

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,**  
**HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008,**  
**AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman  
Mr J Arnott                      Mr C Green                      Mr B Leggett  
Mr A Lovett

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs G Masdin              Mr D Thompson              Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**33. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11.8.2008**

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

**34. PLANNING**

The recommendations were made as detailed on the attached list.

**35. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

**35.1. Quotations for new play equipment, safety surfacing and adult fitness equipment.**

It was AGREED to recommend that the Council accept the following quotations –

Adventure Playgrounds, for the under 9s area - £22,156 for new swings, a new roundabout, replacement of old sand safety surfacing with wetpour, levelling the ground to allow this to be done and setting the old rocking horse into the ground.

RSS Record, for 3 pieces of adult fitness equipment and new swings for the older children, set in grass mat surfacing - £12,183.

These projects had been approved by Broadland District Council for S106 funding. A sum of £10,000, also from the S106 funding would be earmarked for the future maintenance of the equipment.

**35.2. Completion of building of garage**

Plans had been drawn and submitted for Building Regulation approval. Planning consent would not be required as the plans were substantially unchanged.

It was AGREED to obtain quotations for the work. It was also AGREED to write to the neighbouring property owners and tell them that the work was planned.

### 35.3. Bowls

A new bowls club had expressed an interest in playing two evenings each week but had said that they would not be able to pay as much as was currently charged to the ATV club. It was noted that Sprowston Parish Council currently charged just over £600 for two evenings play. It was AGREED to recommend that the annual charge for bowls for two evenings be reduced to £600 if two teams each played twice a week as this would increase income overall.

It was AGREED to look into providing a new bowls hut that could also be used for cricket scoring and storage.

### 35.4. Other matters

The remedial resurfacing works to the tennis courts were planned to be carried out in the next few weeks; it was AGREED that it was important to ensure that the grass access was not damaged.

It was noted that the new entrance gates would be fitted by 24<sup>th</sup> September; the vehicle priority signs would be fixed then.

There were new rules to segregate spectators from players of junior football and, for the time being, a white line had been painted to indicate where spectators should stand.

## **36. LAVARE PARK**

### 36.1. Acquisition of land.

Unfortunately the S106 agreement still had not been signed as probate to allow the remaining trustee to sign was still awaited.

## **37. S106 FUNDING**

The potential funding (estimated at £115,000) from the development of the land at Spixworth Road was discussed. It was AGREED that the pavilion at Lavare Park should not be extended.

Although no decision had been made about the building of a multi use sports hall it was AGREED that it would be useful to commission the drawing of plans for a modest hall in order to obtain feasibility costings and find out about grants that might be available. Therefore it was AGREED to firstly obtain quotations from suitable architects for the Committee's consideration.

## **38. CEMETERY**

### 38.1. Water supply

It was noted that a suitable water butt had been sourced and would be installed at the Cemetery.

## **39. CHURCHYARD**

### 39.1. Railings at extension.

The railings had been ordered.

#### 39.2. Gate to Church Hall.

It was understood that the Parochial Church Council would be discussing this. There was some concern that the threshold of the entrance should be made more accessible for wheelchairs.

### **40. WORK IN PROGRESS AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

The list was reviewed and compared with the Council's policy statement about the Parish Plan. It was noted that commitments had been made for new notice boards and bus shelters. It was AGREED to discuss these matters and other requirements for the 2009/10 budget at the October meeting.

It was noted that work to replant the garden at the War Memorial with Escallonia Red Dwarf would begin soon.

### **41. HIGHWAYS**

#### 41.1. Spixworth Road.

The Police had supplied statistics for accidents and speeding. It was felt that the accident records were incomplete and members would check their own records before responding.

#### 41.2. Oak Lane.

It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council to trim back the vegetation on its land as a matter of urgency.

### **42. CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence was received.

### **43. REPORTS ON OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that Norfolk County Council appeared to be progressing its plans for the Northern Distributor Road. Although members would have preferred the road to join the Southern bypass it was felt the current plans would benefit Old Catton by taking traffic away from the Village.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

Chairman, 13.10.2008