for the City to be parished where appropriate and to create close links with existing Parish Councils.

It was noted that, although the minister had indicated that a bid would not be considered on extended boundaries, it was clear that the City Council would apply to the Boundary Committee for extended boundaries at a later date, if its initial application was successful.

It was AGREED to send a letter expressing the Council's strong objections to the City Council's bid to the Unitary Structures Consultation Team

10. DELEGATION TO FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

It was AGREED to delegate authority to act on behalf of the Council to the Finance and Policy Committee during the month of June 2007.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Chandler reported that the Management Committee wished to replace the heating system and would be asking the Parish Council for its support. Fund raising was being 'stepped up'; there would be a coffee morning on 7th July and a Quiz Evening on 13th October 2007. It had been pointed out that the Hall Drive, which was the responsibility of the Parish Council, was in urgent need of repair.

It was agreed that this would be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting and quotations obtained. It was also agreed that consideration would be given to arranging a meeting with the other property owners who used the Hall Drive with a view to involving them in the maintenance of the Hall Drive.

12. CATTON PARK

Mr K Leggett had sent a written report on current work in the Park.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

Chairman, 26th July 2007