

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2024

Present: Mr B Sabberton-Coe (Chairman) Mr J Arnott Mr G Crouch
 Mr B Leggett Mr M Vincent Miss P Wilkin

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11.05.2023

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. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS

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

- Catton Park Trust Ltd
- Old Catton Evening Women's Institute
- 44th Norwich (1st Old Catton) Scout Group
- Old Catton Cricket Club
- Girl Guiding Catton District
- Old Catton Horticultural Club
- Norfolk Constabulary – Beat Manager PC Graham Gill
- Friends of Catton Park
- Old Catton Bowls Club
- Old Catton Society
- St Margaret's Church
- Sprowston Youth Engagement Project
- Old Catton Junior Football Team

4.2 There were no verbal reports given by the Clubs or Societies.

4.3 Norfolk County and Broadland District Councillor Karen Vincent said that she continued working with residents to help with housing and planning matters of concern. Cllr Vincent highlighted the Beeston Park development; outline planning approved was given in 2019, ownership of the land had now changed hands and detailed planning application was now awaited. East-West link road will be the first development to take place (running from St Faiths Road to North Walsham Road). Once this link road is completed St Faiths Road towards the cemetery will be

blocked off. Once detailed planning application is received she hopes to hold a community consultation. Cllr Vincent highlighted the Broadland Members Grant (£1,000), donating £650.00 to the Old Catton Society for a new information board. Cllr Vincent had successfully been awarded £350.00 grant through Broadland's Clean Up & Bloom grant and will be placing barrel planters around the parish together with spring bulb planting in various locations. Cllr Vincent also hopes to organise regular litter picks around the parish and there is a sign-up form for this if residents are interested. From her Norfolk County Council Highways fund for highways and local projects Cllr Vincent has provided funding for WigWag on Garrick Green, community orchard at Oakfield Gardens and funds towards road safety schemes. Cllr Vincent said she tries to provide regular updates, via monthly Council meetings, in the Church Magazine, and through drop-in surgeries held on second Saturday of the month at Morrisons and last Saturday at Sprowston library.

4.4 Broadland District Councillor K Leggett thanked residents for supporting the recycling of glass and paper which raises funds for Catton Park. Funds raised in last financial year were £1,500 which were lower than in previous years due to the increase in collection costs.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- a. A resident asked about schools and doctors provisions as part of the Beeston Park development. Cllr K Vincent explained that District Council can enforce builders to put aside land but that doctors premises are separate. Part of the Beeston Park development will include a "market square" with more facilities and provision for schooling.
- b. A resident asked about vehicle junction on Buxton Road. Cllr K Vincent said she believes there will be a roundabout and a bus stop near the development.
- c. A resident complained about low water pressure on St Faiths Road near the cemetery and expressed concern that more housing will increase the problem. Cllr K Vincent said she would investigate this.
- d. A resident asked what the construction traffic route will be for the installation of the East-West link road? Cllr K Vincent said it was too early for this to be considered at this time.
- e. A resident asked what the cost was to purchase the Deer Park and what plans the Council had for the Park. Ms S Vincent said that the Park was listed on the asset register at a value of £230,000. At present there were no plans formulated for the Park; when these had been decided the public would be informed.
- f. A resident asked about plans for the new area of the cemetery. Ms S Vincent said that there were sufficient spaces in the current cemetery and that plans were being considered.
- g. Residents complained about weeds on Swansgate and the grass cutting at Oakfield Gardens. Ms S Vincent said she would report these to Highways and Broadland District Council.
- h. A resident highlighted drainage issues at Sewell Court – following heavy rain the sewers were overflowing. Another resident said there was a similar issued at Kiln Close. Cllr K Vincent said the Sewell Court issue had been reported to Highways and that she would chase this.
- i. A resident asked who was responsible for the horses on the Deer Park. The owner of the horses is responsible.

- j. Funds provided by the Deer Park Action Group from fundraising will be used towards an information board at the Deer Park.
- k. A resident highlighted the D-Day 80th Anniversary on 6th June 2024. Commemoration and the unfurling of commemorative flag will take place at the War Memorial at 11am. The flag will remain in place for one week.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

Chairman, 22nd May 2025

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