

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2022
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET, OLD CATTON

Present: Mr B Sabberton-Coe (Chairman) Mr G Tingle (Vice Chairman) Mr J Amis
Mrs A Chandler Mr T Cooke Mr G Crouch
Ms Y Gowers Mr D King Mr B Leggett
Mr R Potter Mr M Vincent Ms P Wilkin

Ms S Vincent (Clerk)
Broadland District Councillor K Leggett
PC Graham Gill and PC Jackie Chambers
30+ Residents

130. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor B Honess due to holiday commitments.

131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no declarations of interest.

132. TEMPORARY SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Due to the large number of attending residents, it was AGREED that the order of business be changed to allow for residents participation during public speaking and for this part of the meeting to be held outside.

133. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned outside for public discussion.

Councillor B Sabberton-Coe invited residents to ask questions regarding the sale of the Deer Park to a private developer but stated that the Parish Council had no further information at this time. The Council were arranging a meeting with the development company and once further information was available this would be made public. Residents are very concerned that planning application for residential properties on the Deer Park will be submitted. Discussion followed regarding the Old Catton Neighbourhood Plan, the Listed status of the Park, Old Catton Conservation Area and the Parish Council support in protecting the Deer Park. Residents provided some historical information regarding the Park and regarding previous planning applications. Residents were concerned about the future of the horses currently kept on the Deer Park and future management of the Park should the horses be removed. Councillor B Sabberton-Coe reiterated that the Parish Council had no further information but would ensure all residents were informed when more information was made available. The Clerk requested that residents continue to submit their views, comments and objections via post or email (clerk@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk). Residents stated they were reassured that Parish Council would not support development of the Deer Park. Many attendees offered their future help,

support and assistance if required. Once the discussions on this matter were concluded, all residents left the meeting at this point.

The meeting resumed inside the Pavilion for reports from the Police and District Councillors.

Beat Officer, PC Graham Gill provided a breakdown of statistics for crime occurrences in Old Catton during February 2022 - x12 criminal instances had occurred during the period in Old Catton. These included criminal damage, domestic, public fear, alarm or distress and theft from a motor vehicle. PC G Gill stated that speed checks had been carried out in the area; although it was currently not permitted to carry out speed checks on 20mph roads. Majority of road users were abiding by the speed limit; x2 drivers had been issued with verbal warnings. PC G Gill confirmed that there is an official Order for 20mph on Church Street. Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel priorities set for the next x3 months include road safety and anti-social behaviour. PC G Gill requested copies of SAM2 report for Church Street when it is available. PC G Gill reported that there was an increase of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Old Catton and Sprowston and increased patrols (both plain clothes and mobile) are being carried out in Catton Park.

Broadland District Councillor Ken Leggett reported:

- Recycling: Delays in emptying the paper recycling bin continue due to collection company's staff shortages. Councillor K Leggett continues to chase this. Glass collections are timely however there has been a delay in receiving payment from Norfolk County Council. Tonnage collection for January – March 2022 were: March = 3.7tons, February = 6.3tons, January = 6tons.
- Notification of planning applications: Councillor K Leggett provided an update. Broadland District Council acknowledge there were instances where residents were not informed of nearby planning applications. Broadland District Council believe most of these occurred during lockdown but that the issue has now been corrected. However, it was acknowledged by District Council that resident of property directly affect by recent planning application on Church Street had not been informed.

Broadland District Councillor Richard Potter reported:

- Dog Poo Bins within Old Catton: a number of residents had complained regarding the lack of dog poo bins in the area, particularly on St Faiths Road and around the NDR. The Clerk provided update – Clerk's office are currently awaiting Broadland District Council response to updating current records regarding number of bins in the area. Current records are x8 years old and do not reflect the increase of housing or footfall. Councillor R Potter stated that, if necessary, he was happy to use his Members Allowance to contribute towards the cost of additional bins.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Points: As part of the environmental strategy Broadland District Council are looking to install electric vehicle charging points across the district. More information will soon be available on the website: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk>
- Big Broadland Litter Pick: Volunteers are invited to join the Big Broadland Litter Pick. Every volunteer group receives £20 for taking part and those that complete a letter pick will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win £200. More information is

available on the website: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/keeping-streets-clean/volunteer-litter-pick-area/2>

- Solar Together: Solar Together Norfolk is a group-buying scheme for residents and small businesses interested in installing solar panels or battery storage systems. More information is available on the website: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/solartogether>
- Easter Waste Collections: residents should shortly receive a leaflet outlining the temporary changes to the bin collection days due to the Easter bank holidays.
- Sports Champion Grants: grant of up to £300 available for local sporting residents to help cover the cost of competing, equipment and training. More information is available via the website: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/leisure-fitness/community-funding-1>

The meeting resumed.

134. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14.03.2022

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

135. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

136. The Clerk's monthly report was received and noted, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. Members highlighted that the water level in the Village Pond had significantly reduced, probably due to wind spray now that the fountain was regularly on. Members were concerned that they may be another leak. The Pond also requires some cleaning out. Members were concerned that, given the water level, the fish had been eaten by a heron (no fish had been seen in the pond). Clerk said she would investigate this. Members were concerned that additional land for cemetery use needed to be identified. It was requested that this be brought to Agenda in x6 months' time.

137. FINANCE

137.1. Bank balances as at 31st March 2022 were noted. Monthly bank account reconciliations were noted. List of payments and receipts with vouchers 636 to 688 on payments schedule up to 31st March 2022 with expenditure of £32,677.15 and income of £55,131.09 (including account package adjustment for year-end of £50,000) were APPROVED.

138. PLANNING

There were no planning applications to consider and no other planning matters.

139. PROPERTY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 139.1.** It was AGREED that Councillors B Leggett and B Sabberton-Coe be appointed as Representatives for Old Catton Village Hall Committee.
- 139.2.** Councillor P Wilkin requested Old Catton Junior Football Club Chairman's contact number in connection with the Club's Presentation on 13th and 14th May 2022. The Clerk will forward this to Councillor P Wilkin.
- 139.3.** Councillor B Leggett confirmed there is a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) on Wednesday 13th April 2022.
- 139.4.** Councillor G Tingle explained that area of concern on Hall Drive caused by root damage was larger than originally anticipated. Cold pour will be required for driveway repairs after relevant roots are cut. It was AGREED that Councillor G Tingle will carry out the necessary work. Councillor G Tingle will arrange for quote to be submitted to the Clerk. Councillor B Leggett requested work be carried out during school holidays (July) to limit disruption to users of the Village Hall.
- 139.5.** There were no written or verbal reports from Members with organisations or significant issues from their areas of responsibility.

140. NEXT MEETING

Date of Parish Council Annual Meeting was noted as Monday 9th May 2022 at 6.30pm at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Church Street.

141. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Date of Annual Parish Meeting was noted as Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.00pm at the Church Hall, Blacksmiths Way.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Chairman, 9th May 2022