

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 6.30 PM ON MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2007,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Leggett
Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

39. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13.8.2007

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

40. PLANNING

No planning applications had been received. It was noted that an appeal had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate for the change of use and the proposed extraction system at 10 Dixons Fold. The objections the Council had already made would be taken into account.

41. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

41.1. MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).

Following Council approval the grant offer from Biffaward had been accepted and an order placed with Adventure Playgrounds.

It was AGREED to take away the fence of the tennis court which was a very short distance from the planned new MUGA fence and to resurface the tennis courts while the MUGA contractors were on site.

41.2. Floodlights.

The new floodlights in the MUGA would be at the sides of the MUGA, as at present, and could not be used to add lights for the grassed area. The cost to provide 2 new floodlights for the grassed area would be about £1,400.00. It was AGREED to retain the existing lighting for the grassed area as it was hoped that floodlit training would be moving to Lavare Park if the park was extended. It was understood there would be a cost to separate the electrical supply to the floodlights being retained from the floodlights being replaced.

41.3. Consultation on new play equipment.

A report of the numbers of children voting and the costs of the proposed new equipment was received. It was agreed to obtain confirmation of the costs of different types of safety surfacing. It was AGREED to consider a more detailed report in October before a recommendation was made to the Council.

41.4. Accessible toilet.

An application for a grant for the full cost of the work had been submitted to COMMA, the success or otherwise of the application should be known in 6 weeks.

41.5. Football matters.

i) Storage unit. Members were pleased to note that the unit had been painted on 30th and 31st August.

ii) Request for a mini soccer pitch. This request had been refused in 2006 because there was not enough room for such a pitch. It was noted that current planning guidance was that there should be a buffer zone of at least 30 metres between a football pitch and housing; this could not be achieved.

iii) Request to extend playing season. Members were concerned that the arrangements made by the junior football league were so haphazard and felt the Junior Football Club should approach the league organisers with a view to fitting fixtures in within the regular season.

iv) Advertisement for recruitment of girls. A recruitment and taster session for girl players was being advertised at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the Council's approval for this event should have been sought prior to placing the advertisements.

42. LAVARE PARK

42.1. Planning application for the adjacent land. It was AGREED that the additional land should be used to provide an additional full sized football pitch and another 2 mini soccer pitches and the provisional positioning of the pitches was AGREED. Mr D Thompson and the Clerk had met with planning officers and the applicants and discussed aspects of the application. As already mentioned a 30 metre buffer zone was required between the football pitches and housing; it was AGREED that 20 metres of this could be provided in the extended park (the applicants would provide the other 10 metres by rearranging the housing site layout). Mr Arnott had already discussed a tree planting scheme which could be carried out in the buffer zone. There would be a requirement for soakaway surface water drainage from the housing site and it was AGREED that this could be within the buffer zone in the Council's land with an agreement that it was maintained by either the applicant or one of the public bodies.

43. REVIEW OF WORK CARRIED OUT OR OUTSTANDING

43.1. The list was reviewed.

43.2. It was AGREED to discuss a sum for additional tree works at the Recreation Ground at the next meeting.

43.3. Broadland District Council's Conservation Officer had agreed that a bus shelter could be sited at St Faiths Road, between its junctions with Church Street and Garrick Green, and suggested that it be sited near the electricity sub station rather than the listed flint wall. It was AGREED to progress this by seeking the permission of the Highway Authority and applying for the 80% grant.

44. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was noted that work had begun on the Toucan Crossing at Spixworth Road.

It was felt that many of the roads and paths in the Village were in need of attention. It was AGREED that members would note details of specific areas. It was also AGREED to invite an officer of Norfolk County Council to attend a meeting to discuss the forward programme for minor works and the areas noted.

At 7.30 pm it was AGREED to adjourn the meeting to meet with officers of the Old Catton Junior Football Club.

Following the adjournment the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Chairman, 8.10.2007