

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2011,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

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

APOLOGIES: Mr D Thompson Miss P Wilkin

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

41. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11.7.2011

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

42. PLANNING

42.1. Planning applications.

There were no new applications.

It was noted that the application for change of use to a nursery at the Racquets Court at Catton House had been refused by Broadland District Council.

It was noted that the application to erect a dwelling at The Stables, 46 Spixworth Road, which had been refused by Broadland District Council, would be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate.

42.2. Consultation on amendments to plans for the Dowding Road site

It was AGREED to write to the City Council and again make the points about the need to make Taylors Lane fit for the additional pedestrian traffic that would be generated by the new homes and the need for S106 funds for play to be made available to the Council as the new residents' children would, inevitably, use Old Catton facilities.

42.3. Norwich Airport

Mr J Arnott reported on the recent Joint Consultative Committee meeting:

- Engine testing. The Judicial Review that had been called to look at the proposed site for the new engine testing facility near Quaker Lane would take place in the autumn. Public Consultation was taking place on a second site, nearer to the industrial estate, which was being considered in case the review found against the Quaker Lane site.
- Football flights. The meeting had made it clear that flights after 11 pm for visiting football teams returning after matches would not be acceptable.

- Membership of the Joint Consultative Committee. The meeting had agreed that only elected members could represent the Parish Councils at the committee and the constitution was being re-worded for ratification at the AGM.

43. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

43.1. Bowls building

It was AGREED to allocate the £300 that Mr Jones had paid for the afternoon recreational bowls towards buying suitable flooring for the building, possibly Astro turf.

44. LAVARE` PARK

44.1. Condition of the ground and hedges

Members had inspected the Park before the meeting and it was AGREED that the new ground was still not fit for pitches. The Morley Agricultural Foundation, who owned the adjacent land, had confirmed that liability for the boundary trees and hedges was joint, with each party responsible for its side and payment for work involving the whole trees to be shared. James Oxbury had assessed the trees and would be quoting for work needed in consultation with Mr J Arnott. It was AGREED to continue to cut the roadside hedge once a year.

44.2. Damaged window

It was AGREED to replace the window and grille.

44.3. Meeting with Junior Football Club

The Junior Football Club Chairman had been unable to attend the planned meeting and it was AGREED to invite the officers of the club to meet after the next meeting on 10th October at 8.00 pm

45. CEMETERY

The Committee had visited the Cemetery prior to the August meeting. It was AGREED to:

- Weed kill the grassed areas
- Plant a suitable evergreen tree in the centre of the 'roundabout' and bulbs around the tree
- Repair the damaged tarmac surface in the entrance

46. CHURCHYARD

It was noted that the old redundant oil tank had been removed.

47. WAR MEMORIAL

It was AGREED to hard landscape the garden areas with something like granite or cobble setts rather than retaining a garden and planting.

48. WORK IN PROGRESS

The list was reviewed.

49. HIGHWAY MATTERS

49.1. The following problems would be reported again –

Dead tree surrounded by weeds at Garrick Green

The weak VAS at St Faiths Road

Also the dead tree behind the new cycle track at White Woman Lane

49.2. It was noted that the hedge next to the narrow path at St Faiths Road, near Age UK, had been cut and the path sided to uncover its maximum width; it was felt that the path was still inadequate.

50. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was noted. Members would let the Clerk know if they were able to attend the Community Engagement Briefing on 23rd August at 7.00 pm at Thorpe Lodge.

51. OTHER MATTERS

51.1. The Queen's Jubilee in 2012. It was AGREED to consult other Village organisations about their plans to celebrate the occasion with a view to organising a joint event or events. However, the meeting was not in favour of organising anything to celebrate the Olympic Games.

51.2. Mr B Leggett reported that the Old Catton Society would be retrieving old plaques that had originally been fixed to the Village Sign when it was situated at the junction of St Faiths Road with Church Street and asked members where they should be sited. It was AGREED to suggest that they be framed along with a photograph of the sign in its old position and then hung in the Village Hall.

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

Chairman, 10th October 2011