

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 6.30 PM ON MONDAY 13TH AUGUST 2007,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

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

APOLOGIES: Mr B Leggett Mr A Lovett

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr D Thompson declared his personal interest as a member of Broadland District Council's Planning Committee; he took no part in the discussion of item 30. Mrs Masdin and Miss Wilkin declared their interests in planning applications 20071041 and 20070958, respectively, and left the room while those applications were discussed.

29. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9.7.2007

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

30. PLANNING

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

31. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

31.1. MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).

Notification of the success of the grant application to Biffaward was expected after 15.8.07; it was AGREED to make a decision about awarding a contract to the successful company at the Council meeting on 23rd August, if the grant had been confirmed.

31.2. Floodlights.

Members considered the future of the existing floodlights used for evening football training on the grass. All the existing floodlights were in poor condition; new floodlights were a feature of the MUGA but would not light the grass. Restricting evening training to the MUGA was considered as well as adding additional new lights for the grassed area. It was AGREED to investigate the possibility of adapting the new floodlights in the MUGA and the cost of doing so and to discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

31.3. Consultation on new play equipment.

The numbers of children voting for the proposed new equipment were reported; the consultation would continue during the school holidays and then a full report of preferences and prices considered.

31.4. Bowling Green.

It was noted that the bowling green was still underused, despite efforts to recruit an additional club to play there. This meant that the costs of maintaining the green were heavy in relation to the income received and the use derived. It was AGREED that it was important to retain the bowling green and to advertise its availability in the local press.

31.5. Football storage unit.

It had been hoped that the representatives of the Junior Football Club would have met the Committee during the meeting, but, unfortunately, they had been obliged to attend a meeting with the Football Association. The storage unit had been moved to its new position on 8.8.2007; the meeting thanked Mr Thompson for supervising its installation into the proper position.

The Club's Chairman had been asked for an assurance that the unit would be painted by 23rd August but he had replied saying this was not possible. Members were extremely dissatisfied as, previously, the Club had undertaken to paint the unit as soon as it was moved; it was felt that the Club was not acting honourably. It was AGREED to give the Club the opportunity to carry out the painting in the very near future. If this did not happen the Club would be informed that if the work was not carried out by 23rd August the Council would arrange for the work to be carried out professionally and the bill sent to the Club. The beginning of the football season would be delayed until the work was carried out and payment made.

32. LAVARE PARK

There was no news of the progress of the planning application for the adjacent land. The planning authority was still awaiting the comments of the Highway authority.

33. ACQUISITION OF A RIDE ON MOWER

It was AGREED that a second hand ride on mower should be purchased to help areas of the recreation grounds, Cemetery and Churchyard to be maintained more efficiently. It was understood this would cost between £1,500 and £2,000. It was AGREED to obtain prices for consideration at the Council meeting on 23.8.2007.

34. REVIEW OF WORK CARRIED OUT OR OUTSTANDING

The list was reviewed. It was noted that the improvements to the Council Office were very successful and it was AGREED to thank Mr M Wilkin for his initiative in suggesting the way the improvements had been carried out.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Although a representative had not been expected it was AGREED to adjourn the meeting to talk with Mr P Fyans. The concern about painting the storage unit was explained to Mr Fyans and he agreed to see what could be done.

He referred to the quotation to extend the playing season at Lavare Park by paying a contractor to renovate the pitch at the end of the season and said the Club could not afford to do this.

Mr Fyans asked if another mini soccer pitch could be provided at Church Street as the pitch at Lavare park could not be used on a Sunday as it was so close to the main pitch. This had been discussed last year and refused, the reasons for this would be reviewed.

The Junior Football Club Committee had agreed to support the planning application for the land adjacent to Lavare Park.

The Club was hoping to arrange exchange visits with Lavare.

The Chairman thanked Mr Fyans for attending and the meeting resumed.

35. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The recent spate of traffic accidents was noted with regret.

It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council to cut back its trees that were overhanging the footpath at St Faiths Road, near the bus stop.

It was AGREED to ask Broadland District Council's Conservation Officer why the pillar, which was demolished a few years ago at the entrance to Catton Hall from St Faiths Road, had not yet been repaired.

36. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was considered, also an invitation to the inaugural meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods initiative on 4th September.

37. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was AGREED to change the date of the September meeting to Monday 3rd September at 6.30 pm (finishing at 7.30 pm as the meeting room was booked for the Junior Football Club Committee meeting) as members were unable to attend on the planned date of 10th September.

The meeting then stood in silence in memory of Mr David Little who had been a member of the Committee for several years.

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

Chairman 3rd September 2007