

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,  
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009,  
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mr B Sabberton-Coe – Chairman  
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green

**APOLOGIES:** Mr B Leggett, Mr A Lovett, Mrs G Masdin, Mr D Thompson and  
Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**71. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9.11.2009**

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

**71. PLANNING**

71.1. Planning applications. A recommendation was made to support application 20091458, 1 Hall Drive.

71.2. Norwich City Council's site allocation plans. The City Council was consulting about potential future development of various sites within the City. The meeting was concerned that all the land at Dowding Road had been nominated. A large part of the site already had planning permission for development for housing. It was AGREED to object to any additional development in the area as the remaining land was needed as amenity land for the development and an increase in the development would generate additional and undesirable traffic and necessitate another fire exit.

**72. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND**

72.1. Bowls Hut.

Broadland District Council had been asked to confirm that it would allow the S106 money from St Christopher's School to be used for the bowls hut and had yet to reply.

It was AGREED to look into alternative methods of funding, including a loan, and to report back to the next meeting. It was AGREED to apply for planning permission as soon as possible.

72.2. Multi Use Games Area.

Ennstone had successfully resurfaced the MUGA; the markings had yet to be replaced.

### 72.3. Path to Pavilion.

It was AGREED that it would not be possible to create a better driveway in the current financial climate. The existing path was uneven and a trip hazard. It was AGREED to ask J Watts to quote to either concrete a new path of the same size or to re-lay the paving slabs securely, this would be considered at the next meeting when potential funds in the current budget might be identified.

It was AGREED that it would not be possible to fund an extension of the paving into the play area.

## **73. LAVARE PARK**

### 73.1. Progress with transfer of the new land.

It was AGREED to ask the Council's solicitor when the transfer would be completed.

## **74. CHURCHYARD**

### 74.1. Beech hedge.

Although no formal notification had been received the Vicar had reported that the Diocesan office had refused the application to remove this hedge. Members were extremely dissatisfied and approved a strong letter to be sent to the Diocesan Registrar.

### 74.2. Lych gate.

Broadland District Council had yet to confirm that a grant was available for the work. It would be necessary to apply for a faculty to carry out the work. As soon as the grant had been confirmed and the faculty given the work would be put in hand.

### 74.3. Gate to Church Hall.

The Vicar wished to consult on his plans for the new gate and walls. The work would be paid for by the family of the late Doctor and Mrs Atkinson. The design was APPROVED. It was understood that provision would be made to deal with the difference in ground levels to allow disabled access. It was noted that the Council would be responsible for the future maintenance of the gate and walls.

## **75. CONTRACT TO CUT HIGHWAYS VERGES AND THE CHURCHYARD**

Norfolk County Council wished to extend the delegated functions contract to cut its highways verges for two years to end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. This was AGREED and Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr C Green signed the letter of agreement.

It was AGREED to appoint The Garden Guardian to carry out this contract; the cost in 2010 would be £219.00 per cut.

It was also AGREED to appoint The Garden Guardian to cut some of the Churchyard every two weeks (16 cuts) at a cost of £512.00 in 2010.

## **76. WORK IN PROGRESS**

The list was reviewed.

Mr Dunn had asked if a bus shelter could be provided at St Faiths Road, near the Hall School. This was not possible within the current or 2010/11 budgets.

## **77. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

The attached list of vouchers numbered 403 to 454 with payments totalling £22,084.87 and receipts of £790.85 were approved.

## **78. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

78.1. Various defects would be reported to Norfolk County Council.

## **79. CORRESPONDENCE**

79.1. The attached list was noted.

79.2. The Old Catton Society had asked if a hardcore path could be provided across the amenity land at Woodham Leas. This had been considered and refused a few years ago. It was AGREED to tell the Old Catton Society that it was not possible.

79.3. It was AGREED that the Council's previous views on unitary local government in Norfolk were still applicable now that the Boundary Committee had recommended that there be just one unitary council for Norfolk and that those views be sent to the Secretary of State. The views were that the Status Quo was the preferred option and outlined the concerns about a unitary Norfolk.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

Chairman, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010