

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2008,
AT 7.30 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mrs G Masdin - Chairman

Mrs A Chandler

Mr B Palmer

Mrs A Riches

Mr B Sabberton-Coe

Miss P Wilkin

Mrs J Williams

APOLOGIES: Mr D Thompson

Mr M Vincent

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

39. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9.10.2008

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

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

40.1. The attached list of vouchers numbered 337 to 389, with payments totalling £33,521.23 and receipts of £3,306.90 were approved. The comparison with the budget was noted.

40.2. Pay award for Clerk and Groundsman.

It was noted that an interim settlement of 2.45% had been agreed by the employers and employees sides pending the results of arbitration. It was AGREED to pay the award as from 1st April 2008.

41. BUDGET FOR 2009/10

The budget was AGREED with a precept of £154,000.00, an increase of just under 2%. Wages were AGREED as detailed in the confidential attachment. The budget included provision for one new bus shelter and two new notice boards and a small sum for major work at the Recreation Ground, probably a new bowls hut.

It was AGREED by a majority vote (five for and two against) to increase the annual grant to the Catton Park Trust to £2,000.00. It was felt that the park was used well and much appreciated by the Village community; it provided for residents who did not use the Recreation Grounds.

It was PROPOSED by Mr B Palmer and SECONDED by Mr B Sabberton-Coe that the Council be recommended to levy a precept of £154,000.00 for the financial year 2009/10. AGREED.

43. REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENTS, INSURANCE COVER FOR FIDELITY GUARANTEE AND PUBLIC LIABILITY

The external and internal auditors had suggested that these be reviewed. It was AGREED to ask the insurance company what the cost would be to increase the insurance cover and to discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

44. STORAGE OF OLD MINUTES AND MAP

44.1. It was AGREED to archive the remainder of the minutes up to 1989 in the Norwich Archive after they had been scanned and recorded on CD.

44.2. Village Map. Mrs Riches outlined the background of the historical map that hung in the Village Hall. It was felt to be important that this map be preserved and it was AGREED to investigate copying and laminating it, and, possibly, to offer it to the Archive.

45. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was received.

A request for a grant from the North Walsham Citizens advice Bureau would be considered along with other grants and income received from the bottle banks at the January meeting.

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

Chairman, 8.1.2009