

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 23rd APRIL 2009
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman

Mr J Arnott	Mr C Green	Mr B Leggett
Mr A Lovett	Mrs G Masdin	Mr B Palmer
Mrs A Riches	Mr B Sabberton-Coe	Mr M Vincent
Miss P Wilkin	Mrs J Williams	

Mr S Dunn, Norfolk County Councillor
2 residents

APOLOGIES for absence were accepted from Mrs A Chandler

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr D Thompson declared their personal interest as Trustees of the Catton Park Trust.

66. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 26.3.2009

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

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

Mr Dunn reported that Norfolk County Council was offering free security and smoke alarm checks.

The meeting resumed.

67. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

67.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 9.4.2009. AGREED.

67.2. Matters arising from the minutes, Minute 81. Surgeries, it was AGREED to start the surgeries in June so there was time to advertise them in the Newsletter.

67.3. Approval of payments and receipts. It was AGREED that these be approved.

67.4. Statement of accounts of the year ending 31.3.2009. It was AGREED to adopt the accounts. It was AGREED to delegate authority to the committee to deal with the Annual Governance Statement.

68. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

68.1. Mr C Green PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 6.4.2009. AGREED.

68.2. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 105, Highways, St Faiths Road It was noted that resurfacing works to the paths and road would begin on 9th May and would last 6 weeks. The road would be closed for 1 week during the school holidays.

Minute 100.3. Changes to planning control. Mr J Arnott reported that the meeting Broadland District Council had organised had been very useful.

69. CONSULTATION ON THE JOINT CORE STRATEGY FOR THE GREATER NORWICH AREA AND THE AREA ACTION PLAN

It was AGREED to make the comments contained in the minutes of the Planning and Property Committee.

70. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Boundary Committee was undertaking further consultation on just two unitary patterns as it had ruled out the Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft 'wedge' option; responses were required by 15th May if councils wished to add any further comments to those they had already made in the earlier consultation.

Mr B Palmer reported on 2 meetings he had attended, one with the other fringe parishes and the other in his capacity as a member of the Norfolk ALC executive committee with members of the Boundary Committee. The general opinion expressed by those attending these meetings was that a unitary Norfolk was the preferred option if a unitary system was to be imposed.

As the Council had already expressed its preference for a single unitary pattern if the status quo was not an option there were no further comments.

71. REPORT OF VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs G Masdin reported that the AGM would take place on 27th May 2009.

72. CATTON PARK

The accounts had been e-mailed to members who were able to receive electronic mail and paper copies were supplied to the other members. The Chairman reported that work in the quarry was almost complete.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman, 23rd April 2009