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For the residents of Old Catton

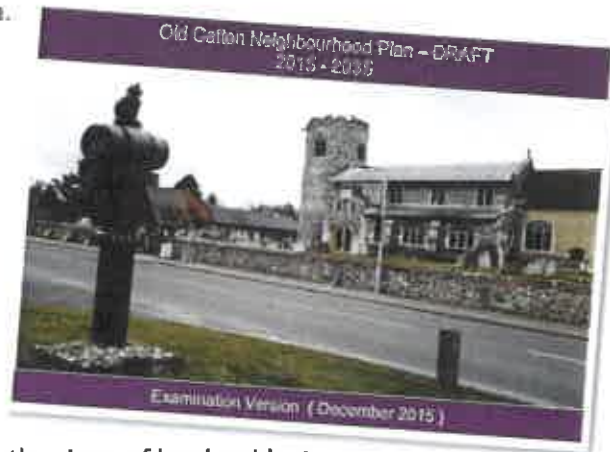
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Old Catton Neighbourhood Plan

With the help of many local residents over the last year the Neighbourhood Plan for Old Catton has been developed based on the views of the local community. Broadland District Council have approved the completed submitted Neighbourhood Plan and commenced its publication.

The Neighbourhood Plan will make such a big difference to Old Catton by:

- ~ Protecting our open green spaces.
- ~ Making developers improve house design and reduce the impact of traffic.
- ~ Bringing extra funds and money into Old Catton to be spent on Old Catton.



Once in place, the Plan is something that developers MUST take into account when submitting planning applications and respect the views of local residents.

What next?

In May the Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to an Independent Examination. Once the Plan has successfully passed the examination there will be a local referendum in July where residents of Old Catton will have the final say.

It is important that you do vote, as with a general election, the vote is not based on the total population of the area, rather the number of people who actually turn out to vote. To be successful it is necessary to gain more than 50% 'yes' votes of those who vote in the referendum.

Below are a few questions, with the answers, that we are frequently asked about the Neighbourhood Plan.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by central Government through its Localism Act to allow communities to have more say in developments that take place in the area where they live. A Plan generally relates to the use of land and development; setting out planning policies to guide development, allocate and protect sites for specific uses.

The Plan is used when deciding on local planning applications.

Catton Park
Hall available for hire
www.cattonpark.com

Hayman Lodge, Catton Park

Hayman Lodge is situated amongst 70 acres of Country Park and offers an excellent venue for:

- ~ Conferences ~
- ~ Meetings and training ~
- ~ School visits ~
- ~ Birthday parties ~

With superb panoramic views, a large picnic area, wildflower meadows and woodlands, Catton Park is just 2 miles from Norwich city centre.

Bookings and information
(01603) 423880
email: office@cattonpark.com

Please help us spread the work of the Council.

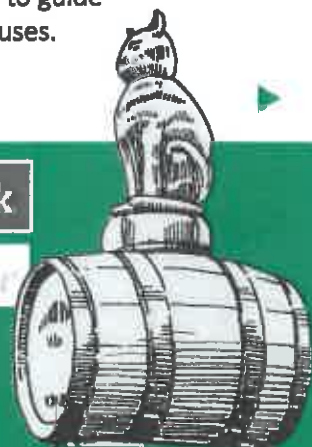
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Will Old Catton having a Neighbourhood Plan genuinely make a difference?

Yes. Developers must follow the guidance and requirements within the policies of the Old Catton Neighbourhood Plan. These will protect our 'green open spaces', improve the design and limit the impact of new developments that come to our area.

Why have a Referendum and who can vote?

An important safeguard in the neighbourhood planning process is a referendum of the local community. Having a referendum at the end of the process ensures local residents have the final say on whether a Neighbourhood Plan will or will not be used in deciding planning applications.

- Local residents of Old Catton, who are registered on the Electoral Register, will be able to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan in the referendum.

Do you need a Handyperson?

Are you over 65 years old and in need of a trained handyperson to carry out a range of small household repairs and minor adaptations?

Broadland District Council have a new Handyperson+ Service aimed to assist and enable beneficiaries to live independently. The

service includes access to a range of household checks to ensure the beneficiaries safety and warmth.

The handyperson will also provide information, advice and guidance and can support and refer the beneficiary to other help available eg. community activities, home help and companionship services, advocacy, benefit claims, health and legal services or financial management.

The service, specifically promoted to older people with long-term health conditions, is free to those on means tested benefits or charged at £15p/hr (maximum charge of £30 per visit).

