

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mr D Thompson - Chairman  
Mrs A Chandler      Mr C Green              Mr B Leggett  
Mr A Lovett          Mrs G Masdin            Mr B Palmer  
Mrs A Riches        Miss P Wilkin            Mrs J Williams

4 members of the public

**APOLOGIES** for absence were accepted from Mr J Arnott, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr M Vincent. It was noted that Mr Arnott was with the Red Cross working with flood victims in the West country.

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr. D Thompson declared his personal interest in the Catton Park Trust.

**14. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 24.5.2007**

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

**15. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

15.1. Minute 9. Norwich City Council's bid for unitary status. A copy of the letter to the City Council from the department of Communities and Local Government was circulated to members. The City Council's bid was likely to be approved following a successful boundary review.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

The meeting resumed.

**16. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

16.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 14.6.2007. **AGREED.**

16.2. Accounts of the year ending 31.3.2007. The accounts had already been discussed by the Committee and had been audited during the day. It was PROPOSED by Mrs G Masdin and SECONDED by Mrs A Riches that the accounts be agreed and adopted. AGREED.

## **17. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

17.1. Mr C Green PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meetings of 11.6.2007 and 9.7.2007. AGREED.

### 17.2. Matters arising from minutes.

Minute 12.2. Car park at The Paddocks. The property company which owned the site had been advised, in strong terms, that the state of the car park area was unacceptable and a meeting suggested. This would be pursued.

Minute 12.1. War Memorial. The British Legion had not responded to the letter asking that the wreaths be removed. It was AGREED that the Council should remove them.

Minute 21. Junior Football Club. It was noted that the Club had failed to move its storage unit by the date agreed. It had been planned to move it during the forthcoming weekend but the ground was too wet. The meeting was very disappointed by the Club's failure to fulfill its undertaking.

17.3. Village Hall Drive, resurfacing. It had not been possible to obtain two comparable quotations and it was AGREED to accept Anglia Roadways' quotation, the specification for which was approved, in the sum of £4,080.00 and to arrange for the work to be carried out during the school holidays. Enquiries had been made about the use of the Hall Drive by its residents but their use was minimal compared with the traffic visiting the Village Hall; it was therefore AGREED not to seek a contribution from the neighbours.

17.4. Multi Use Games Area. Approval of the £45,545 grant from Biffaward was anticipated. It was PROPOSED by Mr C Green and SECONDED by Mr A Lovett that the grant be accepted and the Planning and Property Committee authorised to place an order for the work as soon as the grant was confirmed. AGREED.

17.5. Payments and receipts. The Planning and Property Committee had checked the payments as the Finance and Policy Committee had not met during July. It was PROPOSED by Mrs G Masdin that the payments listed with vouchers numbered 130 to 173, totaling £8,635.73 and receipts of £2,316.54 be authorised. AGREED.

## **18. REPORT OF AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr A Lovett gave a comprehensive report of the meeting of 18.6.2007. It was noted that a report on environmental issues had been commissioned.

## **19. REPORT OF MEETING WITH FIRST BUSES**

Mr B Palmer and Mr J Arnott had met with the new managing director of First Buses and enjoyed a positive discussion.

## **20. REPORT OF VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mrs Masdin reported on the new officers elected at the AGM and on the recent successful coffee morning.

## **21. CATTON PARK**

Mr D Thompson reported on current work in the Park and on a fund raising initiative. It was hoped to officially open the park in October.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2007