

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2007,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr B Leggett Mr C Green
Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin Miss P Wilkin
Mr D Thompson (after item 16)

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting,

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12.6.2007

The minutes of the meeting of 12.6.2007 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

15. PLANNING

The list of planning applications was considered and recommendations made to the Planning Authority, Broadland District Council, as noted on the attached list.

16. APPLICATION FOR LAND AT SPIXWORTH ROAD, ADJACENT TO LAVARE PARK

Brown and Co had submitted the plans to Broadland and the Council had already agreed them, in principle, including the arrangements to be made for the land which would be given to the Council. It was AGREED to support the application in the most supportive terms.

17. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

17.1. MUGA.

Notification of the success of the grant application to Biffaward had been delayed again.

17.2. Furniture for the meeting room.

It was AGREED to buy 2 new tables, as the 2 yellow ones were in a poor state of repair and some new chairs.

17.5. New play equipment.

Schemes for new play equipment had been submitted by 4 companies and the meeting AGREED that all but 1 scheme were suitable and should be displayed for consultation with the local children.

17.6. Wooded area.

It was AGREED to ask James Oxbury to specify and quote for some additional work to further improve the area.

18. LAVARE PARK

It was noted that vandals had damaged some roof tiles and demolished the guttering at the back of the pavilion. The repairs had cost £230.00. Subsequently one of the Supervisors had found a group of youths climbing on the roof and had obtained their names and addresses. The Police were reluctant to act as the youths had not been seen actually carrying out the damage. It was AGREED to write to the parents of the youths asking if their sons were responsible, and if so, to pay for the damage.

19. USE OF S106 MONEY

It was AGREED to ask Broadland District Council if the money might be used in accordance with the attached confidential report.

20. CEMETERY

Mr Lovett and Mr Thompson had visited the Cemetery and made the following recommendations –

- Gate in Lych gate – replace hinges, paint with undercoat and gloss, fit new bolt stop, and wooden stops, paint metal straps in wall where hinges fit
- Treat the wooden parts of the structure with Sadolins
- Fit an additional litter bin near the car park
- Shorten and cut back the roadside hedge near the entrance to improve visibility

It was AGREED to implement all these suggestions from the existing budget.

21. REVIEW OF MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Members were very disappointed that the storage unit had not been moved within the timescale agreed.

Copies of e mail correspondence with Dr Gibson's office were circulated. A representative of the Junior Football Club (JFC) had complained to Dr Gibson that the Council had frequently cancelled matches and that this was causing concern about the future of the JFC. Dr Gibson's office had been informed that this had not been the case and that any problems with the JFC were domestic and that mediation was not required.

It was AGREED to obtain a quotation for renovation work to be carried out at Lavare Park for the JFC's consideration if the Club wished to extend the season there.

It was AGREED to ask to meet the JFC again on 13th August and to impose a strict agenda for discussion.

22. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The Committee had been delegated to authorise payments, these were read out and AGREED, the printed lists would be available for the Council meeting.

23. VILLAGE HALL DRIVE

An order had been given to fill the pothole at the gate but the contractor had failed to do so. The quotation to resurface the whole drive would be considered at the Council meeting and the work arranged during the school holidays when the Village Hall was not in use.

24. STAFF MATTERS

It was noted that Mark Brown, Recreation Ground Supervisor, had been helping out with grass cutting at Lavare Park and at the Churchyard in addition to his usual duties.

25. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Various problems would be reported to Norfolk County Council or neighbouring property owners.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence would be available at the Council meeting.

27. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was AGREED to write to the Planning Officer at Broadland District Council expressing the Council's surprise and disappointment that it had not been consulted about the planning application for change of use for the shop at North Walsham Road as it was adjacent to the parish boundary and of some interest.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

Chairman 13th August 2007