

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST, 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 D Thompson Mr M Vincent Mrs J Williams

APOLOGIES: Mr B Sabberton-Coe Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5.6.2008

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

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

13.1. The attached list of vouchers numbered 185 to 228, with payments totalling £6,974.92 and receipts of £26,240.68 were approved. The comparison with the budget was noted.

14. FINAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

This was circulated along with the Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit. It was AGREED to discuss both at the next meeting.

15. REPORT ON S106 FUNDING

The report, which had already been discussed by the Planning and Property Committee, was considered. It was felt that the potential long term expenditure and the possibility of a sports hall should be considered more fully.

16. THE COUNCIL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OLD CATTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Mr M Vincent had asked for this matter to be discussed and he and other members made various suggestions. It was PROPOSED by Mr D Thompson and SECONDED by Mrs J Williams that a sum of £250.00 a year be contributed to the Old Catton Twinning Association to help fund the costs of entertaining the French guests when they visited Old Catton. AGREED. It was also AGREED to ask for details of the programme planned for the visitors.

17. ATTENDANCE AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON 25.9.2008

It was AGREED that Mr B Palmer, Miss P Wilkin and the Clerk should attend.

18. PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER

It was AGREED to buy a new Dell computer from InTouch at a cost of £294, plus the cost of installation and transferring files; most of the existing software would be retained and a photographic programme added.

19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Mr B Palmer reported on the meeting organised by the NCAPTC that he, Mr J Arnott, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and the Clerk had attended with representatives of Norfolk County Council answering questions about Norfolk as a unitary council and its relationship with parish and town councils. The NCAPTC would be circulating a list of questions it suggested parish councils consider when making their responses to the Boundary Committee.

Mr B Palmer and Mr M Vincent had attended a meeting with representatives of the Boundary Committee and presented a written report of that meeting.

It was suggested that the council should respond to the Boundary Committee on two aspects. The first would be its preferred option of the three patterns outlined for consultation. The second would be about the future role of the parish council.

The response must be received by the Boundary Committee on 26th September at the latest. Therefore it was necessary for the Council to formulate its response at the August Council meeting.

It was noted that the Secretary of State would consult on the Boundary Committee's final recommendation during January and that would be the time to state a preference for the status quo, if that was the Council's wish.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

- 20.1. The list of correspondence was received.
- 20.2. It was AGREED to discuss the Pension Abatement Policy at the next meeting
- 20.3. It was AGREED that Mrs A Chandler and Mr B Palmer would attend the Norfolk Annual Emergency Preparedness Study Day on 7th October.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman, 11.9.2008