

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL,
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 2011,
AT 7.30 P.M., AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman – Mrs G Masdin
Mrs A Chandler Mr B Palmer Mrs A Riches
Mr B Sabberton-Coe Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin
Mrs J Williams

APOLOGIES: Mr M Vincent

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

50. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12.1.2011

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

51. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 48. War Memorial. It was noted that the Planning and Property Committee would discuss the timing of the removal of the poppy wreaths at its next meeting. Members suggested that the wreaths should be removed on 1st January unless they could be fixed tidily in place.

52. FINANCE, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

52.1. The attached list of vouchers 435 to with payments totalling £11,718.64 and receipts of £966.70 were approved. The bank reconciliation and comparison with the budget were noted.

It was noted that the bill to service the tractor and gang mowers was large as the tractor needed high maintenance because of its age. It was AGREED to look into suitable replacements

52.2. Grants. It was AGREED to make the same grants as in 2010 as follows –

- Old Catton Twinning Association - £250 for entertaining guests and £50 for administration
- Norfolk Accident Rescue Service - £50
- Norwich Citizens Advice Bureau - £30
- North Walsham Citizens Advice Bureau - £30
- Norwich Fringe Project - £50

It was noted that the proceeds of the bottle banks was £164 to date and AGREED that this money should be used towards these grants.

53. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

The auditor had suggested investigating better interest rates if the Council was considering changing banks. It was noted that currently the deposit account at Barclays was paying 0.05% interest. The Co-operative Bank was offering more competitive interest rates on its deposit accounts; the current rate was 1.80% on a deposit of £100,000 for 12 months. It was AGREED to recommend to the Council that a deposit account be opened with the Co-operative Bank with £100,000 for a 12 month period.

54. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL MOBILE INFORMATION SERVICE

The meeting considered a suggestion by Broadland District Council that the Council deliver the functions currently offered by its mobile information service, mainly collection of council tax and dealing with queries on housing benefits. Broadland District Council did not propose to pay the Council to do this. It was AGREED to tell Broadland District Council that the Parish Council could not take on this work.

55. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

It was noted that work to create the new shared use foot and cycle way at White Woman Lane would begin on 14th February. It was also noted that the roundabout at Constitution Hill would be closed for two weeks for resurfacing and that this would cause traffic problems on the alternative routes.

56. CORRESPONDENCE

The attached list of correspondence was noted.

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

Chairman, 10.3.2011