

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 1 March 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

15 / 238 **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)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs A Grant (out of parish) and Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: E Jones (Clerk), Ian Dewar (CAPALC)

15 / 239 **OPEN FORUM**

No members of the public wished to speak

15 / 240 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 February 2016 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr. P Johnson Seconded Cllr Gaunt Unanimous

15 / 241 **MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Cllr P Johnson – District Councillor for SCDC

15 / 242 **CODY ROAD s106 OPTIONS / ADOPTION OF LAND**

(a) It was **PROPOSED** that Waterbeach Parish Council adopt the open space on the new development popularly known as Cody Road - planning reference S/0296/15/FL

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded Cllr Shipp

In Favour: 6 Against 7

Motion NOT carried.

(b) The council **RESOLVED** to put forward the comments from the planning committee with regards to landscaping i.e. that the Council are happy with the landscaping plan but a suggestion was made that it might be preferable to have a dedicated woodland area rather than tree planting around the houses as in years to come there could be problems with tree roots.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded Cllr Williams Unanimous

(c) The Clerk was asked to advise the District Council that the Parish Council had no view as to whether play equipment should be installed on the open space.

15 / 243 **BANKING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council accept the Clerk's recommendation with regard to changing the Parish Council banking arrangements i.e. to begin the procedures for opening an account with Unity Trust Bank.

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson Seconded Cllr Gilzean Unanimous

At this point the Chair proposed changing the order of the agenda and Councillors agreed.

Two reports for agenda item 15/245 were taken so that the contributors could leave before the council went into closed session

15 / 245 **OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- The County Councillor, reported that the LHI bid for funds towards speed limit plans had just been approved.

- The representative from Urban & Civic advised that
 - Reports from recent workshops would shortly be circulated and members were reminded that Thursday 10th March was the date of the final workshop. U&C would then be looking to organise a weekend wrap-up event.
 - U&C are currently working on planning detail for the cemetery extension and are hoping to have Heads of Terms available within the next few weeks.

15 / 249 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 the meeting and were herewith instructed to withdraw.

Mr Ian Dewar of the local council advisory body CAPALC was asked to remain as the author of one of the reports to be considered.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded: Cllr Bull Unanimous

15 / 250 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Shipp item 15/252(a)

15 / 251 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 February 2016 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded Cllr Bull

In Favour: 9 Against: 3 Abstentions: 1 (Cllr Shipp not in the room)

15 / 252 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Cllr Shipp left the room at 8.05pm

The Minutes for this part of the meeting can be found in the Council's confidential minute book

Cllr Shipp returned to the room at 8.55pm

At 9 pm it was **RESOLVED** to re-open the meeting to the public.

Proposed: Cllr M Williamson Seconded: Cllr Bull Unanimous

15 / 244 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The following issues were raised:-

- There had been a recent problem with a local shuttle coach reversing into Whitmore Way and damaging gardens and manhole covers. It was suggested the Network Rail goods yard by the station would be a better place for such buses to turn around.
- White lines are worn out on a number of junctions within the village. Such problems can be reported on the County Council website but specific places need to be reported. All councillors were encouraged to report any such problems that they see directly on the County Council website.
http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads_and_pathways/10/roadworks_and_faults
- A resident has erected a personal "20mph sign" on Vicarage Close. This should be reported to County Highways.
- The grass area near the access to Rosie's childcare near the Green is badly torn up. Consideration should be given to installing bollards or other delimitation to ensure people use the proper driveway.
- There are some potholes on the Gault pathway.
- There had been a recent accident near the school

The Clerk asked how useful it was to have this as a regular item on the Agenda. She suggests removing it as she feels that H&S issues should always be reported as soon as they are noticed either to the Council office to other proper authority and should not be saved up to be reported at a meeting.

15 / 245 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- The Clerk had circulated a written report and added that the Community Association now had more specific ideas about the installation of memorial benches. Councillors felt that if possible it would be preferable for one of the benches to be installed at the cemetery.
- The Chair reported that he had recently attended the Police Panel meeting. He felt it would be interesting to get feedback from those councils that had accepted the offer of paying for a PCSO to deal with parking problems.
- District Cllr Johnson had circulated a written report. In addition he advised that he had just heard back from the owner of the solar farm and was hopeful of reaching an agreement with them as to what they might offer to the parish.

15 / 246 COMMITTEE & WORKING PARTY REPORTS

- The Neighbourhood plan group was starting to divide up into sub-groups to work on different parts of the plan. They are hoping to have a rough draft available for residents to see at the Annual Parish Meeting in May, which could also be part of the consultation.
- The Skatepark group are getting proposals and quotes for an approach path and area of hard standing and the Clerk reported she was awaiting further quotations for the proposed CCTV.

15 / 247 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

The Clerk was asked to produce a report about the various electricity meter readings for a future meeting.

After a short discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for payment.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded Cllr Bull

In Favour: 10 Abstentions: 3

15 / 248 FUTURE AGENDAS

- A request was made for a password protected area on the website where confidential minutes could be posted.
- The Clerk was reminded that the Old Pond Site and Area outside One-Stop needed to be on the next Agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm

Chair