

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7 September, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion.

Present: Mrs B Bull; Mr B Bullivant; Mrs J Cornwell; Dr C Grant; Mr P Johnson (Chairman); Ms N Kay (left at 9pm); Mrs J Rabbett; Mr D Smart; Mrs C Smith; Mrs J Williamson; Mr M Williamson; Mr A Wright.

In attendance: the Clerk; Mr J Hockney (SCDC)(from 8.45pm); 1 member of the public (left 7.45p.m)

Action

2010.136 Apologies

Mr A Ball (ill); Mr M Howlett (ill); Mrs A Lloyd (ill)

2010.137 Declarations of Interest for matters on the agenda

Dr Grant proposed a personal interest in agenda item 141 as having a business relationship with the clerk

Mr Smart declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 141 as being a named person on the list of accounts to be paid.

Mr Williamson declared a personal interest in agenda 156 as being a trustee on Cam Conservators

2010.138 Open Session for the Public

Standing Orders suspended and meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Concern raised about large vehicles accessing and egressing the station yard causing damage to highway fence opposite entrance and blocking of level crossing.

Meeting opened at 7.40 p.m.

2010.139 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2010

Mrs Smith proposed, seconded by Mr Wright and approved that the minutes be signed when item 112 was amended to read 'kitchen wall cupboard'

2010.140 Clerk's report and matters arising from Minutes

Freedom of the Parish for army – this had been discussed with Maj. Hornby who had warmly accepted the suggestion and recommended that the freedom be granted to Waterbeach station. In order that adequate time to ensure proper procedure and preparation takes place it was agreed that a formal ceremony take place in July 2011 as part of the army open day.

Army swimming pool – re-opened till end of October following major repair work. Consideration is being given to the pool being covered to enable more use. Funding from the Donarbon fund may be available providing proper terms are met of management and availability are met. Consideration could be made to making contribution to pool from Bannold Road development outdoor sport facility contribution

Cemetery roadway – Major Hornby to investigate maintenance of the MoD owned driveway.

Recreation ground – excessive incidents of dog fouling not being cleared up are being reported by the groundsman. There is an increase in the number of dogs being unleashed at the Chapel Close entrance. The PCSO would be asked to issue fixed penalty notices

Bannold Road s.106 agreement collected by Stephen Reid, SCDC.

Allotments – a list of ten people requiring allotments has been handed to Alan Shipp
Outdoor Fitness equipment – an application to Cambridgeshire Community Foundation(CCF) October Fund has been submitted.

Car Dyke grass strips – in a stewardship scheme which ends in 2010. CCC considering renewing into a higher level scheme which should have similar access provision as those already in place and would include improved management of the woodland at the bottom of the dyke. The land may be let in the future.

Parish Council liaison meeting – to be held on 18 October at Cambourne

Future jobs fund employee – no longer working for the Council

Dirt ramps – these are now formed and being well used.

Groundsman shed electric – meter to be installed 9 September

First aid courses – booked for Robert Pinion and Clive Rabbett

2010.141 To approve the Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 31 August, 2010

Following the amendment to item 135 to read Mrs Cornwell proposed ... and Mr Wright should be the signatory .. Ms Kay proposed, seconded by Mr Wright and agreed that the Minutes be signed.

2010.142 To receive and consider any point relating to health and safety in relation to employees, equipment, properties and land

Trees on green – concern of dead wood in trees. Ms Richardson, SCDC tree officer, had previously advised that it is satisfactory that an annual tree inspection is carried out and that work is carried out within budget. An application is being processed to allow for works to be carried out on trees in the conservation area when necessary and within budget. Quote for work to be obtained.

Tools – Dr Grant proposed, seconded Mrs Cornwell and agreed that additional equipment should be obtained within the clerk's budget to enable tree works to be carried out by the groundsman where possible.

Wooden play structure – quotes for repair to be obtained. Area to be taped off where damaged.

2010.141 To approve the accounts for payment

Mr Wright proposed, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed that the accounts as presented be paid.

2010.142 To receive reports and Minutes of committee meetings

- i. Employment Panel held on 12 August. Noted
- ii. Highway Committee held on 10 August, 2010. Noted. Concern that that Village Plan Highway group were noted invited to the meeting. It was agreed that future meetings to discuss road layout should be attended by the group
- iii. Planning Committee held on 17 August, 2010. Noted. Concern raised about the rate of waterflow into internal drainage board ditch from Bannold Road development. SCDC to be asked how they are monitoring the installation.
- iv. Employment Panel held on 2 September, 2010. Noted.

PJ

2010.143 To deal with planning applications which need to be disposed of before the next Planning Committee:

S/1150/10: Kingsmead Park, Denny End Road – erection of office building. Approve provided that one of the car park spaces is designated as a disabled car parking space. The Council consider that the provision of such a space is essential due to the nature of the site being for retired people and therefore the possibility of disabled drivers on site being greater.

