

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE,
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2011,
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman - Mr B Sabberton-Coe
Mr J Arnott Mr C Green Mr B Honess
Mr B Leggett Mr G Tingle
Mr D Thompson (until agenda item 16) Miss P Wilkin

APOLOGIES: Mrs A Chandler

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

65. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10.10.2011

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

66. PLANNING

66.1. Planning applications.

A recommendation was made as the attached list.

66.2. Events held by Beyond Green Developments

Mr J Arnott, Mr B Sabberton-Coe and the Clerk reported on the recent meeting with officers of Beyond Green Developments. They had discussed the proposed east west road and it had been agreed that it should be moved a little to the south, adjacent to the electricity sub station, to avoid the cemetery and that, if the road was to access the airport Industrial estate for general traffic, St Faiths Road should be closed so that additional traffic could not use St Faiths Road.

The large area of proposed amenity land was discussed, in particular its use as a cricket field with a pavilion and a restaurant. It was pointed out that the Village was already well served with 100 allotments.

Members had liked the concept of building in blocks with straight roads that were not necessarily through roads for vehicles and the plan to include the necessary plumbing to use harvested rain water in all homes. It was noted with regret that the development in Old Catton might not begin for ten years.

Beyond Green Developments would continue to up date and consult the Council on its plans.

66.3. Development at Spixworth Road by Taylor Wimpey

Taylor Wimpey had already consulted informally on its plans for the forty homes adjacent to Lavare` Park at a public exhibition and following the recent Parish Council meeting. All the documents for the planning application had been received and members had looked at them before the meeting. It was AGREED to support the planning application.

It was also AGREED to ask Taylor Wimpey to name the development after the late County Councillor, Les Austin, who had worked tirelessly to achieve the very successful cycle way to Spixworth.

66.4. Development at Dowding Road

It was noted that building work had begun. The meeting was dissatisfied with Norwich City Council's refusal to allocate any of the S106 funding to Old Catton and it was AGREED to write a strong letter to the Chief Executive about this.

67. CHURCH STREET RECREATION GROUND

67.1. Tree work

It was noted that the tree work had been carried out. Broadland District Council had declined to allow the cherry tree next to the tennis courts to be removed but it had been trimmed.

67.2. Car Park

Mr G Tingle reported that the percolation tests would be carried out in conjunction with the work at the boundary.

67.3. Boundary with Woodland Drive

Mr J Arnott and Mr G Tingle would organise the work when the neighbour was able to fence his side of the boundary.

67.4. Contract to inspect playground equipment

The meeting AGREED to cancel the contract with Zurich Municipal which would cost £844.85 in 2012 and to appoint Digley Associates, in conjunction with Came and Company, at a cost of £50.00 for each site. Digley had given assurances that its charge would remain the same regardless of the number of pieces of equipment at each site while Zurich charged per item. It was noted that Mrs Wilkin, who had been trained to do so, inspected and reported on the equipment every two weeks.

68. LAVARE` PARK

68.1. Condition of the ground and hedges

It was noted that Norse had obtained independent advice from Collier Turfcare and had agreed to verti drain the new land and then to feed it at no cost to the Parish Council. It was noted that recently the pitches had been significantly fouled by dogs; it was AGREED to erect signs and to try to identify the offending dogs' owner.

68.2. Potential lease with Old Catton Junior Football Club

The Clerk had met with Broadland District Council's planning officers about the planned development by Taylor Wimpey and the Junior Football Club's proposals to fence the existing football pitch. The planning officers had been unable to offer

any advice about the fencing without more specific details. It was AGREED to tell the Junior Football Club that the Council was waiting to hear from the Club before it could be discussed further and to suggest a joint meeting with the planning officer.

68.3. Other matters

It was noted that the litter bin had been burned out and a bonfire set on the pitch on 5th November. It was AGREED to buy a new bin.

69. CEMETERY

It was noted that the crocus and dwarf daffodil bulbs had been planted.

70. CHURCHYARD

70.1. It was noted that the Vicar had invited members to a meeting at the Church on 23.11.2011 about the reordering of the interior of the Church.

70.2. It was AGREED to check on the condition of an oak tree and to report back to the next meeting

71. WAR MEMORIAL

Quotations were still awaited and would be considered at the next meeting.

72. WORK IN PROGRESS

It was AGREED to put in hand the hedge planting at Woodham Leas and adjacent to the bowls hut. The preferred type of hedging was hornbeam.

73. HIGHWAY MATTERS

73.1. Path at Oak Lane.

The meeting considered a request from a resident to surface the section of the path between Spixworth Road and the entrance to Catton Park that was currently unusable. Norfolk County Council was offering grants to match Parish Council funding for small projects and Mrs Leggett, Norfolk County Councillor, had obtained an estimate from Norfolk County Council for a TROD with a maximum cost of £15,000.00.

This matter was discussed in detail and members were concerned about road safety when families needed to cross Oak Lane twice to access Catton Park or to walk on the road. However, the price was considered to be excessive and the detail of the work proposed incomplete. It was AGREED to ask for more detail of the work, in particular if the path would be kerbed, and if it could be carried out by another contractor.

It was AGREED to prioritise the work over any possible plans to resurface the Recreation Ground car park and, if necessary to fund it from reserves. It was AGREED to discuss the matter further at the Parish Council meeting with the benefit of more information.

73.2. Consultation on proposed cycle routes

The plans of the routes proposed by Norfolk County Council were discussed and the meeting was unable to support the route proposed through Wrenningham Road, Woodland Drive and then Taylors Lane. It was AGREED to suggest that a better route would be through Repton Avenue and to point out that Taylors Lane was a private unadopted and unsuitable route.

73.3. Planting in verges

It was noted that Norfolk County Council's rules for planting in grass verges precluded planting within two metres of the road. It was AGREED that planting so far away from the road would not discourage motorists mounting the verge and would not be worth the expense.

73.4. Overhanging hedges

It was AGREED to write to residents whose hedges were growing over footpaths asking them to cut the growth back to clear the path, also to mention this in the next newsletter.

74. OTHER MATTERS

It was AGREED not to meet in December. It was AGREED to delegate authority to Mr B Sabberton-Coe and Mr C Green to deal with any planning applications.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Chairman, 9th January 2012