

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2007,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Lovett Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

55. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8.10.2007

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

56. PLANNING

Recommendations made are detailed on the attached list. It was AGREED to defer a decision on application 20071506 until members had visited the site.

57. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

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

Work on the new floodlights was in progress. The construction of the MUGA was planned to begin on 26th November. A firm quotation to resurface and reline the tennis courts in the sum of £13,161 was accepted.

57.2. Hire of Tennis Courts.

Ms Hope's application to hire the tennis courts for a new tennis club on a Tuesday evening from May through to September was AGREED.

57.3. Unauthorised use of Recreation Ground by the Middle School.

On 2nd November a county wide cross country running event had been organised by the school using the Recreation Ground. This had caused a problem for the contractor digging trenches for the lighting cables for the MUGA. It was AGREED to write to the Head Teacher expressing the Council's concern that the event had been organised without consultation or consent.

57.4. Tree works.

Mr J Arnott PROPOSED that James Oxbury's quotation in the sum of £2,150 to carry out the tree works be accepted. It was AGREED to appoint Mr Oxbury and not obtain any other quotations as the work was a continuation of the scheme already carried out as a result of competitive tendering.

It was AGREED that Mr J Arnott would oversee the works in his capacity as Parish Tree Warden.

57.5. Accessible toilet.

The grant application to COMMA had not been successful and it was unlikely that any other grant making body would favour the scheme. Broadland District Council had indicated that it would consider this a suitable project for Section 106 funding. It was AGREED to defer the project for the time being as more S106 funding was anticipated in the future.

57.6. New play equipment.

Residents of Woodland Drive, whose property shared a long boundary with the Recreation Ground had written expressing their concern about the proposed new play equipment for older children that would be sited near the wooded area. Members discussed the letter fully and AGREED to visit the site proposed for 'Vertigo Street' before replying to the letter.

It was noted that the equipment had been ordered and the site approved by Broadland District Council.

It was AGREED to pursue the use of a direct phone line to local police officers or the Police Community Support Officers as the system of contacting them via Police Headquarters at Wymondham was unsatisfactory.

58. LAVARE PARK

58.1. Planning application for the adjacent land.

Unfortunately there had been some delays and the planning application would not be decided until the New Year.

58.2. Football training.

It was AGREED to allow Saturday football training to continue at Lavare Park.

59. BUS SHELTER

Broadland District Council's Conservation Officer had withdrawn his objection to siting a bus shelter near the flint wall at St Faiths Road, near its junction with Church Street. Members AGREED to install a 3 bay Arun Queensbury shelter, to match those already in the Village, at a cost of £4,543, subject to obtaining a grant (expected to be of 65% to 75% of the cost) from Norfolk County Council.

60. REVIEW OF WORK CARRIED OUT OR OUTSTANDING

60.1. The list was reviewed. Members were very appreciative of Mr B Leggett's work to repair the notice board at Church Street and clearing vegetation from the board at Dixons Fold and gratefully accepted his offer to also repair the board at The Paddocks.

61. HIGHWAY MATTERS

61.1. It was noted that 20 mph signs near the school were obscured by green algae and that there were still nettles and an overgrowing hedge near the bus stop at St Faiths Road, near the Hall School. Norfolk County Council would be asked to deal with these matters. It was noted that the new Toucan crossing at Spixworth Road, near Lavare Park, was in use.

61.2. The decision to invite an officer from Norfolk County Council to a meeting to discuss issues and concerns about highways was discussed again. It was AGREED that members would list the specific areas they wished to discuss and to invite an officer to a meeting in the New Year.

62. CORRESPONDENCE

62.1. The attached list was considered.

62.2. It was AGREED to discuss Norfolk County Council's bid for unitary status at the next Parish Council meeting.

62.3. It was AGREED that Mr J Arnott, Mr C Green, Mr B Leggett and Mr B Sabberton-Coe would attend the NCAPTC Area meeting on 5.12.2007 when the topic would be 'Understanding the Planning System'.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Chairman, 10.12.2007