

## WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Thursday 26 July 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

### 16 / 1            **THOSE PRESENT/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gaunt, Gilzean (Chairman), P Johnson, Williams, J Williamson. Co-opted members: Mrs J Williams, County Cllr. M Leeke.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Bull, & Mr J Grant

**NOT PRESENT:** Cllrs Smart, M Williamson, Mrs D Aitchison, Mr M Bavester.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** E Jones, Parish Clerk,

### 16 / 2    **OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public spoke about the need for a slip road on the A10 at School Lane, Chittering

### 16 / 3    **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 February 2016 were corrected to show apologies from Mrs J Williams and were then confirmed as an accurate record:

**Proposed: Cllr P Johnson    Seconded: Cllr Williams    Unanimous**

### 16 / 4    **MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None declared

### 16 / 5    **LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVES**

- Cllr Gilzean reported meeting with John O'Donnell from County Highways about the 40 mph speed limit project on the approach roads to the village. Implementation on Clayhithe Road is more complex than the other roads and it may be necessary to put the signs on the far side of the bridge. County Cllr Leeke pointed out that repeater signs might be an option. The scheme will progress to informal consultation in August, meaning a letter drop to properties directly affected and consulting with local councillors. The scheme requires TROs and this will probably mean formally advertising in November for implementation in December / January 2017.
- With regard to the zebra crossing, County Highways have acknowledged that the profile (vertical alignment) of the dropped crossing on the Gault side makes it difficult to use/approach, i.e. it is too steep. The other issue raised concerns drainage problems, i.e. ponding water to the side of the new buildout. County Highways have confirmed that they should and will rectify both issues - they will need to re-profile the footway and install a new gully in a low spot.

### 16 / 6    **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It is now clear that the transport section of the Neighbourhood Plan will need to focus on local matters rather than major infrastructure i.e. not the A10 or the station but matters such as parking in the village.

### 16 / 7    **CURRENT HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

- d. School Lane Chittering. It was believed that a 30mph limit would be enforceable whereas a 20 mph might not be. The Clerk to write to County Highways to

enquire whether there is currently a 30 mph limit in which case it is only a question of signage.

- a. There was a long discussion about options for **parking** time limits – particularly near the Village Green and whether there was evidence of train commuters parking there. It was agreed that the committee should speak to the manager of the Village Stores to find out their views about parking restrictions on the layby on the green and also look for volunteers to do some research on parking patterns throughout the village when the schools re-open. The Neighbourhood Plan working party has some plans for this so this could be done by them.
- b. The Clerk to write to County Highways about **bus stop marking** and to ask if it could be fitted in alongside the plans for remarking the A10/A14 roundabout at Milton. The lines around the central refuge outside the BP garage on the A10 were also to be reported as they are now almost invisible.
- c. It was agreed that the committee would seek feedback from Cambridge City as to their experience with the **20mph speed limits**. (The specific street where there is concern is Way Lane, **not** Cattells Lane). The committee to recommend to full council that if the Cambridge feedback is positive, Waterbeach should consider asking for a 20 mph limit throughout the village and should ask County Highways if they have s106 money available to implement this since there is an increase in traffic directly linked to the new developments on Bannold Road.
- e. It was agreed to keep the list of projects from the September 2014 meeting on the agenda as a standing item so that the ideas will not be lost. Several of those items had been raised above so there was no need for further discussion today.  
Cllr Gaunt advised that she was making some progress with the possibility of a layby in Chittering to be funded as a community benefit from the local solar farm.

### **16 / 8 CITY DEAL**

It was agreed that restrictions within Cambridge including a workplace parking levy for companies with more than 10 parking places, might lead to increased parking in Waterbeach village and that the matter should be fully considered by the Parish Council at the September meeting so that a response can be made to the consultation.

### **16 / 9 HIGHWAYS SAFETY**

- It was suggested that an “elderly persons crossing” sign would be a good idea on Way Lane outside Box Tree Cottage.
- Double yellow lines were suggested in a number of locations: the corner of Burgess Road / Way Lane, the junction of St Andrew’s Hill/Chapel Street.
- The committee would enquire whether parishes which had chosen to pay for the police parking initiative were satisfied with the results.
- Cllr P Johnson is qualified to train new volunteers for Speedwatch if they can be found. A call for volunteers to go into the next parish council newsletter.
- It was noted that there are more pedestrians using Bannold Road coming from the old MOD housing area.
- Could a weight limit be requested on Bannold Road and/or Long Drove?
- There are signboards on the pavement outside the Travellers’ Rest which reduce visibility for cars at the junction. This should be reported to planning enforcement at SCDC.

- The footpath at Harding Close needs urgent attention. However it is not under the control of the Parish Council but is thought to be partly owned by Waterbeach Charity and partly the responsibility of the owners of the property at the end of the lane. The Clerk to contact Waterbeach Charity to ask if they can resolve this.
- It was reported that parking places had been marked out by the vehicle access gate to the recreation ground in Chapel Close. This should be investigated and reported to SCDC.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

**Chairman**

UNAPPROVED