

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 P.M.ON THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2011
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Mr D Thompson - Chairman
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Leggett
Mr B Palmer Mrs A Riches Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr M Vincent Miss P Wilkin

Sergeant P Scott and PCSO K Casburn
1 resident
Mr G Charlesworth – local press correspondent

APOLOGIES for absence were accepted from -
Mrs A Chandler, Mr A Lovett, Mrs G Masdin and Mrs J Williams
Mr S Dunn – Broadland District Councillor and Norfolk County Councillor
Mr K Leggett – Broadland District Councillor

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr D Thompson and Mr B Sabberton-Coe declared their interest as Trustees of the Catton Park Trust Ltd.

56. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24.2.2011

It was AGREED that the minutes, which had been circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

57. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 51.2. War Memorial. Mr J Arnott reported that the British Legion's committee had welcomed the Council's agreement to securely retain just two wreaths after January. The committee asked that consideration be given to also providing two decorative boxes to hold the wooden crosses until January. Members would look at this idea before discussing it at the next Planning and Property Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

Sergeant Scott presented the crime statistics. He reported a 12% reduction in the year on year figures and a 31.5% crime detection rate. One of the graffiti offenders would appear in court in the near future and another was being investigated at a local school. The Chairman thanked the officers who left the meeting.

A resident of Desmond Drive asked about the suggestion of fencing all of Lavare Park to exclude dogs; he was concerned that the inclusion of the new land in the Park restricted the area for dog walkers and asked that the Council bear this in mind. The Chairman assured the resident that his concerns would be taken into account when the land was discussed.

The meeting resumed.

58. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

58.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 10.3.2011. AGREED.

58.2. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 64. Broadland District Council's mobile information service. Mr M Vincent suggested that the Council should investigate the potential costs of taking on Broadland District Council's functions; the meeting did not wish to do so but, as had already been agreed at the meeting, would keep the matter under review.

58.3. Approval of payments and receipts.

The list, which had been scrutinised by the Committee, was approved.

59. PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

59.1. Mr B Sabberton-Coe PROPOSED the confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 14.3.2011. AGREED.

59.2. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 116.2. Grass verge at Church Street. It was noted that a scheme of planting had to be submitted for Norfolk County Council's approval before any planting could take place.

Minute 108.3. Beyond Green Developments. It was noted that Mr J Arnott, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and the Clerk would meet architects of Beyond Green at 10.00 am on 31st March 2011.

60. PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY CONFIRMATION

Six residents had completed forms applying to re-establish a public right of way between Sywell Close and Spixworth Road and Woman Lane. It was noted that the way was on privately owned land that had been gated by the owners in an attempt to deal with problems caused by the paths being open to the public. It was AGREED to forward the forms, without any recommendation, to Norfolk County Council for that Council to deal with.

61. REPORT OF VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr B Leggett that the lead gutters had been replaced as a matter of urgency to deal with the leaking roof at a cost of about £3,000.00. This had significantly depleted the committee's funds.

62. CATTON PARK - UPDATE

Mr D Thompson reported on progress with the new building project which was close to completion; the Greater Norwich Development Partnership, who had funded the project, had given the Trust excellent support and understanding.

The Trustees were considering extending the picnic area and how best to deal with problems with dogs.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman, 28th April 2011