

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Council meeting 3 June 2018 - Item 18/24c Clerk's report

Health and safety

Following two reported sightings of rats on the bowls green I have organised for a bait stations to be installed which will be monitored regularly.

Five of the litter bins on the rec have now been replaced. This took many months and since then further bins have deteriorated. We will now look for alternative suppliers from whom to order some further ones.

There have had a number of reports of a gentleman urinating on the Recreation Ground. I have advised the resident to keep a log and am pursuing this meantime.

Local Highway Initiative

This year's call for applications has been launched with a closing date of 31 July. Details of the scheme and associated guidance can be found here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-your-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding/>

Highways Committee is due to meet later this month with a view to bringing a recommendation to Council in July.

SCDC things

The Urban & Civic and the RLW estates applications are to be discussed elsewhere on the agenda. Other issues of note from SCDC include the following:

Community Forum - The next Community Forum is on 21 June and will include updates from RLW and Urban & Civic, the Supplementary Planning Document and the Greenways project.

Meanwhile some ToRs are now showing on the website:

https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/waterbeach_community_forum.pdf

Cabinet and parish councils liaison meeting. SCDC extend an invite to Parish Cllrs to meet the new Cabinet and share your views with them. The Cabinet and parish council liaison meetings will be held from 6.30pm to 8pm at South Cambridgeshire Hall on Wednesday 20 June. There will be a further event on Tuesday 27 November

SCDC committee details - One of our District Cllrs, Hazel Smith, is a member of the 7-strong Cabinet and is the Housing Portfolio holder.

SCDC weekly Bulletin - Each week SCDC produces a weekly bulletin for circulation to its Councillors. It is also freely available more widely and can be obtained from this link:

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeid=733&bcr=1&info=1>

Five year Housing Land Supply - On 21 May SCDC notified its parishes/stakeholder that it considers it can demonstrate a five –year housing supply. The Council's formal position has been published on its website: www.scambs.gov.uk/content/annual-monitoring-report. It has also forwarded a briefing note that is appended to this report.

Invitation to launch of Village Design Statements project

SCDC has won Government funding to help 6-8 villages prepare community-led Village Design Statements. These can become adopted policy as part of SCDC's new Local Plan and can also form part of a Neighbourhood Plan. A launch event to hear more about these is on Tuesday 26th June. Please tell me if you plan to go as this is an RSVP event.

Relocated rail station – SCDC may need to consult on further updated information/responses to queries already raised. If so the comments already received to the application will still stand and will not need to be repeated.

Recreation Car Park

Michael Scott has provided the update at Annex B. He will be coming to the July Council meeting.

Colts Tournament and Beer Festival

There were lots of participants at both the football tournament and the Beer Festival. Thank you for Amey who kindly contributing some additional bins for the weekend, and also to Elly Rushton, the Colts Chair, for doing an additional clean up around the Rec last Thursday.

Bank Accounts

This is the current position:

Cambridge Building Society	- £82,645.56
Cambridge and Counties Bank	- £80,291.25
Close Brothers	- £83,288.21
Unity Trust	- £556,279.10
	£ 802,504.12

Histon Road

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is consulting on improvements to the speed and reliability of public transport journeys as well as new and improving cycling and pedestrian facilities. There is an online survey available at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/histon-road/>. The deadline for responses is 2 July 2018.

June Dates for the diary

- 5 – WPC/SCDC officers' briefing meeting at U&C
- 9 - Waterbeach Feast
- 12 – NP working group
- 19 - Planning Committee (office to be open from 6.30pm with U&C plans available and residents encouraged to feed in comments)
- 20 – SCDC Liaison meeting with Parish Cllrs. 6.30pm to 8pm in Cambourne
- 21 - SCDC Waterbeach Community Forum (7.30pm at Waterbeach School)
- 21 - deadline for responding to U&C application
- w/c 25 June - anticipated drop in events organised by SCDC on the RLW application
- 26 - launch of Village Design Statements project at SCDC (names to the Clerk please)
- 27 - Highways Committee

**South Cambridgeshire District Council
Five Year Housing Land Supply Briefing Note 21 May 2018**

As of Monday 21 May 2018, South Cambridgeshire District Council considers that it can demonstrate a five-year housing land supply. This means the Council can demonstrate that there is enough land readily available to meet the number of homes that need to be built over that period.

