



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a successful and challenging year for the Parish Council. The May elections have brought new members to the Council, all with the common aim of pushing forward the interests of the Parish and working hard to achieve the best results possible for our residents. We are pleased to welcome our new members and look forward to the positive contribution they will bring to the Council.

We also say farewell to our non-returning members—Mrs Judy Leggett who was our Chairperson since August 2017, Mrs Laura Fawke, Mr Barry Leggett, Mr Daniel Elmer and thank them for their strong contributions to the Council and the community in which we serve.

There have also been a few Council staff changes and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Gail Howes as Administration Officer and Mr Ross Hopwood as Recreation Ground Supervisor.

With the development of areas within the village, such as Repton House and Dixons Fold, the Parish has received substantial S106 monies to be used to the benefit of residents. These funds differ from CIL funds (community infrastructure) and are allocated to specific areas such as allotments, formal play, sports and green infrastructure. Some of these funds have been used at the Recreation Ground to purchase new gym equipment and tennis nets and support the Old Catton Cricket Club by contributing towards a scoring hut and practice mats and nets. Future projects at the Recreation Ground will include supporting the local bowls clubs by installing water to the bowls hut, supporting the netball club by installing new floodlights for winter practice and upgrading the changing rooms with electricity and heating. S106 funds have also been used to improve the gates and some fencing at the allotments, resurfacing the kissing gates at Lavaré and green infrastructure projects at Catton Park. More funds remain available and the Council welcomes suggestions from residents for equipment and infrastructure to improve your facilities.

2019 will see the start of building at the Repton Avenue development. Your Parish Council continues to remain in close contact with the local planning authority and developers to ensure that the needs of the Parish and future residents are considered during the development of this site.

Community Engagement has been at the forefront of your Parish Council's mind, both with social gatherings such as Norfolk Day, Repton 200 and Grow Your Community and with more pressing matters such as planning options for future development. Your Council are keen to ensure that all residents are able to express their views and concerns, via the Council Office, in a timely fashion and without prejudice. Raising public awareness of your Councillors,

Council Staff and important issues through public engagement is of high importance to the Council. Community events and public consultations are advertised through media outlets such as our website and social media pages together with our newsletter, noticeboards and in some cases, leaflet drops through residents' doors. We are pleased to announce that we are planning to upgrade the existing Council website to provide a central information point for all the community on Parish issues and news and aim to provide a website that better serves our community.

Specific projects that the Parish Council has undertaken during this year include a second bus stop on White Woman Lane, benches at the Cemetery and providing space for families to place memorial benches for their loved ones. We are particularly proud of the memorial benches and bins that were installed at the War Memorial – these are a beautiful and fitting reminder of those who gave their lives for us. The Parish Council has funded the installation of an additional grit bin at The Warren and, as part of the Parish Partnership, will be funding the installation of bollards outside Old Catton Junior School to ensure the safety of our children when crossing Church Street. The Parish Council continues to support the Sprowston Youth Engagement Project which organises the Old Catton Youth Group in the Parish on a Thursday evening and, with the help of a few dedicated volunteers, has supported the Community Speed Watch Team which endeavours to encourage drivers to maintain the legal speed limit through Old Catton. The Parish Council is proud to announce that the first meeting of the New Community Working Group took place at the end of April – the first step towards a new community centre for all the Parish. A Tree Management Plan has been put in place for the trees at the Recreation Ground, Lavaré Park and the Churchyard and extensive tree work has been carried out this year to ensure the woodlands are maintained to a high standard. We are pleased to say we have been accepted by Woodland Trust to receive 300 free trees for planting at the Recreation Ground for the ongoing management of the woodland.

Your Parish Councillors continue to be Trustees of Catton Park Trust and we thank you for your continued support by attending the variety of events hosted last year. These events contribute towards the ongoing maintenance of the Park and public support for our "jewel in the crown" Park is vital for future management.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and the Council staff for their continued support, advice and hard work and look forward to their proactive contributions for the next year on behalf of the village and the Council.

Mr B Sabberton-Coe (Chairman)

OLD CATTON EVENING W.I.

Our first meeting was held on 8th April 1919, so this year is our centenary. That year over 70 members joined and this year we still have a membership of 60 members, 18 of whom have been awarded long service certificates, including 10 for over 50 years.

We still adhere to the ethics of the movement, with enlightenment from our monthly speakers, learning new skills by entering competitions but the main advantage to our members is the support and friendship we give each other at all times.