For more details: http://www.broadland.gov.uk/housing_and_planning/1469.asp



Co-op Green Token Scheme

Catton Park are delighted to have been chosen as one of the local groups to benefit from the East of England Co-op token scheme. When you shop at the store you will be given a Green Token to "drop" in the box of your chosen community project. Why not put yours in the Friends of Catton Park box.

It doesn't cost you anything – tokens collected equate to a donation made by the Co-op. You will find our 'token box' in the following stores: Catton Grove, North Earlham, Cromer Road, Hellesdon, Costessey, Horsford and Mile Cross.

Want to keep active and meet new people?

Old Catton Cricket Club

We want you to join! We offer coaching and competitive cricket in local leagues to both boys and girls of various ages. Our qualified coaches cater for all abilities and levels of experience, with an aim to making sessions enjoyable, competitive and a great place to learn.

We'll be having coaching sessions and/or matches on Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer.

Please see our website for more details:

www.oldcattoncc.hitscricket.com

- To register your interest and to receive more information please contact: Luke Prime – Youth Development Manager of OCCC – 07584 456702 or email: occc.youth@outlook.com

Bowls

Anglia TV Bowling Club at Recreation Ground invites you to play bowls for leisure every Thursday afternoon (2pm-4pm). No experience or equipment necessary, just flat shoes or trainers. The Club also plays in two afternoon leagues and welcome players who would like to play league bowls.

- If you are interested in leisure or league bowls and would like more information please contact Tony Jones on (01603) 478789 or Tony Butcher (01603) 429905.

Tennis

We play throughout the year every Wednesday afternoon (1pm-3pm) and commencing in May every Tuesday evening (from 6pm). New members are always welcome – some playing experience is preferred.

- For more information please contact Joan (01603) 426493 for Wednesday details or Janet (01603) 412029 for Tuesday details.

Volunteers wanted

Following the success of the outreach project last summer held at Old Catton Recreation Ground, SYEP (Sprowston Youth Engagement Project), a community supported Norwich youth group, are looking to set up a Youth Group in Old Catton for 13-18 year olds. The group will run on Thursday evenings with plans to start at the beginning of June.

SYEP currently offers a teen drop-in style café for teenagers living in and around the Sprowston area, giving them the opportunity to socialise with friends, meet new friends, learn new skills and get advice and support or be referred onto services.

SYEP are looking for volunteers who would like to be involved. All volunteers would be offered training through momentum training services. Bi-monthly volunteer meetings and supervision are also available.

Anyone interested in getting involved please email Clare Lincoln clayouthworker@outlook.com for more information.

Old Catton Twinning Association

We welcomed 35 friends from Lavaré on 4-8 May, including 10 young people. They enjoyed a fun programme which included Vegas Comes to Old Catton (Fun Casino), seal trip from Blakeney, day trip to Great Yarmouth and party night (full programme details are available view at: www.FunTimesInFrance.com).

Are you interested in joining the Association?

New members are always welcome. Please contact Richard/Ann Moore on (01603) 400690 or Judy Leggett on (01603) 429986 email: oldcattontwinning@gmail.com

Friends of Catton Park

The Friends are a small voluntary group who put on events in and around the Park. We aim for a mix of events in the Park to appeal to a broad range of people whilst others raise funds for the Trust.

More recent events include an early morning bird walk followed by bacon baps on Sunday 8 May and our AGM on Monday 6 June, with a guest speaker who will tell us about local murders. Fund raising events include a Race Night, a coffee morning with table top sale and Quiz and Chips.

In early June we will be asking visitors to the Park a few simple questions to get their views. If you have an hour to spare to help us with this please do get in touch!

At the start of the year we were delighted to be able to present to the Trust a cheque for £3,600. This money will go towards the costs of keeping this beautiful space open to the public. We've already held two very successful events, a Quiz Night in early March and the ever popular Easter Egg Hunt. Over 130 children joined us in searching for cardboard eggs in the woodland which were exchanged for a chocolate bunny and a bun. Adult refreshments were also on sale and the home made cakes went down very well! We'd like to say a very big thank you to all who support our events either by coming along or volunteering to help out. We couldn't do it without you.

If you would like to join the Friends or just find out more about us please contact Karen on (01603) 423125 or Gill on (01603) 484073 or email: friends@cattonpark.com Members receive regular newsletters so are the first to know about our events. We advertise all events in the Parish Magazine, on posters around the Park and village and on Facebook and Twitter.

Community resilience - Emergency plan

Community Resilience is about local residents using local resources and knowledge to help the community during an emergency in a way that compliments the response of the local emergency services. Community Resilience is about communities helping each other in times of emergency. Community Resilience is about supporting your community and those in it by making preparations and using skills and knowledge within the community to ensure the community is better prepared for risks such as severe weather.

