

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 1 December 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

15 / 170 **THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr A Grant

15 / 171 **OPEN FORUM**

Shelagh Robertson spoke in support of the grant application from WAY (item 15/174c).

15 / 172 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 November 2015 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr Wright. Seconded Cllr Gaunt

In favour 11 Abstentions: 3 (not present at that meeting)

15 / 173 **MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None declared

15 / 174 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- a. It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £440 be paid to the East Anglian Air Ambulance towards CPR training for Key Stage 2 pupils conditional upon the training being age appropriate, with parental permission and supplied via Waterbeach Primary School or a local youth organisation such as the Scouts/Guides or WAY.

Proposed: Cllr Shipp. Seconded Cllr Wright

In favour: 8 Against: 5 Abstentions: 1

- b. It was **RESOLVED** to postpone any decision regarding a grant for the Fen Edge Twinning Association in order to gather more information about the relevance of the event to Waterbeach residents.

Proposed: Cllr Wright. Seconded: Cllr J Williamson Unanimous

- c. It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £5,000 be paid to WAY towards core costs of staff salaries, hall rental and other fixed costs for the year 2015-16.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson. Seconded: Cllr Bull Unanimous

15 / 175 **CEMETERY MATTERS**

(a) It was decided to postpone decisions on expenditure on the existing paths as this would be more sensibly included in plans for the larger question of the extension of the cemetery.

(b) Of those options presented for a cemetery extension, option 4 is the only one viable as there is only one place in the existing cemetery wall where there is sufficient space (intentionally provided) for a break through to the proposed extension area. It was agreed to meet on site on the following Saturday to discuss the plans in further detail.

15 / 176 **FINANCE**

(a) A response to an audit challenge is awaited from the External Auditor

(b) There is no definitive information on County Council budget plans but the Finance Committee was asked to consider the possibility of making a contribution to the costs of the school crossing patrol as well as street lighting.

(c) It was agreed that the same level of budget as this year be allocated for the NDP and some additional funding might be needed for the Library Access Point.

(d) It was noted that there should be no further obligation or liability for the Parish Council to pay anything towards the costs of maintenance at the Tillage Hall as these costs fall to the Tillage Hall Management Company.

15 / 177 LOCAL PLAN / NDP

The Parish Council needs to respond to the new proposals for the Local Plan. The consultation period runs from 2 December to 25 January. It was strongly felt that there should be a presentation in Waterbeach given that there is a strategic site here. There was considerable surprise that this was not part of the consultation plans. Cllr P Johnson was asked to feed this request back to the District Council. It was noted that Planning officers including Jo Mills would be present at the Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting the following week and could be asked about it then. The question of consultation on the City Deal was raised which states nothing planned on the A10. The PC need to comment on this also. All of this to be discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting on 15 December and councillors to consider preparing a leaflet for circulation to residents.

Councillors approved the attendance of the consultant from LCPAS at the NDP meeting on 12th December.

15 / 178 CODY ROAD DEVELOPMENT – STREET NAME

After some discussion it was **PROPOSED** to recommend that the street be named Robson Way.

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson. Seconded: Cllr Shipp

In favour: 7 Against: 7 Not carried

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the street be named Wheatsheaf Way.

Proposed: Cllr Williams. Seconded: Cllr M Williamson

In favour: 13 Abstentions: 1

15 / 179 MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Councillor Rabbett presented a detailed report on slavery and human trafficking following her attendance at a police event in October on behalf of the Parish Council. Residents are asked to be on the alert for any suspicious signs and to report them to the police. Councillors agreed to publish notices and to put information on the Parish Council website and Facebook pages,

15 / 180 HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Long Drove is in a dangerous state – this to be reported on the County Council website
- Concerns were expressed about the safety of the skatepark lights. The Clerk will ask for further information from the installers.
- Some of the path lights in the recreation ground are out again
- Concerns were again expressed about cars parking on the road near the station and the possibility of a car park extension on nearby land. Could s106 money be used?
- It was also felt that there should be more covered space on the station platforms.
- Could a mirror be installed on Station Road near September Cottage? Could the yellow lines be extended – the feeling was that these had been changed when the road was resurfaced.
- The lighting in the Tillage Hall parking area needs to be reviewed to ensure sufficient light in the disabled parking area.

15 / 181 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- Parish Clerk** – a report had been circulated.
- District Councillor(s)** – a report had been circulated by Cllr P Johnson. It was suggested that the council look into the possibility of leasing land from Network Rail in order to provide a car park extension. Safe access is and would still be an issue.
- County Councillor** – Cllr Leeke pointed out that the County Council budget cuts are still only at the proposal stage but areas threatened include mobile libraries, school crossing patrols and winter gritting. He also spoke about the City Deal and the fact that there are no proposals for the A10 in the first tranche. There is currently consultation on the proposals for Histon Road and Milton Road. Some form of demand management for road traffic is likely in Cambridge City. Long Drove is due to be resurfaced in the next financial year.

At this point the Chair sought agreement to suspend standing orders as it was nearly 9.30 pm and it was **RESOLVED** to continue the meeting

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Wright Unanimous

15 / 182 COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY REPORTS

- a. **Toddler Play Group** – It was reported that the question of pre-planning advice is still unresolved.
- b. **Urban & Civic** – no news as yet regarding the access path for the skatepark.
A draft report was shared regarding feedback from the open days. They are hoping to publish regular dates soon for future workshops. These would also involve local authority officers and representatives of other agencies.
Eight community groups are now using facilities on the barracks site. U&C are hoping to set up a charitable trust so that any money coming in can be ploughed back into the facilities as well as potentially make donations to local sports organisations.

15 / 183 ACCOUNTS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of accounts for the month as set out in the schedule.

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr J Williamson

In favour: 10 Against: 3 Abstentions: 1

15 / 184 FUTURE AGENDAS

The Community Association is proposing to donate some benches to the village dedicated to Sid High and Dave Halsey. It would be good to have some ideas about where they can be placed.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Chair