

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2007,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Leggett
Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Planning Application 20071271. Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr A Lovett declared personal interests (as they knew the applicant) and took no part in discussion or voting.

Planning Application 20071229. Mr B Sabberton-Coe, Mrs G Masdin and Miss P Wilkin declared personal interests (as they the immediate neighbour) and Mr A Lovett and Miss P Wilkin declared personal interests (as they knew the applicant), they took no part in discussion or voting.

46. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3.9.2007

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

47. PLANNING

Application 20071229. Although 4 members had declared an interest there were sufficient members (3) to form a quorum to discuss the application.

Recommendations made are detailed on the attached list.

48. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

48.1. MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).

It was AGREED to continue to include the additional practice area outside the fenced area.

It was noted that the layover type of floodlights were no longer available and that it would be necessary to hire suitable plant and a contractor to change lamps on regular columns; it was anticipated this would be needed perhaps every 5 years. It was AGREED to proceed with conventional columns and to order protective guards for the lanterns to protect the lamps.

48.2. Tennis Courts.

The cost to resurface the tennis courts would be about £10,000 if the work was carried out while contractors were on site surfacing the MUGA. Once the MUGA had been fenced it would be impractical to resurface the courts at a later date. It was AGREED to place an order with Adventure Playgrounds to resurface the tennis courts, the cost to be met from the S106 funds.

48.3. New play equipment.

The attached report on the cost of the proposed new equipment was considered which included additional costs for wet pour surfacing under the equipment for younger children. The additional cost for wet pour was nearly £5,000 and the estimated cost of resurfacing the tennis courts was significantly more than had been budgeted, therefore it was agreed to defer the purchase of the Climbing Boulder for the time being.

It was AGREED to order the Devils Island and Bravo Modular Unit from SMP Playgrounds at a cost of £20,594.98 and the Fire Truck from Adventure Playgrounds at a cost of £14,847, subject to Council approval.

Broadland District Council would be asked to approve this expenditure and a contribution of about 30% of capital cost to an earmarked reserve to maintain the equipment from the S106 funding it was holding.

48.4. Accessible toilet.

There was no news of the success, or otherwise, of the grant application.

48.5. Tree works.

It was AGREED to allocate a sum of £2,000.00 in the current financial year, from the S106 money, to continue to maintain and improve the wooded area.

48.6. Request by Junior Football Club to hold its Presentation Events on Council premises.

Members considered a letter asking if the Recreation Ground might be used for these events which would take place on a Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening in May. The Club intended to hire the inflatable dome that had been used at the launch of Broadland Life; there would be a disco, caterers, beer tent, and additional toilets would be hired. The Church Street Recreation Ground was the preferred venue.

Members felt that the close proximity of neighbours to the Church Street Recreation Ground, as well as the regular Saturday booking for cricket, made the venue unsuitable. It was AGREED to offer the Club the use of Lavare Park for the events; the charge would be set by the Finance and Policy Committee.

49. LAVARE PARK

49.1. Planning application for the adjacent land. A revised plan incorporating the matters discussed at the last meeting was AGREED. The number of houses proposed had been reduced to 40. It was understood that a sum would be payable under S106 to provide for extending the facilities at Lavare Park.

50. BUS SHELTER

Members had visited the site at St Faiths Road, near its junction with Garrick Green, to see if it was appropriate to site a bus shelter near the sub-station rather than near the listed flint wall. It was AGREED that a site adjacent to the sub-station would not be suitable as it was too far away from the bus stop, too close to the junction and the site was impeded by green junction boxes and gates into the sub-station. It was AGREED to investigate different styles of shelter and to ask Broadland District Council's Conservation Officer to review his reluctance to approve a shelter adjacent to the flint wall.

51. REVIEW OF WORK CARRIED OUT OR OUTSTANDING

51.1. The list was reviewed, members were enthusiastic about the idea of improving the entrance to the Recreation Ground by providing new gates and defining parking areas.

52. HIGHWAY MATTERS

52.1. It was noted that various signs had been damaged or were not working.

52.2. The dog poo bin at the corner of Buttercup Meadow was leaning and needed a new post. Broadland District Council had given advice about the sharing of responsibilities for dog poo bins and that it would cost about £50 to replace the post. It was AGREED to replace the post.

53. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was considered. It was AGREED that the Clerk should attend the Larger Councils meeting on 11.10.2007, at Downham Market, as the subject was Risk Management.

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

Chairman, 12.11.2007