Do you have key skills/knowledge? Do you have transport or equipment that could help? In an emergency YOU could be vital to the community.

Attached to this Newsletter is a questionnaire on Community Resilience. The Parish Council would be grateful if you would take the time to complete this and return it to the Old Catton Parish Office at The Pavilion. The Parish Council will then use this information to produce the Old Catton Emergency Plan.

Catton Park Trust

It has been lovely to see so many people using the Park for so many diverse activities, particularly now that the weather is finally improving and Spring has sprung.

1st July 2016 marks the two-year anniversary of the Parish Council taking over as Sole Trustees of Catton Park and the Trust continues to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the Park.

Hayman Lodge continues to thrive, offering an extensive range of clubs and organisations for people to attend including art, fitness, forest school, adult learning, etc. The Trust are currently applying for planning permission to upgrade the parking area and provide a designated car park for users of the Lodge. Plans also include bollard lighting along the main drive and footpath, which will hopefully make the Lodge more accessible for all users, particularly in the wet winter months.

The Friends of Catton Park have continued to provide unlimited support to Catton Park through recreational activities. The Trust would like to convey their thanks and appreciation for the continued support the Friends have provided during the last year and in particular our gratitude for the financial donation they have been able to make towards the running of the Park. Their tireless efforts in promoting our beautiful Park as a space to be enjoyed by all ages inside and outside the Parish is commendable.

Sadly the 500 year old oak came down in the storms of last year but it has been replaced with 20 new parkland trees; marking the growth of the Park for the next 500 years. With the support of Natural England the Trust continues to promote the conservation of the Park for future generations to enjoy.

The strengths and weakness of last year's event calendar have highlighted the Trust's need to remain sympathetic to the requirements of the Park and the wants of local residents. To this end the Trust are considering a range of events for this summer that we hope will be in keeping with the Park's diversity whilst appealing to the wider audience. Our programme will hopefully include the return of the Car Boot Sales, Swing in the Park (June) and Shakespeare in the Park (open air theatre) (July) to name a few. There have been other requests for events, all of which are being given consideration at the time of writing.

The Trust are also considering improvements to Catton Park. With the help of grants the Trust wishes to make beneficial changes to the Park without impacting on the environment. To this end two areas have been identified as possible project areas:

- ~ The Victorian pond on the west side of the Park. Sadly this area, since being fenced and drained by SpringWatch in 2008, has had little done to it. It is an area that would benefit from replanting (in a Victorian style that is sympathetic to the surrounding Park), possibly providing running water to the pond to circulate healthier aquatic life and more seating for the public to enjoy.
- ~ A children's adventure play area in the woods. Situated in the east woods this area would provide sympathetic wooden obstacles, climbing frames, rope bridges and dens for the children to "lose themselves". This area would be very much natural, using only wood apparatus, would be fenced and dog free, and would be designed to encourage children to "get their hands dirty".

We would like to hear your views on these two proposals. Would you like to see the regeneration of the pond? Would you like to see a rustic play area introduced to the Park? What additional points would you like to make on the proposals? Is there anything you'd like to add? Are there other areas of the Park that you feel need attention? Please contact the Council Office at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground or by email: ocpc.deputy@outlook.com with any comments. The Trust reiterates that its desire is to conserve a Park that meets the locals residents and user's needs, and we appreciate any feedback or input you may have.

Finally, the Trust wishes to send their thanks to all the users of Catton Park for their continued support and patronage of the Park. Whether it be dog walking, Saturday morning running, yoga classes, bike riding, tree climbing or simply walking the Park the number of users reflects the impressive impact Catton Park has on our Parish.

Message from Norfolk Constabulary

Recently, in this area of Old Catton, there have been incidents involving potentially deliberate setting of fires, mainly of rubbish bins. We urge you to report any further incidents and are appealing for further information regarding individuals responsible for these incidents. Please call 101 (dialling 999 only in an emergency) or contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on (01603) 276727, or at SNTSprowston@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

"We take any deliberate acts of setting fire to rubbish or other objects very seriously. Not only can this cause damage to property this can lead to putting lives at risk. We encourage any person whom have any knowledge of these incidents to come forward to prevent any further risk of harm."

Police are encouraging residents to keep rubbish bins out of sight, when possible, and a suitable distance from your home or potential fire hazards. We also encourage any persons requiring further advice around fire safety to contact Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service.