We have many exciting events planned for our important year. In February we had our beautiful 100th birthday cake, baked by a member and enjoyed by all marking our inaugural meeting. At our March meeting we were surprised and honoured to be visited by the Chair of the National Federation, Lynne Stubbings. We held our April meeting at Stower Grange with a Birthday dinner for all our members and guests from Norfolk Federation and were entertained by Martyn Shults singing songs from the musicals. May's meeting is a 60's themed night where we can dress up, listen to 60's music and reminisce of past times, which should be very interesting and amusing.

We have many offshoot groups in which to socialise, Darts, Ten pin bowling, gardening, singing, walking and often join up with local WI's for outings and events. We hope to soon start up a craft group where we plan to make a replacement banner as our original one is over 90 years.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the village hall starting at 7.30pm. We are keen to welcome any new members to our friendly and very active group, where tea, refreshments and socialising is a very important part of our meetings. For more information contact myself, Lorna Brigden, President (0779471462) or Secretary Rachel Wright (01603 301874)



OLD CATTON CRICKET CLUB 2019

Last year we celebrated 150 years of Old Catton Cricket Club with an Anniversary Dinner and several other events. Though steeped in history, from our origins in the grounds of Catton Hall to our present home at the Recreation Ground, Church Street, we are forever looking to the future. Since attaining Alliance Status for our 1st Team, thanks to the good work of our Committee and the Parish Council last year, we have added to our acquisition of sight-screens and a fenced enclosure, with a brand new score hut, and a practice mat for our juniors.

These are all material things for the enhancement of the ground and cricket, but of course the life-blood of village cricket is - cricketers.

We have three Saturday and one Sunday sides to maintain, plus a Junior team and the All Stars programme for children.

If any of you out there would like to join a friendly, family-orientated club, contact us via our website: <http://oldcattoncc.hitscricket.com>

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WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We are very pleased to welcome Ross Hopwood as the new Recreation Ground Supervisor. Ross, together with Colin Franklin, oversee the Recreation Ground when the Parish Council office is closed.

OLD CATTON BOWLS CLUB

The Club play at the Recreation Ground throughout the summer. We had a very successful 2018 season with increased membership: leisure sessions, knockout competition and friendly matches were all well supported. In competition we finished 6th in the Pensioners League and won our division of the Yare League. During the season the membership were pleased to make Tony Jones an Honorary Life Member in recognition of his three decades of service with the club!

The 2019 season has started well with the clubhouse newly repainted and with a full complement of members. We commenced playing on a sunny Thursday April 18th and as well as the leisure sessions and league matches, we have also played two friendly matches, with more planned.

You can find us on Thursday afternoons when we socialise and play for fun! So if you would like to know more about lawn bowls why not come and meet us.

For more information please contact John Nuthall - 01603 466686 or Tony Butcher - 01603 429905

328 HOMES OFF REPTON AVENUE

While plans to build 328 homes on the field off Repton Avenue have been approved, there are a few matters to be resolved prior to construction commencing, including approval of a route for construction traffic to site.

The developer put forward 3 routes for consideration.

Option 1—a gated access via Meteor Close with no access on to Repton Avenue

Options 2A & 2B—both route via St Faith's Road to the mini roundabout by Lodge Lane

Thank you to everyone who commented on the options. Like many I am concerned and indeed surprised that St Faith's Road was put forward as a route at all. It is a narrow residential road with a blind bend and 7.5 tonne weight limit. It is wholly unsuitable for articulated lorries. A petition with nearly 500 signatures further demonstrates the strength of local feeling against construction traffic using St Faith's Road.

I have been working closely with the Parish Council to take up residents' concerns with the Highways Authority and planning officers with a plea for common sense to prevail with regards to the routing of construction traffic. We strongly objected to Options 2A and 2B and I am pleased to report that the Highways Authority and planning officers have listened to the concerns and are recommending approval of Option 1.

Once again, thank you to everyone who commented and supported the petition. There can be no doubt the industrial estate is by far the most appropriate routing of construction traffic to the site.

Cllr Karen Vincent

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FRIENDS OF CATTON PARK



The Friends are a small, local voluntary group who put on events in and around Catton Park. We aim for a mix of events in the Park to appeal to a broad range of people of all ages. We also put on other events such as quiz nights to raise funds for the Park.

The Friends have had a busy start to 2019 with over 150 children at the popular Easter Egg Hunt. We've also hosted a quiz and chips night and an early morning bird walk. In late May we organised the Old Catton Open Gardens event with sixteen local gardens open to visit. The day was well attended and enjoyed by all despite the rain.

Each Saturday we provide volunteers to sell refreshments at the Park Run.

We would like to recruit more members to our committee to help plan and organise our events. We meet every couple of months and would love to have some fresh ideas.

