

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2010,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A Lovett Mrs G Masdin Mr D Thompson
Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

90. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11.1.2010

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

91. PLANNING

Recommendations were made on planning applications as the attached list.

92. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

92.1. Path to the Pavilion.

John Watts and Son had quoted to re-lay the existing slabs, with an eight metre concrete strip for heavy vehicles, topped by slabs to appear uniform from the car park to the Pavilion door in the sum of £1,770.00. It was AGREED to accept the quotation subject to the approval of the Finance and Policy Committee to vire unspent funds from Lavare Park to pay for part of the work as the funds remaining in the budget for Church Street would be insufficient. It was AGREED that an order for the work would be placed when the funding had been confirmed.

92.2. Bowls Hut.

It was noted with pleasure that the Wensum Bowls Club had applied for a grant to help with the cost of the new hut.

93. LAVARE PARK

93.1. Progress with the new land.

It was noted that the work to prepare the land was progressing.

94. CEMETERY

94.1. New section.

Drawings and details of different kinds of memorials were considered and it was AGREED to visit Abbey Memorials to see how lawn style memorials were constructed and fixed. It was noted that the National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) and the British Association of Memorial Masons (BRAMM, the two bodies are about to merge) were now providing training and accreditation and its members were obliged to guarantee their work for ten years.

It was AGREED that in the new section of the Cemetery only masons accredited or trained by NAMM or BRAMM and guaranteeing their work for ten years would be allowed to provide memorials. The memorials could be lawn or monolith style.

It was AGREED to allocate the next grave in line for burials, removing any choice. The graves would be in line in front of (not along) the hedge. This would make it easier to dig graves safely and to keep the headstones in line.

It was AGREED that plots sold in advance would not be allocated until a burial took place. The only exception would be if family members wished to book adjacent plots.

95. CHURCHYARD

95.1. New area of Churchyard.

The meeting held with church officials had reached agreement which would be confirmed after the Parochial Church Council meeting on 10th February 2010.

The Diocesan Registrar had advised that the new area was technically 'open' and therefore the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council; he had suggested that the Parochial Church Council pay the Parish Council to maintain the area to ensure continuity across both areas.

95.2. Lych gate.

The agreement of the Parochial Church Council to apply for a faculty to carry out the work was awaited.

96. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed.

97. HIGHWAY MATTERS

97.1. It was recognised that the many defects that had been exacerbated by the extreme weather conditions would take some time to rectify.

97.2. It was noted that some grass verges, notably at the Paddocks, Lodge Lane and White Woman Lane, were in a very muddy state due to vehicle traffic. Unfortunately the Police and Highway Authority were reluctant to deal with this problem. It was AGREED to ask Flagship Housing to ask its tenants not to park on the grass verge at The Paddocks.

98. CORRESPONDENCE

98.1. The attached list was noted.

99. MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED to discuss the provision of grit boxes.

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

Chairman, 8th March 2010