2010.144 Tillage Hall:

- i. To receive report from Building Task Force meetings
Minutes not received from project manager
Agreed to write letter requesting assistance with fitting out as previously done in new pavilion.
- ii. To receive report from Management Task Force meeting
No meetings held. Request by council to CCF that formation of management committee be delayed until users of hall had been established had not been granted. Condition of funding from anonymous donor to be that management committee be set up with a non-majority membership of councillors. It was agreed that an article requesting interested parties be included in the newsletter to be circulated at the end of September. The matter would also be raised at the Community Association meeting

JR

2010.145 To receive update on street light at Chittering

Information is awaited from Cambridgeshire County Council

MW

2010.146 To consider future provision for interments

Information awaited from National Association of Local Councillors

- 2010.147 To consider estimate to repair clock and weathervane on new pavilion**
A quote of £820 plus VAT to repair weathervane and clock had ad been received from Site and Maintenance. It was agreed that the weathervane should be taken down and re-sited on Tillage Hall and that the clock should be repaired.
Mr Hockney arrived – 8.30pm
- 2010.148 To consider celebrations for 10th anniversary of Cow Hollow Wood**
To be held on 25 September, 2010. Willow weaving activity and refreshments to be held.
- 2010.149 To consider visibility and accessibility at Waterbeach Play Area**
It was agreed that the hedge should be retained to afford shelter to users of the area but the height should be reduced to approximately 165cm
- 2010.150 To consider purchase of digital camera**
The purchase of a camera was agreed for parish council use. It was agreed that any usage by the clerk would be supported by councillors.
- 2010.151 To consider provision of outdoor fitness equipment**
Purchase of an initial piece of equipment to act as a consultation piece be approved if the grant from the October fund was successful.
8.40p.m. Ms Kay left the meeting
- 2010.152 To consider amended options for repairs to cemetery wall**
Mr Williamson proposed, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed that concrete copings be used on the higher section of the Providence Way boundary and along the rear wall of the cemetery and ½ rounds be used up to the higher level.
It was agreed that weed suppressant and chippings be laid between the Providence Way wall and the fence at the drive end of the wall.
- 2010.153 To consider the possibility of a summer outdoor event**
It was agreed that an article be included in the newsletter to determine the interest for an event to be held every other year in rotation with the event held in Landbeach.
- 2010.154 To approve equipment and lay-out of LEAP on Bannold Road development**
Mrs Cornwell proposed, seconded by Mr Wright and agreed that approval be given to the plan submitted by Morris Homes.
- 2010.155 To receive reports from Councillors, officers and representatives of the Council**
i. County Councillor
Reduction in expenditure – CCC making plans in anticipation of Government spending review to be published in October. Intention of CCC to keep front line service as unaffected as possible and focus spending reductions in the back office functions. A shared service where finance and human resources will be pooled with Northamptonshire County Council is in place.
Library cuts – Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee to look at the planned cuts before they go to the Cabinet. It is hoped that representatives of the Library Access Points will be asked to give evidence at committee
Highways – white line painting at junctions significantly reduced. Parish Councils will have to take on highway improvements by financing them.
Youth services – services to be targeted on areas of deprivation. WAY project will have to find funding from places other than CCC.
Assurance that all efforts will be made to ensure parishes do not suffer disproportionately but the realities must be accepted.
ii. District Councillor/s
Planning – new computer system – problems are still being sorted out
Blue wheelie bins – to be delivered in September. Concern was raised about the provision of bins where there is multiple occupancy of properties
iii. Chairman
Cemetery wall repairs – the residents of properties in Providence Way abutting the cemetery wall had been visited in relation to the repairs to the cemetery wall and

the associated tree works necessary. All had been agreeable to the works.
Donarbon public art – unveiling ceremony of the hand holding a globe sculpture designed by a local art student and produced by Rowan Arts and made from recycled material had been held on 10 August

iv. Library Officer

Library consultation – meeting held at Cambourne on 2 September with CCC library officers, county councillors and representatives of the LAPs. Proposed cuts and intention to terminate service level agreements explained by officers.

v. CPALC

No report

vi. Neighbourhood Watch

No report

viii. Trees

It was agreed trimming of the yew trees in the cemetery would continue whilst time permitted.

ix. Wicken Vision

Upgrading of the Bottisham Lock bridge had been postponed until the status of Burgess Drove had been determined.

2010.156 To receive communications to the Council as seen fit by the Chairman for presenting to the Council

Cambs. Community Foundation – grant offer and management of Tillage Hall. The requirements to form a management committee were accepted. The offer letter for the £100,000 anonymous donation would be signed and returned.

CCC – proposed revision of the validation list for applications for planning permission
Ms Barker – tree in Clare Close. It was agreed that no further action should be taken
Moore Stephens of audit for year ended 31 March 2010. It was noted that nothing was reported by the external auditor. The required notice had been displayed.

Conservators of the River Cam – request for support for WREN application for project to protect riverbank. It was agreed that support should be given provided there was to be no negative effect if speed on the river continues

2010.157 To receive all other correspondence

None

2010.158 To answer questions from Councillors

Denson Close – emptying of bin and overgrown hedge.

Pump on green in need of repainting.

Area outside Sun public house – concern that railings erected without permission.

Green and Gault inspection – to be held on 14 September at 7 pm.

2010.159 Matters for the next agenda

None

Meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

Chairman Date