

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

PRESENT: Chairman – Mrs A Chandler
Mr B Palmer Mrs A Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr D Thompson Mr M Vincent

APOLOGIES: Miss P Wilkin Mrs J Williams

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

35. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13.10.2011

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

36. CONSULTATION ON COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Members had previously attended a working group with Mr R Burroughs of Broadland District Council who had explained the proposals formulated by the GNDP for the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that would replace some of the provisions of the existing Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Acts.

It was AGREED to respond by saying that the Parish Council was concerned that the 5% proposed to be paid to Parish Councils was so much less than was currently payable under S106 that it would not be possible to provide suitable and acceptable facilities for play and recreation for the increasing population and to ask if Broadland District Council would make this up from its 'share' of CIL. It was noted that the period of consultation for the government had yet to expire and that this would be agenda'd for the Parish Council meeting on 24.11.2011.

37. FINANCE, PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS, COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

37.1. The attached list of vouchers 343 to 392 with payments totalling £18,7783.43 and receipts of £4,380.19 were approved. The bank reconciliation and comparison with the budget were noted.

38. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was AGREED to authorise payments to Anglian Water by internet.

39. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2012/13

A draft budget was considered and the following factors taken into account –

- The Clerk and the Groundsman would not receive any increase in pay as they were tied into the national negotiating machinery
- It was AGREED to increase the hourly pay for the Recreation Ground Supervisors by 50 pence per hour
- The loss of income for monitoring Broadland District Council's road cleaning work
- The commitment to the Village Website
- No allowance was made for major work
- Allowance was made for the cost of electricity to increase by 21%
- A reduction in the grant to the Catton Park Trust from £7,000 to £5,000, although special requests would be considered if funds became available.

It was AGREED to recommend that the Council levy a precept of £160,000, this would be 1.25% more than for the current year. The number of band D properties was not yet known so the impact, if any, on individual households could not be measured.

Mr D Thompson left the meeting.

The scale of fees and charges was AGREED.

40. CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Chairman reported on the enthusiastic meeting held on 7.11.2012 when a committee had been elected, to be chaired by Mr B Honess and to include Mr B Palmer as well as representatives of other organisations and individuals. It was AGREED that this should be a committee of the Parish Council (allowed by Parish Council and Community Councils Regulations (Committees) 1990) and would report to the Parish Council.

41. CORRESPONDENCE

Three items of correspondence were noted.

42. OTHER MATTERS

It was AGREED not to meet in December.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman, 12.01.2012