

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 6 October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

15 / 125 THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Cllrs Bull, Gaunt, Gilzean, B Johnson, P Johnson, Howlett, Shipp, Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson (Chair), Wright

APOLOGIES: Cllrs A Grant, K Grant, Rabbett, Smart

15 / 126 OPEN FORUM

Mr Michael Edwards, who had been a member of the working party, spoke to say how pleased he was about the completion of the new Skatepark and he was interested in item 131(b)

15 / 127 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 September 2015 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr Wright. Seconded Cllr Gaunt

In favour 10 Abstentions: 1 (not present at that meeting)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 September 2015 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr Johnson. Seconded Cllr J Williamson

In favour 10 Abstentions: 1 (not present at that meeting)

15 / 128 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr B Johnson and P Johnson declared an interest in item 16 Payments as they have a family interest in CB Groundworks

Cllr Shipp declared an interest in item 15/135

15 / 129 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Pedestrian Crossing

It was noted that

1. The Project Manager is working through the list of requests we gave her and will report back.
2. An informal consultation is to take place with residents and businesses in the immediate area.
3. The council acknowledged approaches received from some residents who were unhappy with the location including from the Baptist Church. The matter of the light from a flashing Belisha beacon can be mitigated with a shield.
4. We have requested a dispensation for parking for funerals if such is possible under the law but there is also parking very nearby.
5. Whilst recognising there is no ideal location on that road - a crossing is needed and this location is the best option.

(b) LHI grant 2016/17

It was noted that the following options had been referred from the Highways Committee for the Parish Council to decide on which should be prioritised in a grant application: -

- Buffer zone of 40mph speed limit at all three entrances to the village (instead of 50mph) – approx. cost £5000
- Mobile interactive speed limit signs – portable so can be moved from one location to another – approx. cost £5000. Possibility for sharing with Milton.
- Restricted parking time – 2 hours? – opposite Village Stores and outside Chinese restaurant - approx. cost £1500
- Pedestrian refuge near the school - approx. cost £10,000

For projects costing under £5000, the Parish only has to contribute 10%. Shared projects get additional “points” in the marking of a project for funding. Not all projects have to go to a funding application, the Parish Council could decide to budget for items in the next financial year.

Other suggestions/ideas were

- Footpath on Denny End Road to link up to A10
- Bus stop marking – £800 minimum charge for one day’s work – may be able to get several stops marked

It was agreed to propose a budget for next year to deal with any items not bid for.

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for a grant for the buffer zone option described above.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr J Williamson Unanimous

It was also agreed to ask the Highways Committee to investigate further the options for requesting restrictions on parking time as well as locations for yellow lines in other parts of the village and the options for bus stop marking.

15 / 130 CEMETERY MATTERS

(a) Land Extension – potential costs

Cllr Wright explained conversations that have taken place with Urban & Civic. Whilst they are proposing to gift the land to the Parish, this is not the only cost involved and it is expensive just to get through planning so they are keen to have a shared understanding of the options and ways to collaborate on the design of the new space and the implementation of the works. For example what should be considered for:-

- fencing / wall / landscaping boundary options
- pathing and connections to existing routes
- areas where the parish may have staff or local farmers/ community who might help with some aspects of works to minimise costs and engage people in the project.

It was agreed to put an article in the next parish council newsletter requesting residents to get involved with the project. Councillors were invited to join an onsite meeting on 13th October.

(b) Paths and edging.

After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the upper path should be renovated with a proper base and shingle and should be either domed or edged. The possibility of a tarmac path was also discussed as an option. The Clerk was asked to bring a quotation back to the Council for approval.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Bull Unanimous

(c) Cemetery Fees

The full details of proposed new fees had not been circulated to all councillors so it was agreed that this be done in time for the next meeting and that any changes be implemented from January 2016 onwards. In the meantime it was

RESOLVED that the burial of people with no connection to the parish should no longer be permitted.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Wright Unanimous

15 / 131 SKATEPARK

(a) **Pathway and Signage.**

Cllr Gaunt explained that we were in the process of organising permanent signage and obtaining quotations for a permanent path for which we would try to obtain grant funding. In the meantime a temporary solution was needed and it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk to spend up to a maximum of £1,000 to resolve this

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson Seconded: Cllr J Williamson

In Favour: 8 Abstentions: 3

It was noted that there had been very positive feedback about the skatepark itself and councillors expressed their thanks to the members of the working party.

