

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

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

PCSO's S Bunting and K Elvin and three residents

APOLOGIES for absence were accepted from Mrs A Chandler
Mr S Dunn – Norfolk County Councillor and Broadland District Councillor

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

13. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25.6.2009

It was AGREED that the minutes, which had been circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

14. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 9.3. trees overhanging the Village Hall Drive.

It was noted that the property with the trees of concern was on the market for sale; a letter had been sent to the vendor's agents informing them of the Council's concern about the safety of the trees and the definition of the boundary.

15. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

15.1. Mrs G Masdin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 9.7.2009. AGREED, subject to the wording of minute 4, referring to minute 91.2. being changed to reflect Mr M Vincent's letter more accurately.

15.2. Matters arising from the minutes.

The points raised by Mr M Vincent about the nature of the Catton Park Trust's accounts were debated again; Mr M Vincent and Mrs G Masdin wished to support and help to develop the Park but felt they needed to understand the accounts better, with the revenue aspect shown in a simpler format. Mr D Thompson and Mr B Sabberton-Coe, as trustees of the Park agreed to consult with the other trustees at their next meeting, in September, about supplying a simplified, but non statutory, version of the accounts to the Council.

15.3. Delegated authority during August.

It was AGREED to delegate authority to the Finance and Policy Committee to act on the Council's behalf during August, when there would not be a Council meeting.

15.4. Approval of payments and receipts.

The list of payments and receipts, which had been scrutinised by the Committee were approved.

16. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

16.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 13.7.2009. AGREED.

16.2. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minutes 18.1. and 20.2.. It was noted regretfully that there was no progress to report.

16.3. Action to deal with unauthorised additions to memorials in the Cemetery.

The draft letter to be sent to the owners of exclusive rights was AGREED. It was AGREED that owners would be given four weeks to remove their unauthorised items and another 4 weeks to re-claim them from the Council's office.

Details of ownership were being carefully checked and it had been noted that some people had moved away without giving a new address. An updated report on progress with checking owners of exclusive rights would be considered by the Committee at its next meeting, at which time it was hoped the letters could be sent.

It was AGREED that the press be given a copy of the letter and the relevant minutes following the meeting.

17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

It was noted that although the Boundary Committee had been due to make its recommendations for unitary local government in Norfolk on 15th July this had been deferred.

18. REPORT OF AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr J Arnott reported on the recent meeting. The decision on the site of the attenuator would be made in the autumn; flight numbers were down. The airport wished to take control of a larger airspace (since RAF Coltishall had closed the overall area controlled had been reduced) and this would probably be a two to three year process.

19. SURGERY

The next surgery would be held on Saturday 1st August at 10.00 am the Pavilion. Mr C Green and another member would take the surgery.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman, 23rd July 2009