

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2009,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr C Green – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr A Lovett
Mrs G Masdin

APOLOGIES: Mr B Leggett Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr D Thompson
Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

99. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9.3.2009

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

100. PLANNING

100.1. Planning applications. A recommendation was made as detailed on the attached list.

100.2. Joint Core Strategy. Members had visited the exhibition and discussed aspects of the strategy with officers of Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council. There was concern that the proposed Northern Distributor Road would not benefit Old Catton and that the Village would suffer from additional traffic created by housing development proposed for the north of Norwich.

The Area Action Plan included a proposal for the land to the north of Repton Avenue to be designated for a development of 290 homes; it was felt that this site was the most appropriate if additional housing had to be provided in the Village. It was noted that there were some substantial oak trees on the field boundary and AGREED that Broadland District Council should be asked to protect these trees with Tree Preservation Orders.

100.3. Changes to Planning Control. It was AGREED that Mr J Arnott and another member would attend this training at Broadland District Council's offices on 22.4.2009.

101. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

101.1. Completion of the garage and store.

The two quotations were considered and it was AGREED to accept the lowest tender in the sum of £15,171.00 and to award the contract to J Watts and Son,

subject to their agreement to complete the work before 12th September, assuming that the weather was suitable for heavy vehicles to access the site.

101.2. Work in the wooded area.

Mr J Arnott had met with James Oxbury and agreed the work to be carried out within the budget provision of £2,000.00. This included remedial work for safety reasons, felling some weed sycamores and planting some colourful trees. It was AGREED to ask Mr Chesney-Beales if Broadland District Council would be able to provide some trees under the Parish Tree Warden scheme.

102. LAVARE PARK

102.1. Acquisition of land.

The Clerk had attended a recent meeting of the solicitors for Broadland District Council and Brown and Co with Broadland District Council's planning officer, to clarify some of the wording of the S106 agreement. It was intended that the document would be ready for signing in the near future.

102.2. Other matters.

It was noted that very large groups of young people had been congregating at the park on recent Friday evenings, drinking and leaving large quantities of broken glass which the supervisors had cleared away. A meeting had been held with the Police who were trying to address the problems of the underage drinking and over large groups involved. It was planned to obtain a bottle bank and another litter bin to try to avoid the glass being left on the ground.

103. CHURCHYARD

It was noted that the arrangements were being made to consecrate the newly cleared area.

104. WORK IN PROGRESS AND FUTURE PROJECTS

The list was reviewed. It was noted that Norfolk County Council had approved the siting of a new notice board at George Hill and it was AGREED to order the board.

105. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Norfolk County Council would begin to improve the footway surface and replace sections of kerbing at Kiln Close on 13th April 2009. The works would take up to 13 weeks.

106. CORRESPONDENCE

The list was noted.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

Chairman, 11th May 2009