The Chairman of the Council

I am pleased to report that it has been another successful and challenging year for the Parish Council. Town and Parish Elections took place in May 2015 and I warmly welcome our new Councillors to the team! Our strong and enthusiastic Council continues to push forward the interests of the Parish and is working hard to achieve the best results possible.

We also warmly welcome the new editions to the Council office. Sarah Vincent has taken on the role of Deputy Clerk and Lucy Morgan is our new Administrative Assistant. Both are proving to be integral members of the team promoting the interests of the Old Catton community through projects and grants. I sincerely hope that they enjoy many happy years working for the Council and the community.

The Parish Council continues to be the driving force behind the Neighbourhood Plan for the visions and aspirations of the Parish. This Plan has now been approved by Broadland District Council and is awaiting publication. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support in producing this Plan; this is your document giving you the opportunity to have your say about what happens in your Parish. In addition to this the Council remains in close contact with TOWN development to ensure that the needs of the Parish are considered in all future redevelopment. Additionally a small area of the cemetery is to be included in the Repton Avenue/St Faith's Road development and the Council is working with nearby land owners to ensure additional land is acquired to extend the cemetery further. Please be assured that the Council will update the community as soon as we have further information on all areas of development.

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the Recreation Ground a recent safety inspection of the fitness equipment and of the over 9s playground highlighted the need to replace the hard surface in these areas. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for this work, which is to be carried out as soon as possible and I hope that these necessary improvement works do not disrupt the enjoyment of the facilities at the Recreation Ground.

Following on from the success of the Youth Project held last summer at the Recreation Ground I am pleased to announce that a Youth Group for 13-18 year olds will be starting at the beginning of June. It will be held at the Pavilion on Thursday evenings 7pm-9pm. The Council is delighted to be able to support this project for the benefit of our younger Parish members.

As sole Trustees of Catton Park the Council continues to work hard to ensure the Park remains an inviting, accessible space for the relaxation and enjoyment of residents and visitors. The Park is an important hub for the community and the Council remains committed to ensuring that the Park is accessible and attractive to all users. Maintaining the Park is of ongoing importance to the Trustees and we continue to develop ideas to promote and maintain the Park for all residents.

Turning to particular projects I am pleased to report that we have made good progress on our applications for a speed awareness sign (SAM 2), additional bus shelters and the installation of two TRODs within the Parish. All have been approved and are awaiting implementation. Please note that all the applications have been granted with 50% of the total cost being covered by Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Scheme.

Some of you may have received letter through your door politely asking that you carry out maintenance on hedges or trees or shrubs which form the boundary to your property and which may be causing an obstruction on the pathway. These letters are part of an ongoing programme by Councillors to regularly survey the Parish to keep Old Catton looking as good as it does. We appreciate that you may have your own maintenance program for your garden; no offence is intended by posting these letters, it is entirely your right to ignore them should you wish.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and the Council staff for their continued hard work during the year.

Bradley Sabberton-Coe
Chairman of the Old Catton Parish Council

Community Speed Watch - request for volunteers

Are you tired of drivers not sticking to the speed limit around Old Catton? Do you have some spare time that you might be able to offer to help tackle the problem of speeding in our community? Would you be interested in taking part in a Community Speed Watch?

Old Catton Parish Council would like to set up a Community Speed Watch scheme in Old Catton and needs volunteers. After receiving full training and with the full support of the Parish Council, teams of volunteers are issued with a speed radar gun, two Community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets. The volunteers then carry out speed checks in 30 and 40 mph limits working to Norfolk Constabulary's guidelines.

If you would like to become a volunteer (a minimum of six is required) please contact the Clerk of the Council on (01603) 423880 or email: oldcattonpc@btconnect.com

Polite notice

Given all the wet weather we have had recently, Councillors politely request that residents consider not parking on grass verges when parking outside their property or whilst visiting relatives/friends in Old Catton. Maintaining the verges, (along with the hedges and trees) within the village is important to the Parish Council and it is difficult to maintain these if they are excessively muddy due to car parking. We thank you for your consideration.

Got some time to spare?

Do you have some free time on your hands? Feel like meeting new people and embracing new experiences?

Catton Park Trust are looking for new volunteers who can help with the running of Catton Park events. Do you have a spare hour to help with organising car parking, or distributing leaflets. Maybe you have time to take tickets on the door, or perhaps you can assist with the litter picking at the end of an event.

Any time to spare would be gratefully appreciated. Please email: office@cattonpark.com if you would like to offer your services as a volunteer.

What does your Parish Council do for you?

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Church Street. All Old Catton residents are welcome; a copy of the Agenda is posted on the Old Catton website. Please contact the Clerk of the Council for further information on (01603) 423880.

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