To find out more about the Friends please contact the Secretary, Gill Renouf, on 01603 484073, email friends@cattonpark.com or visit the website at www.cattonpark.com



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MESSAGE FROM

PC RUSS TUPPER

Since I took over the role of the Sprowston/Old Catton Beat Manger in January it has been a busy period for me in the area. My first SNAP meeting raised concerns from residents around school parking and speeding in the local area. I have approached both these matters with a view of educating drivers, rather than enforcing and it appears to have had a positive effect.

Unfortunately, due to other well publicised incidents within the Old Catton/Sprowston locality, my focus has been switched to more pressing concerns surrounding the younger generation within the community. Two Police surgeries were then carried out following this incident to offer reassurance to the community.

Following this, high visibility patrols have been conducted by both myself and other members of the constabulary, in areas where residents have raised their concerns. Sprowston Academy has been attended and presentations delivered to years 9 -11, on the dangers of carrying weapons of any description. Local youths have also been engaged with, during patrols I have conducted.

If anyone has any concerns they wish to discuss or would like further information around any of the issues within the community, please email me on:
sntsprowston@norfolk.pnn.police.uk.

WENSUM BOWLS CLUB

We are 113 years old as a bowling club this year. We play mainly in the evenings at the Recreation Ground, from around 6.30pm and are always willing to take on new bowlers, beginners or otherwise. We like to think that we are a friendly club who play for the fun of the game.

For further information please contact John Dickerson on 01603 502370

NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE SURVEY

The New Community Centre Working Group (CCWG) is made up of local residents and members of Old Catton Parish Council and together they are considering ideas for a community centre in Old Catton. It is proposed to build a community centre that is "fit for purpose" with facilities available for all users at the Recreation Ground, Church Street. The CCWG are undertaking a survey to find out how residents, local clubs and organisations would use a local community centre and what facilities they would like to see inside the building. A copy of the survey is enclosed with this newsletter, additional paper copies are available from the Old Catton Parish Council office or you can complete the survey online at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KZVF3J

OLD CATTON RECREATION GROUND

New Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Old Catton Parish Council have installed new outdoor fitness equipment at The Recreation Ground which was paid for by S106 money. These have already proven very popular with all ages. Why not take the opportunity to build these into your summer fit programme and give them a go! The Recreation Ground is open from 9am to 9pm during the summer. Come and try them out.

Ping! Outdoor Table Tennis

Old Catton Parish Council have been successful in acquiring an outdoor table tennis table from Broadland District Council and Tennis England. The table has been installed at The Recreation Ground, it is free to play and is available to all. A £5 returnable deposit is required if you wish to borrow bats and balls.



Tennis and Bowls

Did you know that you do not need to be a member of a club to play Bowls or Tennis at the Recreation Ground? We have excellent facilities which are available to all for a small fee.

To check availability please contact the Clerk's Office on 01603 423880.



MEETING ROOM AT THE PAVILION

Are you a member of an organisation or community group? If so, did you know that the Meeting Room is available for hire? The Meeting Room is already used for a variety of hobbies, educational and community services including French, Italian, home education, singing and sports clubs and a youth group. It is also available for Ad Hoc bookings such as meetings and parties.

If you are interested in hiring the Meeting Room or would like to know more about any of the groups who currently use the venue, please contact the Clerk's Office on 01603 423880 or e-mail assistant@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk.

Broadland Community Clear Up

Broadland Community Clear Up scheme makes sure volunteers in the Broadland district have access to litter picking equipment. We are supporting the Great British Spring Clean this year, if you are planning an event, Old Catton Parish



Council have 15 litter picker sticks and 15 hi vis jackets. Please ask to borrow equipment well in advance. Telephone: 01603 423880 or Email clerk@oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

CATTON PARK TRUST

2018 was the bicentenary of Humphry Repton's death and as Repton's first commission, Catton Park was firmly placed "on the map" of those interested in historical sites. A number of events took place throughout the Spring and Summer; starting with the wheelbarrow trail and ending with the Heritage Open Day – attendance and press coverage for all events was good. The Trust consider the Park's participation in "Celebrating Repton" a great success.

You may have noticed our 2018 Green Flag flying on the new flagpole outside the Oak Lane entrance to the Park. The Green Flag Community Award recognizes and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the UK and around the world. We are extremely proud to be awarded a Green Flag Community Award for a second year in 2018. Assessment for this year's Award has already been carried out and we are hopeful to add the 2019 flag to our collection – all fingers crossed until the announcement in July. The Trust chose to have fewer events during 2018 – Open Theatre (Journey to the Centre of the Earth), Heritage Open Day, the annual Fun Day and Spooks & Sparks in the Park. Unfortunately the weather was against us in October and attendee numbers for Spooks & Sparks were lower than previous years. Events for 2019 include Wonderland Circus (May) Jungle Book Outdoor Theatre (July), Fun Day (July), Outdoor Cinema (August) and Sparks in the Park (October). Please see our website www.cattonpark.com for more details. We very much hope residents will support these events.