(b) Old Skatepark

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk to discuss options for the disposal of the old equipment if other councils would be interested in taking it away at no cost to Waterbeach PC.

Proposed: Cllr M Williamson Seconded: Cllr Gaunt Unanimous

Councillors had suggested that the area could be converted into an extension of the existing play area. If grant funding were to be obtained for this, evidence would need to be produced from potential users. It was **RESOLVED** to investigate this option further.

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr B Johnson Unanimous

15 / 132 RIGHTS OF WAY

Mr Armstrong was thanked for his report into the County consultation document.

It was agreed that it was an excellent idea to make a footpath into a bridleway and to give better access for disabled people.

15 / 133 EVENTS

Councillors were happy to approve the following events on parish Council land: -

- Carols on the Green – 24 December 2015
- Dog Show – Recreation Ground – Sunday 7th August 2016
- Thurston Fun Fair – Village Green - September / October 2016 (separate event from the current annual Deans funfair which usually takes place much earlier in the year)

15 / 134 TRIBUNAL JUDGMENT

There was a long discussion during which points were made by different councillors some of whom felt that the information has been made available and people have the opportunity to ask for more detail if they wish whilst others felt that a public statement should be made particular in order to show support for the groundsmen.

It was **RESOLVED** that the full judgment should be published on the Parish Council website; People should be made aware of this through a statement on the Parish Council Facebook page; it should also be published in the next Parish Council Newsletter.

Proposed: Cllr M Williamson Seconded: Cllr Bull

In favour: 9 Against 1 (Cllr Gilzean) Abstentions: 1 (Cllr Shipp who declared an interest)

15 / 135 LOCAL PLAN / NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The next NDP meeting was to take place on Tuesday 13 October at 7 pm. It was noted that there had been a presentation by Peakirk at a recent CAPALC meeting. Also the recent planning training had been excellent and had pointed up a number of sources of information for the NDP

15 / 136 HEALTH AND SAFETY

- There is a problem with traffic exiting the industrial estate at Denny End using both lanes. This should be reported to the PCSO.
- There are new Potholes on the recreation ground driveway where it meets the road
- The trees along Car Dyke are obscuring the street lights.

15 / 137 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- i. **Parish Clerk** – no report this month
- ii. **County Councillor** – Cllr Leeke reported that the County Council financial situation for next year looks awful. He mentioned the need for yellow lines on the corner of the Cambridge Road/Car Dyke Road junction; he explained that a footpath on Denny End Road to the A10 was difficult because there is not enough room between the ditch and the road; Network Rail are considering removing the level crossing at Chittering.
- iii. **District Councillor(s)** – a report had been circulated. In addition he advised that there was to be a meeting with contractors this week about improvements to the existing path/road access to Primrose Lane.

- iv. **Chair** – The Chair explained that despite an extensive doodle poll, it had not been possible to find a mutually convenient date for a village inspection.

15 / 138 COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY REPORTS

- a. **Toddler Play Group** – pre-planning advice is still awaited from South Cambs planning
b. **Urban & Civic** – Open days have been scheduled and a newsletter promoting these has been circulated. The Sports hall is now in use by the football team and others. The Museum plans are also progressing well.

15 / 139 ACCOUNTS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of accounts for the month as set out in the schedule with the exception of the payment to the carpenter who had undertaken the repair work to the picnic table in the play area at Chittering as this was felt to be unsatisfactory.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Howlett Unanimous

15 / 140 FUTURE AGENDAS

It was felt that CCTV should be looked into for the area near the Old Pavilion and overlooking the Skatepark,

15 / 141 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 ask that in the public interest the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and were herewith instructed to withdraw.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded: Cllr Howlett Unanimous

15 / 142 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllrs Shipp withdrew from the meeting at this point.
Cllr Gilzean left the meeting at 21.21

15 / 143 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

It was agreed to postpone the approval of the confidential Minutes of 1 September as Cllr Rabbett had requested a correction to these and was not present.

The Confidential Minutes of 22 September were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded Cllr Howlett

In favour: 8 Abstentions: 1 (not present)

15 / 144 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

There were no such matters discussed

15 / 145 TRIBUNAL JUDGMENT

These minutes can be found in the council's confidential minute book.

The meeting closed at 9.31 pm

Chair