

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,  
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009,  
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman  
Mr J Arnott                      Mr B Leggett                      Mr D Thompson

**APOLOGIES:** Mr C Green                      Mr A Lovett                      Mrs G Masdin  
Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There no declarations of interest.

**25. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13.7.2009**

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

**26. PLANNING**

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

**27. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

27.1. Refurbishment of toilets and creation of accessible toilet.

The floor paint in the men's toilet had been re-applied successfully although its non slip surface made it difficult to wash. The ramp for the easy access toilet was still awaited.

27.2. Garage building.

Work had begun and the builders were confident of completion by 10<sup>th</sup> September.

27.3. Football use of pitches.

The Junior Football Club had been reminded that the hiring contract stipulated a maximum of 12 junior teams and clarification had been sought about the men's team. The Club had yet to reply but it was AGREED to confirm that the Council's decision was to allow the maximum number of youth teams to play to the exclusion of the men's team. If the Club wished to vary this it would need the Council's approval.

27.4. Trees near the boundary with Garrick Green.

Broadland District Council's tree officer had inspected the trees and stated that he would not approve felling or trimming any of the trees. It was AGREED to ask if there was a procedure to appeal against this decision.

### 27.5. Other matters.

Floors of the changing rooms. Members had inspected the floors which were somewhat cracked and rough in parts. It was AGREED to investigate the availability and cost of a suitable sealant.

Sign at entrance. It was noted that this had been broken and it was AGREED to replace it with a bigger and more robust sign.

Anti-social behaviour. It was noted that there had been problems with young people drinking and using drugs on four evenings recently. The Police had been advised but had not been able to attend. The Recreation Ground Supervisor on duty had encouraged the youths to leave on the fifth evening and they had not returned since then.

## **28. LAVARE PARK**

28.1. Progress with S106 agreement. The Trustees of the late Mr Hannant had all signed the agreement and it was anticipated that it would be available for the Chairman and Clerk to sign during the week. It was AGREED that point 5.5. in the agreement should be clarified by a letter from Brown and Co confirming that the existing entrance to the car park would remain in use until the new one was available.

It was AGREED that an order be placed to carry out the works to prepare and seed the land as soon as all parties had signed and completed the S106 agreement. The sum of £25,000.00 for this work would be paid to the Council within 28 days of completion. Competitive quotations had been obtained in 2008 and Norfolk County Services had been the lower price. The price had been updated in March when it had been £14,470.00. The matter of using the remainder of the money would be discussed when the final cost of the above work and other necessary work was known. The agreement stated that the £25,000.00 was to be used 'for the purpose of assisting with funding the project by the Parish Council to lay out the Open Space as playing fields'.

The usual S106 funds for offsite recreation would be paid, in accordance with Broadland District Council's formula, to Broadland District Council before construction of the housing could begin. The funds would have to be used for 'the provision and maintenance of additional open space and/or towards the provision and maintenance of additional recreational facilities on open space in the Parish of Old Catton within 10 years'. This expenditure would have to be agreed with Broadland District Council.

## **29. CEMETERY**

### 29.1. Additions to memorials.

The final draft of the letter to be sent to all the holders of exclusive rights of burial was AGREED and would be dated 17<sup>th</sup> August with the request that unauthorised objects be removed by 18<sup>th</sup> September and available to be reclaimed until 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The letter would also ask that changes of address be notified to the Council.

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

For the future it was AGREED that a copy of the regulations would require a signature agreeing to abide by the rules from the purchaser of the exclusive right.

### **30. CHURCHYARD**

#### 30.1. New area and beech hedge.

A reply to a letter to the Parochial Church Council was still awaited. It was AGREED that the situation needed to be resolved as soon as possible. It was AGREED to write again to the Diocesan Office re-stating the Council's position and its lack of success in resolving the matter of the hedge with the Vicar and asking that clear guidance be given.

#### 30.2. Lych gate.

Two quotations had been received but for different treatments. Broadland District Council's Conservation officer had been asked to advise on the most appropriate method. When this advice had been received the contractors would be asked to require for the same specification for the Committee's consideration.

### **31. WORK IN PROGRESS AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

The list was reviewed.

### **32. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

32.1. It was AGREED that the informal discussion with members and an officer of Norfolk County Council's Highways department would begin at 6.30 before the formal Committee meeting. It was hoped to discuss the forward maintenance programme.

32.2. Members were still very concerned about speeding in the Village. It was hoped to recruit more volunteers to train for Community Speedwatch and this would be featured in the next newsletter.

### **33. CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence was read out.

### **34. NORWICH AIRPORT, EXTENSION TO CONTROLLED AIRSPACE**

The need and reasons to extend the area controlled by the airport was discussed and it was AGREED to support Norwich Airport in its application.

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

Chairman, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009