

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2008
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mrs A Chandler Mr C Green
Mr B Leggett Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin
Mr B Palmer Mrs A Riches Mr M Vincent
Miss P Wilkin Mrs J Williams

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APOLOGIES for absence were accepted from Mr B Sabberton-Coe

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. D Thompson declared his personal interest in the Catton Park Trust.

9. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 24.4.2008 and 29.5.2008

The minutes, which had been circulated, were confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

10. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

The minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on 21st July 2008 were circulated. It was **AGREED** to publish the minutes on the website.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

The meeting resumed.

11. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

11.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 5.6.2008. **AGREED.**

11.2. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 8.1. Accidents at Spixworth Road. Norfolk County Council had replied saying the highway engineer would look to see if any improvements could be made to the road. The Police had yet to reply.

Minute 8.2. It was noted that the traffic situation at St Faiths Road had improved. However, one 30 mph sign had been removed and one was obscured by trees as St Faiths was entered from the ring road, Norfolk County Council would be asked to reinstate the signs.

11.3. Annual Governance Statement. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED that the Annual Governance Statement, which had been circulated to members with the agenda, be signed confirming the sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the statement of accounts. AGREED.

11.3. Approval of payments and receipts. Mr J Arnott PROPOSED that these be approved. AGREED.

12. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

12.1. Mr C Green PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meetings of 9.6.2008 and 13.6.2008. AGREED.

13. UNITARY COUNCILS FOR NORFOLK

It was noted that the Boundary Committee's preferred option was for the County Council to be the new unitary authority although it had identified two other options as worthy of further consideration. The Committee had identified aspects of the County's case relating to parish and town councils as being in need of further examination.

Three members and the Clerk had attended a conference when members of the Boundary Committee had given a presentation and answered questions about unitary issues. They had emphasised the government's commitment to parish councils (and other neighbourhood organisations in unparished areas) and the need for our sector to respond in detail to the points they had raised.

A copy of a Norfolk County Council document outlining the role it saw for Parish and Town Councils in a single unitary council was given to members.

It was AGREED that the subject was very complex and that more needed to be discussed and learned before a response was formulated. It was PROPOSED by Mr D Thompson that the matter be deferred for discussion at the August meeting. AGREED.

It was AGREED that Mr B Palmer, Mr M Vincent and the Clerk would represent the Council at a meeting with the Boundary Committee and organised by the NCAPTC at County Hall on 30th July 2008.

14. CATTON PARK

Mr D Thompson mentioned the anti social behaviour that had been prioritised for action by the SNAP panel at the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting.

St Margaret's Church had held a successful and enjoyable service and event at The Park on 20th July. The Friends of Catton Park were organising a barbecue on 2nd August 2008.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman, 28th August 2008