

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY, 2008,
AT 7.30 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mrs G Masdin - Chairman
Mr B Palmer Mrs A Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin Mrs J Williams

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Chandler Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8.11.2007

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

45. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 42. Institute of Local Council Management. The committee congratulated the Clerk on her acceptance as a Principal and founder member of the Institute.

46. FINANCE, CHEQUES, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

46.1. The attached list of vouchers numbered 420 to 468, with payments totalling £47,210.38 and receipts of £201.50 were approved. The comparison with the budget was noted. The bank reconciliation was noted.

47. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Members had read the report and were pleased to note that it was satisfactory and no issues had arisen.

48. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Members considered the report on the difficulties that had been experienced with Barclays Bank, which particularly related to internet banking. A letter sent to the Head of Internet Banking on 21st November had yet to be answered. The Chairman asked the committee's approval to take the matter up with a personal contact within Barclays and this was AGREED.

Mr D Thompson PROPOSED that the matter be discussed again at the next meeting, giving Barclays a deadline of one month to reply satisfactorily.
AGREED.

49. PAYMENT OF TELEPHONE BILL BY DIRECT DEBIT

It was AGREED to defer this until the next meeting when the matter of the Council's bankers would be considered again.

50. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2008

The meeting dates were AGREED. There would not be a Council meeting in November; instead there would be a meeting on 4th December at The Pavilion.

51. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Norfolk County Council had consulted the Council about a feasibility study it was carrying out, in response to concerns expressed by the bus company and the local county councillor, for a mini roundabout at the junction of St Faiths Road with Fifers Lane.

The meeting was surprised that this study was being carried out as only 2 years had elapsed since the junction was last studied and improved. There had been no accidents during that time.

The Council's stated policy was to oppose a mini roundabout at the junction because it would attract additional traffic to Church Street and St Faiths Road, both of which were unsuitable for increased use; as Church Street was in the conservation area that was an additional reason to restrict traffic.

The meeting confirmed this policy and expressed the opinion that a mini roundabout would make the junction less safe. The matter would be discussed by the Planning and Property Committee and then a decision made at the Parish Council meeting on 24th January 2008.

52. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was received.

53. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

53.1. It was AGREED to review the Financial Regulations at the next meeting.

53.2. It was AGREED to investigate the effect the fluorescent lighting had on people using digital hearing aids and potential suitable alternatives.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman, 14.2.2008