

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the resumed meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 9 December 2014 (adjourned from 2 December 2014) at 8.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

PARISH COUNCIL

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Howlett, B Johnson, Rabbett

NOT PRESENT

Cllr Smart

14 / 103 REPORTS

a. Parish Clerk.

A report had been circulated.

It was agreed that the stump of the plane tree should be ground down if possible.

It was hoped that the gym on the barracks site can be brought back into use, depending on cost and the level of interest from residents in the village. The cemetery extension is a high priority. It was suggested that Urban and Civic might be invited to make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting,

The hedge has been cut in Primrose Lane and some leaf sweeping been done. It was confirmed that this work is the responsibility of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The Clerk was asked to try and get the Circus to come in early May so that there is a gap before the Feast in June.

b. County Councillor

The County Councillor was not present so the Clerk was asked to advise the County Council that the owners had originally been advised that parking would be permitted in the gateway on the opposite side of the road to the station car park, despite the yellow lines. It was agreed to suggest that bollards be installed where the County Council did not want parking on the verges.

c. District Councillor(s)

A report had been circulated.

The Chair asked if it was worth contacting the local MP Jim Paice again regarding the flooding issues. Also the Environment Agency regarding effluent in the ditches.

The ticket machines at Waterbeach station were not working again.

The discussion with South Cambs regarding the solar farms construction is about the installation of passing places on School Road.

d. Chairman

The Chair had reported earlier in the meeting on the dog survey.

e. Library Officer

No report

f. Tree Officer

Tree issues covered in the Clerk's report

g. Cemetery Working Party

A report had been circulated before the November meeting and various aspects of the management of the cemetery were discussed.

- It was explained that it was planned for the Senior Groundsman to report within the next three months regarding the various different options for managing the cemetery paths and the associated costs. Once this had been received, councillors would visit the cemetery to consider the options.
- The rules for the cemetery, especially the ashes plots, need to be reviewed and the leaflet updated and circulated to funeral directors for passing on to families of those buried in the cemetery. The Clerk will deal with this.
- Safety checks on headstones need to be carried out and a record should be kept of these. A clear policy is needed, which does not currently exist.
- Machinery requirements need to be reviewed and decisions made about the practicality of collecting grass cuttings.
- It has been agreed that the spoil heap is to be moved.
- The idea of forming a "Friends of the Cemetery" group and their possible role to be considered further.
- Recent graves have been collapsing more quickly so undertakers should be asked to consider what they can do to prevent this and also be reminded that headstones cannot be erected for at least 12 to 15 months after burial.
- The possibility of a paved area inside the gate to be reconsidered.
- It was agreed to await the IOG report before considering further what staffing arrangements need to be made for looking after the cemetery.

h. Skatepark Working Party

The planning application has been submitted.

Submission of an application to Amey Cespa for a £10,000 grant is imminent.

If this is not successful, the council will need to discuss the use of further s106 money or the possibility of taking out a loan.

i. Emergency Plan Working Party

There have been two responses so far and these will be acknowledged. The working party will report again in a month's time when the community will have had more time to respond to the newsletter.

j. Toddler Playgroup Working Party

This was dealt with earlier in the meeting at item 14/95

14 / 105 FUTURE AGENDAS

Members suggested the following items be included in future parish council meeting agendas:-

- Neighbourhood plan
- The road to Clayhithe
- That outstanding dangerous issues be a standing item under Health & Safety

14 / 106 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted at the next agenda item (s) the Chairman asked that in the public interest the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and were herewith instructed to withdraw.

14 / 107 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The minutes for these items appear in the council's confidential minutes' book.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Chair

Unapproved