

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 10th DECEMBER 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.

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

64. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10.11.2007

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

65. PLANNING

Recommendations made are detailed on the attached list.

66. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

66.1. MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and tennis courts.

Work had progressed well, despite the wet weather. It was intended that the MUGA would be in use for the Christmas holidays.

66.2. Official 'opening' of MUGA

It was AGREED to hold this during February, if possible. The choice of a suitable 'celebrity, to perform the official opening was discussed; it was AGREED to ask Helene Lincoln to do this and the Thoroughbreds netball club to give a demonstration. The whole Village would be invited and tea served.

66.3. Site for 'Vertigo Street'

Members had revisited the proposed site and it was AGREED that this was the most suitable site and sufficiently distant from properties in Woodland Drive.

66.4. Vacuum cleaner. It was AGREED to buy a heavy duty cleaner.

66.5. Car Park lighting

The old light was unreliable and gave a poor light. T T Jones Electrical had quoted to replace it with 6 metre galvanised column, fitted with a 1 metre bracket and Philips 60 w Iridium lantern, photo cell and time clock control for the sum of £899.00, plus VAT. The cost to remove and dispose of the old column would be £249.00, plus VAT. It was AGREED to put the work in hand as soon as possible.

66.6. State of the grounds

It was noted that, due to wet weather and inappropriate play, the ground had been deemed unfit for training or matches during the weekend. An officer of the Junior Football Club and parents had been dissatisfied with this decision. It was known that two adjacent parish councils had also cancelled football for the same reasons.

66.7. Disposal of obsolete equipment

It was AGREED to sell a 'spiker' which was not used, or suitable for use, to Ben Burgess for £350.00.

66.8. Inspection of play equipment

It was AGREED to carry out all the work required by the inspector.

66.9. Entrance driveway and gates

Mr B Sabberton-Coe had recently met with the head teacher and had since received a letter outlining the school's concerns about the safety of its children. It was known that the school had altered one of the entry routes for children. Parents collecting and dropping off children were parking at both sides of the drive, which was considered to be endangering children. The head asked that the council arrange for the barrier at the path edge near the entrance to Blacksmiths Way be extended and that a pedestrian gate be created in the Recreation Ground driveway.

It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council to extend the barrier, although it was felt the school should also use its influence.

It was AGREED to inform the head that the Council was considering a scheme to improve the driveway and entrance to the Recreation Ground but had no funds to do at the present time; the school would be consulted and asked if it wished to contribute.

It was also AGREED to suggest that the school write to parents about the safety issues associated with their parking at the Recreation Ground.

67. LAVARE PARK

67.1. Planning application for the adjacent land.

Unfortunately there had been some delays as a result of the tree survey and the planning application would not be decided until the New Year.

67.2. Damage to pitch

It was noted that motor bicycles had damaged the pitch. The PCSOs had been asked to give the park some attention.

68. REQUEST TO PLANT TREES IN HIGHWAYS VERGE AT WOODLAND DRIVE

A resident had asked that this be considered. Norfolk County Council would allow this subject to the Council entering into an agreement to maintain the trees and be responsible for them. This suggestion was discussed and it was AGREED that the liability would be prohibitive. It was noted that the Council

took the matter of trees and the environment seriously but were able to plant and care for significant numbers of trees at the Recreation Grounds and amenity land.

69. REVIEW OF WORK CARRIED OUT OR OUTSTANDING

69.1. The list was reviewed.

69.2. Cemetery. It was AGREED to plan a scheme to improve the 'roundabout' in 2008.

70. HIGHWAY MATTERS

70.1. It was AGREED to ask the 'leaf hit squad' to clean the leaves between 57 and The Maids Head at Spixworth Road, where vehicles were parked.

70.2. Mr Steve White, an officer from Norfolk County Council's Department of Planning and Transportation was prepared to attend a meeting. It was AGREED to ask him to attend an informal meeting at 6.30 pm, prior to the Planning and Property Committee meeting on 11th February 2008.

71. CORRESPONDENCE

71.1. The correspondence list was read.

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

Chairman, 14.1.2008