

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 13TH MAY 2021
BY VIRTUAL MEANS

Present: Mr B Sabberton-Coe (Chairman) Mrs A Chandler Mr B Leggett
Mr G Tingle Mr M Vincent Mr S Walker
Miss P Wilkin

Mrs K Vincent (Norfolk County and Broadland District Councillor)
Mr K Leggett (Broadland District Councillor)
2 Residents

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16.05.2019

The Minutes of the Meeting, which had been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman's report, which had been circulated, was accepted.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2021

The un-audited accounts were accepted.

5. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS

A written report was submitted by the following organisations, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes:

- Catton Park Trust
- AFC Norwich
- Old Catton Cricket Club
- Old Catton Horticultural Club
- The Royal British Legion
- Girl Guiding Catton District
- Old Catton Evening Woman's Institute
- 44th Norwich (1st Old Catton) Scout Group
- Friends of Catton Park
- Old Catton and Sprowston Youth Engagement

Beat Manager, PC Gill explained the crime figures provided for the period January – March 2021. PC Gill reported that there is an increase in drug related crimes in the Parish and the Police continued working hard against this issue.

Additional verbal report was received from Mrs B Chisholm, Chairman of Friends of Catton Park. Mrs B Chisholm thanked the Parish Council for the hard work undertaken to ensure Catton Park remained available for all residents to use during and after lockdown. Thanks was given for the inclusion of Friends of Catton Park membership advertisement in the Parish Newsletter. Mr B Sabberton-Coe thanked the Friends for their continued support of Catton Park.

Verbal report was received from the Parish Charity. This had been a very successful year for the allotments with all plots being well maintained and the whole site looking really good. The old burning area now has bee hives (maintained by one of the allotment holders) which are doing very well. Plans for this year is to install a wooden open shelter – to be positioned on an unusable plot – that will be used for holders socialising, such as BBQ. Polly tunnels are now permitted on plots, to a maximum size of 8m x 6m (consent is required before installation). Sheds and permanent structures are not permitted. Fence at the entrance to the allotments has now been replaced; this was damaged due to a RTA. Annual skip hasn't been provided at time of Annual Meeting due to covid-19 and social distancing guidelines; hopefully this will be provided soon. Annual plot fee is £20.00 - currently there are no vacant plots and there is a waiting list. Personal thanks was given to Mrs Gail Howes for carrying out the administration.

Broadland District Councillor K Leggett gave congratulations to the Parish Council – staff, volunteers and Members for all they did during the pandemic to support our community. Councillor K Leggett commented on the collaboration between South Norfolk & Broadland District Councils in delivering a wide range of benefits to our residents and highlighted the Strategic Plan 2020-2024 and the Visions for both Councils: 1) Growing the economy, 2) Supporting individuals and empowering community, 3) Protecting and improving the natural and built environment whilst maximising quality of life, and 4) Moving with the times, working smartly and collaboratively - <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/downloads/file/2676/strategic-plan-2020-2024-accessible> Councillor K Leggett thanked residents for continuing to support Catton Park by recycling glass bottles and paper at the banks at Morrisons, Maids Head PH, The Woodman PH and The Rectory Crostwick. For the period Jun-Dec 2020 over 60tons of glass and paper was recycled which produced a net income of approx. £2,750. During the period Jan-Mar 2021 21tons had been recycled which is a net income of approx. £1,000,

Norfolk County Councillor and Broadland District Councillor K Vincent stated that it has been a privilege to represent Old Catton and thanked residents for putting their trust in her again at the recent elections. Councillor K Vincent reflected over the past year – Norfolk County Council co-ordinated bringing all Councils together in response to covid-19. Norfolk County Council invested £1million at the start of the pandemic for PPE. The Help Hub was established. Support to our residents has been a whole community effort – County, District and Parish Councils – there has been a tremendous effort from all. Councillor K Vincent commented that it has been wonderful to see the community spirit that came out of the pandemic; it would be good to continue this. Broadland District Council AGM, including election of new Chair, will be held on 24th May at the Norfolk Show Ground (the only venue large enough to ensure all members can attend). Highways improvements have been carried out to Lodge Lane, The Paddocks, White Woman Lane and the Moore Avenue pavements. Final design for the redesigning of the St Faiths Road/Fifers Lane junction as part of the Sewell Meadow development have been agreed. Previously Councillor K Vincent has provided

funding from her Norfolk County Council Members Allowance towards the trod at Priors Drive – this year Councillor K Vincent intends to fund Wig-wag signage near Hall School. Funding will increase to £10,000; if residents have any suggested projects. Councillor K Vincent also has a £500 Broadland District Council grant fund available for local projects in the Parish (last year these funds were used to fund the seeds for residents project) – residents can contact Councillor K Vincent with possible projects for consideration.

Councillor B Sabberton-Coe thanked both Councillor K Vincent and Councillor K Leggett for their hard work and effort for the Parish.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no further matters raised by the public.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Chairman, 2022

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