

At Church Street Recreation Ground...

Automated external defibrillator

Old Catton Parish Council has recently purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the Recreation Ground in Church Street following recent publicity of the need for AEDs in public places.

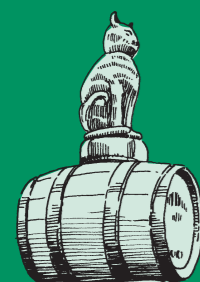
The AED that the council has purchased will remain in situ for users of the Recreation Ground, with all staff and some councillors being fully trained on CPR and use of the AED. This training was opened out to users of the Recreation Ground, however, the Chairman was disappointed at the lack of response we received to undertake this training.

Vacancy at Old Catton Parish Council

A vacancy has arisen at the Council for a Supervisor at the Church Street Recreation Ground.

The job involves supervising the Recreation Ground, locking and unlocking and cleaning. The hours to be worked are during the late afternoons, evenings and weekends. Some experience in grounds maintenance would be ideal to assist the groundsman in his duties.

If you are interested in the vacancy please contact the Clerk of the Council at the Recreation Ground or telephone (01603) 423880, alternatively email: oldcattonpc@btconnect.com



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Your newsletter

Updating the Parish Plan - have your say!

Following on from the Localism Act 2011, Neighbourhood Plans have become something that town and parish councils are looking at. Neighbourhood Plans are used to decide the future of a place. Old Catton Parish Council has decided to look at updating its Parish Plan before deciding whether a Neighbourhood Plan is needed in Old Catton.

A working group has already met on a number of occasions to look at the Action Plan, which was created in 2005 and update it where necessary. We are almost at the stage where we can consult with our electorate once again to ensure that what is in our plan is what the residents want.

Watch this space.

Come to our meetings to see what we do

Old Catton Parish Council welcomes the public to its meetings. In fact by law members of the public must be admitted to all meetings of the full Council and its committees. However, the law does not allow members of the public to take part in the debates.

This Council, like many other Parish and Town Councils in England and Wales, gives members of the public an opportunity to speak at some point during the meeting. We do this by temporarily adjourning the meeting. This allows the public plus our District and County Councillors an opportunity to speak. It is important for you to study the agenda so that when the opportunity occurs you can make the best use of your time.

If you wish to raise a point which does not relate to an item on that evening's agenda you are free to do so. However, the Council's discussion of that point might have to be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the Council is unable to make a decision binding in law (this is particularly relevant to financial decisions) unless a specific item is included on the agenda.

Members of the Council are always willing to discuss topics put forward by the public. Our agenda is prepared about a week before the next monthly council meeting so you will need to inform the Clerk or the Chairman about ten days prior to the meeting. Although this might seem a long time in advance the council is required by law to publicise its agenda at least three clear days before each meeting. These days do not include the day of issue or the day of the meeting.



Season's Greetings from the Chairman
The Chairman, Mr Bradley Sabberton-Coe, would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



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Parish Tree Warden

- ~ Do you love trees?
- ~ Would you like to take on this valuable position?
- ~ You do not have to be an expert - this will come with time in the post.



You would connect with the local community about local tree issues, take an interest in tree preservation order matters including tree work applications, conservation areas, planning applications that affect trees, new tree planting opportunities and schemes, tree surveying and updating.

To find out more visit the Tree Council's website (www.treecouncil.org.uk) and check out the Tree Warden pages or contact Stephen Chesney-Beales at Broadland District Council. email: conservation@broadland.gov.uk tel: (01603) 430560.

New street lighting for the Parish

The Parish Council has agreed a scheme to change 230 of the street lights within the Parish to LED lights, with Norfolk County Council providing approximately £10,000 funding from the Parish Partnership Scheme. Early estimates suggest a potential saving in running costs of about £3,000 a year as the lights would use less power and would not need to be replaced as often.

The new LED lanterns would be dimmed from midnight to 6am so the Village would continue to be lit at night (except areas where Norfolk County Council is the lighting authority). It is hoped that this scheme can be in place by the New Year.

Allotments

We are lucky to have over 100 allotments at Spixworth Road in Old Catton. They are well maintained and there is water and parking on site. The cost is currently £15 a year.



The allotments belong to the Parish Charities. If you are resident within Old Catton and would like an allotment please call John Aldridge on (01603) 413258 or Ann Chandler on (01508) 470388.

Speeding on Spixworth Road

The Council arranged for a site meeting to take place on Spixworth Road with Officers from Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Constabulary to discuss the matter of speeding traffic on Spixworth Road.

It was agreed that the Police would continue to undertake speed checks using the Speed Indication Display (SID) equipment.

It was also agreed that Norfolk County Council would paint the word 'SLOW' on the road at various locations to remind users of the road to slow down.

The Council feels that this is a step in the right direction and will continue to monitor the situation.



Would you be interested in taking part in a Community Speed Watch?

Community Speed Watch was launched in 2007 and is a project working across Norfolk empowering communities to play an active part alongside the police and the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problem of speeding in their neighbourhoods.

In an effort to help tackle the common complaint of speeding, teams of volunteers, (minimum of six) who have their parish council support, have been trained to use speed guns across the County. One of the volunteers acts as the coordinator and is the point of contact for the team and responsible for looking after the radar equipment.

The groups are issued with a speed radar gun, two community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets. Volunteers then carry out speed checks in 30 and 40 mph limits working to Norfolk Constabulary's guidelines.

Returns are completed logging various details such as vehicle registration mark, make, model or colour. These are then sent into the Safety Camera Partnership team, who obtain the registered keeper details. Registered keepers whose vehicles are observed breaking the speed limit will have their details recorded and will receive a warning letter requesting them to keep their speed down.

Those who persistently offend will be notified to Roads Policing and the local Safer Neighbourhood Team for police enforcement action.

If you would like to help the Parish Council set up a Community Speed Watch scheme in Old Catton then please contact the Clerk of the Council on (01603) 423880 or email: oldcattonpc@btconnect.com

Future of Lavaré Park

As you will be aware the Parish Council has been negotiating with the Old Catton Junior Football Club with the aim of the Club leasing most of Lavaré Park for its home ground. The negotiations are almost complete now and we are helping the Club to fence the area to be used for the football pitches to keep dogs out.

There will be an area around the pitches, outside the fence where dogs can be exercised so dog owners are not being forgotten!

There will also be a new play area installed. The play area and fencing will be paid for by the funding provided by Taylor Wimpey, the developers of the housing site.

Sporting activities in Old Catton

Bowls

The Anglia Bowls Club invites you to come and play for leisure every Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm. No equipment is needed, just flat soled shoes or trainers.

If you would like more information about the bowls club, contact Tony on (01603) 478789.

Old Catton Tennis Club

Old Catton Tennis Club will continue to play at the Recreation Ground on a Wednesday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm, weather permitting, and always welcomes new members.

If you are unsure about it, why not come along to the Recreation Ground one afternoon and watch before committing yourself - you'll be made very welcome.