

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M.ON THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2009
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

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

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

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28.5.2009

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

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 67.4. Annual Governance Statement. This would have been discussed at the Finance and Policy Committee meeting on 11th June but the meeting had been cancelled. It was AGREED that the answers to questions 1 to 8 in the Statement were yes and that 9 was not applicable; it was AGREED that the Chairman should sign the statement.

Annual Parish Meeting. Members reviewed the format of the recent meeting and agreed that it would not be appropriate to invite a guest speaker to future meetings. It was explained that the reason members sat with the residents was that it was a meeting for parishioners and the members, apart from the Chairman who was obliged to chair the meeting, had no special status at that meeting.

9. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

9.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 8.6.2009. AGREED.

9.2. Unauthorised memorials in the Cemetery. This matter was discussed in detail and it was AGREED that the Committee's recommendations be confirmed and the

action outlined taken. It was noted that a letter would be sent to the person having exclusive rights of each grave and cremation plot along with a copy of the rules.

The contents of the letter and the rules would be checked at the next meeting of the Committee. If the Committee felt it necessary to change the rules this would go before the full Council for approval.

For the future it was AGREED that proper signed agreements to abide by the rules should be signed by the buyers of exclusive rights.

9.3. Reports on other matters.

Churchyard railings. Mr B Leggett declared his personal interest in this as his home was adjacent to the Churchyard and he had contributed to the cost of the railings on the common boundary. A beech hedge had been planted close to the new railings without consultation and the Council was not in favour of it being there because it would be very difficult to maintain and it obscured the attractive railings. The Clerk had met with the Vicar who had undertaken to check on the precise wording of the faculty for the use of the land for the burial of ashes. The diocesan office had informally advised that the hedge was not required by the faculty but written confirmation was required. If the hedge was required it would have to be re-planted further into the Churchyard to enable it to be cut on both sides from inside the Churchyard. The matter would be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

Trees in the Village Hall Drive. Contact had been made with the daughter of the deceased owner of the trees and she had been advised of the need to deal with the trees.

New men's toilets at the Pavilion. There had been problems with the new floor surface but the builders were taking prompt action to correct it.

10. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs A Chandler reported that the management committee had decided to replace the window curtains with blinds, provide a new health and safety compliant floor in the kitchen and to buy some new chairs and table.

11. CATTON PARK

Mr D Thompson reported on current issues with grass cutting. It was noted that funding for work at the pond, the quarry and a feasibility study for a potential education building had all been provided by the Norwich Growth Point Green Infrastructure fund and paid for directly by Norfolk County Council.

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

Chairman, 23rd July 2009