

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024
AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET, OLD CATTON

Present: Mr B Sabberton-Coe (Chairman) Mr G Tingle (Vice Chairman) Mr J Arnott
Mr M Callam Mr T Cooke Mr G Crouch
Mr B Leggett Miss P Wilkin Mr M Winhall

Ms S Vincent (Clerk)
Beat Manager PC Gill
Broadland District Councillor K Leggett
Norfolk County and Broadland District Councillor K Vincent

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor M Vincent due to prior commitments.

77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no further declarations of interest.

78. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11.11.2024

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

79. MATTERS ARISING

There were no further matters arising.

80. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Beat Manager PC G Gill provided crime statistics for Old Catton for the period September – November 2024. Incidents recorded as follows:

- x1 arson – vehicle set alight.
- No burglaries recorded in Old Catton but an increase of incidents in the surrounding area was noted.
- x1 robbery.
- x21 assaults – majority were domestic incidents (including historic crimes)
- x3 linked crimes.
- No vehicle thefts recorded.
- x10 ASB recorded.

Next Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) will be held on 12th March 2024 at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Church Street, Old Catton.

Norfolk County and Broadland District Councillor Karen Vincent reported:

- Parish Partnership Scheme 2025-26: Councillor K Vincent thanked the Parish Council for considering this.
- Sewell Meadow Construction Traffic: Councillor K Vincent has attended meeting with Taylor Wimpey Representatives. Representatives informed that they wish to make application for amendment to building Condition to change construction traffic route through the village. Councillor K Vincent reminded Representatives why the Condition is in place; those present claimed to be unaware of the history of the Condition being placed. It was agreed that at present Taylor Wimpey would not request to bring construction traffic through the village; Representatives said that this would be a requirement 'at some point'. Councillor K Vincent has proposed that a public consultation be held to provide Taylor Wimpey an opportunity to explain what the development plans are and why this change would be required. Councillor K Vincent stated that it would be beneficial if the Parish Council were also involved. Councillor K Vincent will contact Clerk's Office regarding possible dates, subject to hall availability. When asked Taylor Wimpey stated that there was a further x18months of construction remaining; Councillor K Vincent stated, to Representatives, that diversion of construction traffic through the village for this length of time would be unacceptable.
- Play Equipment Evans Way/Lodge Farm Drive: Broadland District Council owned play equipment will be replaced shortly. Unallocated funds from Pride in Place/Clean Up & Bloom grants will be used to make playgrounds more accessible to all.
- Highways: Norfolk has come first in the National Highways and Transport Survey, scoring above average for public scores in satisfaction with condition of the highways, local bus services, traffic levels and congestion. Norfolk achieved higher than average on the public transport metrics, has also seen a 31% improvement on provision of electric vehicle charging points as a result of the Electric Vehicle Strategy, was ranked top for provision of cycles lanes, 1st for safety of children cycling to school (increasing from 7th last year) and 3rd for satisfaction of how potholes and damaged roads are dealt with.
- Western Link: Leader of Norfolk County Council has written to Government Ministers to seek assistance to resolve current issues with the Link project.
- Streetlighting: project to upgrade streetlighting to LEDs has been completed. This means 100% of Norfolk County Council's streetlighting will be using low energy LEDs.
- Dentists: Greater Norwich Growth Board has approved allocation of £1.5million to support delivery of new School of Oral Health at the UEA.
- Lavaré Park Clubhouse: Councillor K Vincent highlighted that the planning application decision delay of x17months has been due to Sport England statutory and non-statutory objections. These have now all been agreed and planning application has been approved.

Broadland District Councillor Ken Leggett reported:

- Councillor K Leggett reminded residents of the Broadland District Council Help Hub which is available for people in need of help and support.

- Councillor K Leggett highlighted that the recycling bin at The Woodman had moved location from the pub car park (accessed from George Hill) to the parking bays located on North Walsham Road. Councillor K Leggett is concerned the recycling bin is not being used at the new location (as levels have been very low since it was moved). The Woodman management will not consider moving the bin back to the car park. Catton Park Trust should give consideration as to whether to continue having the recycling bin at this location.

The meeting resumed.

81. The Clerk's verbal monthly report was received and noted. Councillor J Arnott commented that, at recent SNAP meeting, resident had raised concerns regarding ParkRun parking on Oak Lane on Saturday mornings. Question was raised if calculation of repair costs of ParkRun to the Parish Council and Catton Park Trust had been calculated.

82. FINANCE

82.1. Bank balances as at 30th November 2024 were noted. Monthly bank account reconciliations were noted. List of payments and receipts with vouchers 376 to 438 on payments schedule up to 9th December 2024 with expenditure of £53,328.19 and income of £3,703.45 were APPROVED.

83. PLANNING

There were no planning matters.

84. PROPERTY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

84.1. Update on Parish Partnership Scheme was noted. Village sign could not be placed on Fifers Lane due to limited verges; Council do not wish to place village sign on Buxton Road as there is already an Old Catton sign in place. Future placement of village sign within Beeston Park development will be considered at that time.

84.2. Councillor T Cooke gave an update on the allotments. A number of full and half plots had been given up and would be reallocated in January 2025. There were sufficient people on the waiting list for the vacant plots. Councillor T Cooke gave thanks to Councillor B Leggett who has offered to repair and repaint the allotment noticeboards.

84.3. Councillor J Arnott expressed concern regarding the historic brick wall on Church Street, on the boundary of no.4 Park Close.

85. NEXT MEETING

Date of Parish Council Meeting was noted as Monday 13th January 2025 at 6.30pm at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Church Street.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending, wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

Chairman, 13th January 2025