

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2008,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Leggett
Mrs G Masdin

APOLOGIES: Mr J Arnott, Mr D Thompson, Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

91. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11.2.2008

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

92. PLANNING

Recommendations made are detailed on the attached list.

93. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Broadland District Council was consulting about site specific land allocation; replies were required by 11th April. It was AGREED to meet as a working party before the Parish Council meeting on 27th March to review members' thoughts before discussing the matter at the Council meeting.

94. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

94.1 Resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Adventure Playgrounds had met with its subcontractor, Ennstone, and agreed on remedial works to be carried out and additional guarantees to be given. However, this had yet to be confirmed in writing and the bill had not been paid.

94.2. Official 'opening' of MUGA

It was AGREED either to try to arrange the official opening for one of the bank holiday Mondays in May. Or, if there was to be a village fete it was felt that the MUGA might be officially opened at the fete.

94.3. New play equipment.

The Adventure Playgrounds equipment had been installed successfully with no problems; children using it had expressed their approval and enthusiasm .

One of the items of SMP equipment, the Devils Island, had been completed successfully and children had shown their appreciation of it. The Bravo unit had yet to be completed and was fenced off pending completion.

94.4. Other matters.

It was AGREED to discuss the provision of a picnic bench in the under 9s play area at the next meeting.

95. LAVARE PARK

95.1. Adjacent land at Spixworth Road.

The planning application would be considered by Broadland District Council's planning committee on 12th March; it was recommended for approval. The conditions, as agreed by the Council, provided for ownership of the recreation land and a sum of £25,000, to lay out the land, to pass to the Council within 28 days of the signing of the Section 106 agreement.

95.2. Arrangements to prepare the additional land.

It was essential that the land be cleared and seeded as soon as possible and quotations had been obtained. The planting of trees and hedges would be discussed at a future meeting but it was AGREED that the Committee would visit the site to assess this prior to its meeting on 12th May.

95.3. Junior Football Club's presentation events on 16th and 17th May 2008.

The Council had approved the event and the Committee AGREED the following conditions should be imposed –

- The marquee should be sited in the north eastern corner of the field which was not used as a pitch
- The pavilion was not to be used for any purpose
- The club should provide portable toilets and generators
- The club would arrange suitable security and stay on the site during the night
- The Finance and Policy Committee would fix a charge and, in addition, the club would be required to pay for any damage caused to the ground or building.

95.4. Other matters.

It was noted that the play truck had been vandalised and its springs broken. It would be replaced in a static position as the springs could not be repaired.

96. CEMETERY ROUNDABOUT

It had not been possible to obtain two quotations yet.

97. HIGHWAY MATTERS

97.1. Mr Steve White, Norfolk County Council's Highway Engineer for the area had met members before the meeting and taken away a list of areas in need of attention. He asked that the Council let him know its priorities for future minor works.

97.2. Speed cameras. The Police wished to train volunteers to operate speed cameras in the Village. It was AGREED that Mr C Green and Mr B Leggett would undertake the training and operate the cameras. More information would be forthcoming as a result of the Council's wish to participate.

98. CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk County Council written about the feasibility study of a mini roundabout at the junction of St Faiths Road with Fifers Lane. Although this was found to be feasible from a design perspective the technician's report recommended that no modification to the junction be made unless accurate traffic modelling was carried out to ascertain the wider-reaching effects such a modification might have on the surrounding area. The process of deciding upon a junction improvement was ongoing.

99. REPORTS ON OTHER BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

99.1. Tree Warden. Mr J Arnott reported on the recent Tree Warden Forum and the Tree Preservation Order Review which was beginning in Old Catton.

99.2. Future projects. It was AGREED to consider the next project to be undertaken at the next meeting. It was noted that members would look at ways to improve the entrance to the Recreation Ground before the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Chairman, 14.4.2008