

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2009,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Leggett
Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

59. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12.10.2009

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

60. PLANNING

60.1. Planning applications. Recommendations were made as detailed on the attached list.

61. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

61.1. Garage building.

The garage was complete and it was agreed that it was a first class building. It was AGREED to ask J Watts to lay a concrete path into the side door.

61.2. Bowls Hut.

Members discussed various aspects of the proposed new bowls hut and the following were AGREED –

- The bowls hut was in a poor condition and should be replaced
- The new bowls hut needed to be bigger and include an area for cricket scoring and storage.
- To recommend that the Council fund the hut from the S106 money from the development of St Christopher's School and to use money from existing balances pending receipt of the S106 money.
- To apply for planning permission.
- To obtain another two quotations and to consider the quotations at the next meeting.
- To check that quotations included dismantling and disposing of the old hut.
- To supply electricity to the new hut.

61.3. Other matters.

Multi Use Games Area. Ennstone had arrived, as agreed, to take up and relay the surface of the MUGA on 3rd November; the surface had been taken up and then Ennstone had disputed its liability to re-lay it. The main contractor, Adventure Playgrounds was dealing with Ennstone to arrange completion of the work.

62. LAVARE PARK

62.1. Progress with transfer of the new land.

The Transfer document had been signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman at a special council meeting earlier in the evening.

62.2. Other matters.

It was noted that the vandalised electricity meter cupboard had been replaced with a steel cabinet. It was AGREED to ask the electricity company about changing to a meter inside the building.

63. CEMETERY

63.1. Memorial style in the new area.

Members were given details of methods of stabilising memorials and further information was awaited. It was AGREED to defer discussion of this matter until more information was available.

64. CHURCHYARD

64.1. Repairs to lych gate.

Two contractors had quoted to repair the lych gate in the same way. Before the contract was awarded it would be necessary to check that a grant was still available from Broadland District Council and whether it was necessary to apply for a faculty for the work.

Subject to this it was PROPOSED by Mr J Arnott and SECONDED by Mr B Leggett that the contract be awarded to J Watts and Son in the sum of £3,717.00; although this was not the lowest price it was felt that the standard of Messrs Watts' workmanship was known to be high and reliable. AGREED.

64.2. Other matters.

It was noted that the beech hedge had not been removed and it was AGREED to enquire when the faculty to do this might be obtained.

65. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed.

66. REVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

It was noted that matters raised in the review had been dealt with as follows –

- New notice boards – a request had been made to the owner of Paddocks car park to place a new notice board on the wall near the bus stop.

- Signing Parish Council office – a new large sign had been placed at the entrance to the Recreation Ground
- Sports Hall – it was felt that work on this should be deferred until the new land at Lavare was established. The payment of the S106 monies from the housing site would not be paid until the land had been sold and development begun.
- Bus shelters – it had been agreed to abandon the idea of additional bus shelters as grants were being reduced or withdrawn and the Council could not fund the whole cost.

67. HIGHWAY MATTERS

67.1. Mr J Arnott reported that the redundant bus shelter at Fifers Lane had been removed.

67.2. It was hoped that Broadland District Council's 'leaf hit squad' would begin to clear the leaves in the near future.

68. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list was noted.

69. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

69.1. Mr J Arnott reported on the Larger Councils meeting he attended on 29th October when a speaker from the Land Registry had urged councils to register all their un-registered land. It was AGREED to check on the status of all the Council's land.

69.2. Mr B Leggett had received reports from residents of Blacksmiths Way of anti social behaviour. The residents would be encouraged to report incidents to the Police.

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

Chairman, 14th December 2009