Funds raised through glass and paper recycling, using the recycle banks at Morrisons, The Maids Head PH, The Woodman PH and The Old Rectory Crostwick have steadily increased and the Trust received £3,912.02 gross income from recycling credits this financial year. This is thanks to the efforts of Old Catton residents recycling their glass and paper



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF HEXCAM

at the various recycling points around the village and the Trust are very grateful to those residents who choose not to use their home bin to raise funds for the Park. Issues with fly-tipping at the start of the year did occur and the Trust would request that you remember it is only glass and paper that should be left at these recycle points; all other rubbish, including cardboard, should be disposed of correctly via the recycling centre.

We continue to receive support from Natural England through guidance and grant funding. Essential park management, including tree planting, for the long-term maintenance of the Park forms part of this funding. Promoting educational outdoor space following national curriculum is also of importance and is included within this grant funding also. 2018 saw a total of 7 schools and children's groups using this free facility, with children enjoying a number of activities such as nature trails through the woods, bug hunting, pond dipping and orienteering at the Park. These educational visits help provide essential funding to the Park – if you are linked with any schools or organised groups and are interested in using this free facility please contact the Clerk's office.

Grant funding from Broadland District Council came to an end this year with the receipt of a final lump sum. The Trust thank Ken Leggett for his work negotiating this grant over the years. Our thanks also to Old Catton Parish Council who have also provided grant funding towards the management of the Park. We are grateful to Broadland DC and Old Catton Parish Council for the support they provide.

Community usage of Hayman Lodge continues to increase with the Lodge booked every weekday evening and most weekends. Users of the Lodge include Brownies, Mini Professors, home education groups, Yoga, bushcraft, wellbeing classes and forest schools. Ad-hoc hiring for birthday parties, family celebrations, work events and even wedding blessings has also increased. The income from these hirings ensures that the Lodge "runs itself" and any additional income is channelled into park management.

With the loss of the Broadland funding 2019 is the year to consider the long-term sustainability of Catton Park. New avenues of grant funding will need to be sought. Fundraising events at the Park do help contribute towards the running costs of the Park but only if they are supported by the community. Your support of Catton Park is vital to help the Trust maintain this beautiful village asset.

Finally, we must thank the Friends of Catton Park for their support and tireless effort to promote the Park as a place for all the community with events and activities aimed at all ages. Fund raising carried out by the Friends contributed to a £1,000 donation which has been used to purchase an event gazebo for use by the Trust and the Friends and a security gate across the main drive.

Mr B Sabberton-Coe (Chairman)

SLOW THE FLOW IN NORWICH

Help us reduce the risk of flooding in parts of Norwich with a free water butt or rain water planter

Norfolk County Council, Anglian Water, Broadland District Council and Norwich City Council are working together to find long-term solutions to the problem of surface water flooding in parts of Norwich.

As part of a pilot project, some households, businesses and schools are being offered the chance to have a water butt or rain water planter installed free of charge. The initiative is funded by Anglian Water and the Interreg European Union CATCH climate change and flood reduction project.

Water butts and rain water planters can help reduce the risk of flooding by slowing the flow of rainfall into sewers. They also have other benefits as they can be used to grow plants and water your garden.

www.norfolk.gov.uk/catchproject

Who is eligible?

If you live in Norwich you could be eligible for a free slow-release water butt or rain water planter.

The installations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis across Norwich (priority will be given to properties in the target areas as shown on the interactive map at www.norfolk.gov.uk/catchproject but properties outside these areas will also be considered).

Please note the water butts and rain water planters are designed to release the captured water back into the environment.

Following approval of your application it may take up to six months for installation to take place.

Find out more and register your interest in having a free water butt or rain water planter at:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/catchproject

What is the CATCH project?

This project is part of an Interreg European Union programme known as CATCH (water sensitive Cities: the Answer To Challenges of extreme weather events) which will run until 2021.

The overall aims of CATCH are to demonstrate and accelerate the redesign of urban water management of mid-size cities in the North Sea Region in order to become climate resilient cities that are sustainable, liveable and profitable in the long term. Norwich has been chosen as the city to represent the UK in this project.

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Contacting The Clerk's Office

The Clerk's Office can be found at the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground, Church Street, Old Catton NR6 7DS and is open to the public Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm.

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month (excluding August) at 7pm at the Pavilion on Church Street. All residents are welcome to attend.

More information is available on the Parish Council noticeboards or website

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