

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mr D Thompson - Chairman  
Mr J Arnott                      Mrs A Chandler                      Mr C Green  
Mr B Leggett                      Mrs G Masdin  
Mr B Palmer                      Mrs A Riches                      Mr B Sabberton-Coe  
Miss P Wilkin                      Mrs J Williams  
  
Mr S Dunn, Norfolk County Councillor

**APOLOGIES** for absence were accepted from Mr A Lovett and Mr M Vincent

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr D Thompson declared their personal interest as Trustees of the Catton Park Trust. Mr J Arnott declared his personal interest in agenda item 9, the proposals for the junction of Fifers Lane with St Faiths Road.

**49. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22.1.2009**

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 explained the reasoning behind Norfolk County Council's proposals to alter the junction of Fifers Lane with St Faiths Road; it had been instigated by Norwich City Council and First Bus to help buses to negotiate the junction. He said that appropriate signage would be essential.

The meeting resumed.

**50. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

50.1. Mr D Thompson PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 12.2.2009. AGREED.

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

**51. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

51.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 9.2.2009. AGREED.

## **52. RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

52.1. Miss P Wilkin PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 16.2.2009. She reported that there was an ongoing discussion with the officers of the Junior Football Club.

## **53. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR THE JUNCTION OF FIFER'S LANE WITH ST FAITHS ROAD**

Mr Dunn, had already outlined Norfolk County Council's reasoning behind the proposals that would narrow the curved path in order to create additional space for vehicles exiting St Faiths Road into the southern part of St Faiths Road.

Mr J Arnott gave a brief history of how the junction's present configuration had evolved and how accident statistics had improved significantly since the present format had been created in 2003. He then took no part in the discussion.

Members discussed the proposals in detail and noted that buses did not appear to have problems at the area shown but rather at the opposite side of the road where they had been seen mounting the kerb. More traffic turned right into Fifers Lane. It was noted that services would have to be moved to allow the changes. It was felt that it might become more difficult for pedestrians to cross the widened carriageway.

It was PROPOSED by Mr B Leggett and SECONDED by Mr B Palmer that the Council should inform Norfolk County Council that it could not support the proposals as it felt they would not improve the junction, could cause accidents to occur again, would make crossing more difficult for pedestrians and were an unnecessary waste of scarce resources. Mr J Arnott abstained from voting. The proposal was AGREED by a majority.

## **54. CATTON PARK**

The Chairman reported briefly on progress at the Park and the efforts to obtain increased funding by relevant local authorities.

## **55. REPORT OF VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mrs G Masdin reported on the meeting held on 29.1.2009 and provided a copy of the accounts and budget; the accounts showed a healthy position. The roof of the garages had been replaced. There would be a coffee morning on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009