Since June 2014, the Council has been unable to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply which has resulted in speculative housing development in villages. The Council has been keeping the situation under close review.

As a result of an Appeal decision in Cottenham on 10 May, and a recalculation arising from the additional homes contained in that “allowed” appeal, the Council can now, it considers, demonstrate a supply of 5.0 years for the purposes of determining planning applications and for forthcoming planning appeals.

This is based on the ‘Sedgefield’ method of calculating five-year housing land supply (the more onerous of the two methods of calculation) and includes a 20% buffer, as used in recent appeal decisions, pending the conclusion of the Local Plan process. The main factors that have led to this change in circumstances are:

- From 1 April, the Council has moved into a “new” five-year monitoring period (2018-2023)
- The Council has granted (or has resolved to grant – see below) planning permission for a number of additional new homes which are anticipated to be completed during the 5-year period.
- Planning appeals have also permitted a quantum of additional new homes
- The move into the new 5 year horizon, includes assumed provision (in the latter years) of new homes from the Councils proposed “strategic allocations” at Waterbeach and Bourn Airfield, to add to existing sites, such as Northstowe.
- On 10 May the Inspector’s decision on an appeal in Cottenham, where the appeal for 154 homes was allowed prompted officers to undertake the recalculation of the figure for the 5 year land supply.

The calculation and above conclusion is based upon four important considerations.

Firstly, that six planning applications which are currently progressing (following a resolution to grant by the Planning Committee or under delegated powers) to conclude the appropriate Section 106 agreement (S106) are counted as part of our calculation. These applications must be concluded and the planning permissions will need to be issued promptly;

Secondly, of the six applications, one requires the committee’s agreement that the S106 is modified to address a pooling (of S106 contributions) issue that would otherwise render the proposal at risk of a successful challenge;

Thirdly, that the Submitted Local Plan strategic site allocations are able to contribute towards housing delivery in this 5-year monitoring period. This includes assumed completions at Waterbeach and Bourn Airfield;

Fourthly, that following a health check of the assumptions made in the published housing trajectory, the homes assumed in the housing trajectory for 2018-2023 at the Dales Manor Industrial Estate housing allocation in Sawston have been removed from the calculation, as part of the site is now being developed for employment.

The Planning Service has sought legal advice on its assumptions and Counsel has considered the conclusions reached to be reasonable. Based upon the above conclusion the Planning Service has therefore begun reviewing all of the current undetermined planning applications where a 5-year land supply may be material. Officers will also be advising the Planning Inspectorate of the revised calculation to ensure that all future appeal decisions have regard to this up to date figure.



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Waterbeach Car Park – Progress report

1. I have met two contractors on site to discuss surfacing options and have requested budget costs.
2. I have obtained a budget price from one contractor to date, of £40k plus VAT to overlay with tarmac and provide minimal necessary drainage including a soakaway. No allowance for unforeseen work or white lining to the car park is included in the budget cost.
3. I am awaiting further budget costs.
4. I have also requested a budget cost for a permeable tarmac surface, this will be more expensive as it will involve a total reconstruction of the car park, but may mitigate the potential drainage issues.
5. In order to resolve the drainage issues I would recommend the engagement of an engineer to ensure you have no future issues and have obtained costs to carry out the necessary exercise.
6. The engineer will also ensure you comply with building and planning regulations.
7. It includes carrying out the following
 - Produce a level survey, to establish the falls
 - A percolation test – which will determine the permeability of the ground
 - Design a drainage scheme to suit the site.
 - Determine the type and size of oil interceptor should one be required to comply with building regulations.
 - The estimated cost of carrying out the above would be £790

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