

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

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs G Masdin Mr D Thompson

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

55. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13.10.2008

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

56. PLANNING

The recommendations were made as detailed on the attached list.

57. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

57.1. Progress with new play equipment, safety surfacing and adult fitness equipment.

It was noted that the 3 pieces of adult fitness equipment and new swings for the older children had been successfully installed. The fitness equipment was very popular with all age groups.

The work in the under 9s area was in progress despite adverse weather and completion was planned for 18th November.

57.2. Driveway improvements.

The new gates had been fitted and the area under the old gates had been resurfaced. It had been necessary to extend the new tarmac to the area leading from the pedestrian gate. Some parents had been cooperative about not parking in the actual driveway but others continued to park indiscriminately. It was noted that double yellow lines would be painted along the kerb edge.

57.3. Letter from Old Catton Junior Football Club (JFC).

The club had written to Mr D Thompson suggesting a meeting with various parties to discuss its relationship with the Council. This had arrived following cancellation of training due to wet weather. Mr D Thompson had arranged for an independent survey of the ground to be undertaken by Collier Turf Care; the report confirmed that the ground was already fairly well drained but that the water table was high following 2 wet summers and a wet August and September. The report stated that the area was too small for the amount of use and suggested increasing the floodlit areas and alternating use of the areas.

Miss P Wilkin had attended the JFC's recent committee meeting and had been impressed with the organisation of the club.

It was recognised that the reason that training had to be cancelled was due to the ground not being big enough for the numbers using it. The Club had grown but the Recreation Ground had not. When the additional land became available at Lavare Park it would be able to cater for the club adequately.

It was AGREED to write to the JFC sending a copy of the report and asking for specific details of the matters the club wished to discuss. A decision about a meeting would be made when these details had been considered by the committee.

In order to clarify the position when training was cancelled it was AGREED to order a sign which would be posted on the Recreation Ground gates. It was noted that the existing 'no training' sign would be fixed to the door of the cupboard containing the floodlight controls when necessary.

58. LAVARE PARK

58.1. Acquisition of land.

There was no news of the signing of the S106 agreement.

59. WORK IN PROGRESS AND FUTURE PROJECTS

The list was reviewed. The Vicar's drawing for the planned new gates and walls at the Churchyard were approved; it was understood that these would be provided in memory of a parishioner.

60. HIGHWAYS

60.1. Speedwatch. Mr C Green, Mr B Leggett and Mrs Thompson had been trained for Speedwatch. They were disappointed that they would not be able to operate in the 20 mph areas and that a tolerance was allowed over the speed limit. They would take details of speeding vehicles and the police would then follow up with letters to the offending drivers. It was AGREED to buy high visibility coats for their use.

60.2. Fifers Lane. It was noted that there were two new Vehicle Activated Signs.

60.3. Church Street. It was noted that bollards had been placed on the path near the Village Hall to deter vehicles mounting the pavement.

60.4. St Faiths Road. It was AGREED to ask Norfolk County Council to provide a pedestrian crossing to the south of Appleacres as it was very difficult to cross the road there, especially for school children.

61. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was received.

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

Chairman, 8.12.2008