

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 5 July 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

[Note - correction of numbering sequence from the published agenda for the last items below.]

PRESENTATION – a representative of Urban & Civic spoke about the Environmental Impact Scoping Notice submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council as well as about Traffic Surveys and answered questions from Councillors.

16 / 46 THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Cllrs Bull, Gaunt, Gilzean, A Grant, K Grant, Howlett (part of the meeting only), B Johnson, P Johnson, Shipp, Smart, J Williamson, M Williamson (Chair), Wright

APOLOGIES: Cllr Howlett arrived late and had to leave early. County Cllr Leeke also sent his apologies.

NOT PRESENT: Cllr Rabbett

IN ATTENDANCE: E Jones (Clerk),

16 / 47 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

16 / 48 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 June 2016 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr. J Williamson **Seconded: Cllr Gaunt**

In favour: 12 **Against 1**

16 / 49 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr P Johnson - item 16/50 planning – Cllr Johnson has been in contact with the applicant in his role as District Councillor

Cllr P Johnson left the room at 19.37.

16 / 50 PLANNING

S/1300/16/FL Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement dwelling

It was **RESOLVED** that Waterbeach Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson **Seconded: Cllr Wright**

In favour: 12 **Abstentions: 1**

Cllr P Johnson returned to the room

16 / 51 COUNCIL POLICY ON EVENTS ON COUNCIL PROPERTY

Cllr Howlett arrived at 19.46 during discussion of this item.

It was **RESOLVED** that Waterbeach Parish Council had no objection to the request for a Barbecue provided that the Barbecue was held on the hardstanding.

Proposed: Cllr Bull **Seconded: Cllr P Johnson**

In favour: 13 **Abstentions: 1**

It was **RESOLVED** that all future requests for events to be held on Parish Council land which are not part of the usual sporting activities, should be referred to a main council meeting. Requests would need to be made at least 6 weeks in advance so that they could be considered at a council meeting. The Parish Council would reserve the right to charge for such events.

Proposed: Cllr Shipp Seconded: Cllr Bull Unanimous

16 / 52 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Clerk explained that a number of rubbish bins on the recreation ground needed to be replaced because foxes were getting into the open bins and scattering rubbish around on a daily basis. Some residents had been kindly picking up this rubbish in the mornings but essentially sturdier covered bins were needed. She had taken advice from SCDC about the most suitable type of bin, the cost of which was approximately £170 each. She would investigate whether s106 funds could be spent on this as it was an improvement to resolve a problem that is affecting the enjoyment of users of the recreation ground.

It was RESOLVED to purchase 5 new bins for the recreation ground.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr J Williamson Unanimous.

Other issues raised: -

- It was re-iterated that the local bylaw refers to dogs being kept “under control” on the recreation ground. Reports had been received that this bylaw is being broken and children are being frightened.
- There is a lot of odour from the Amey landfill site. This has been reported to the Environment Agency. It was stressed that anyone encountering this problem should report it to the Environment Agency as they do take action. Cllr Gaunt will raise the issue with Amey when she attends the upcoming meeting.

16 / 53 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Clerk’s report had been circulated:

- Cllr Gaunt to try and attend the Liaison meeting at SCDC on behalf of Waterbeach
- Farmers could not help with the Burgess Drove repairs as this work would not be a permitted use for red diesel.

District Cllr Tregoing reported that she had attended a Highways open day and ascertained that the surfaces of both Chittering Drove and Long Drove were to be refreshed soon.

Both she and Cllr P Johnson had agreed to organise a bi-monthly meeting with Urban & Civic which would be open to all residents, in order to try and open up communication. She also recommended taking advantage of the resources available to the Parish Council through Urban & Civic, which could help with the Neighbourhood Plan. There was to be a public consultation on the matter of Devolution and SCDC would vote on the matter again in October. She felt it important that Councillors focus on understanding what Devolution may mean and the Parish Council should encourage residents to comment.

District Cllr P Johnson had circulated a written report. He reported that the cost for the goods yard to be resurfaced and lined would be £25,000 + VAT. This would include putting traffic management measures in place. He is following up on the fact that the post-box that has been installed is rusty and flaky and not the old one that was taken away. Station Road drains need jetting again. There is also a problem now at the other end of Pieces Terrace.

Cllr Howlett left the meeting at 8.25 pm

The **Chair** thanked all those who had attended the village walkabout and he had circulated a report. If councillors feel that any items listed should take a high priority they should report this to the Clerk and the matter can be discussed on the next agenda.

16 / 54 WORKING PARTY & PROJECT REPORTS

- Cllr Bull, Chair of Planning, reported that Cllr Williams would attend the SCDC planning committee on 6 July. Also she is in contact with many residents of Clare Close and will encourage them to attend the hearing on 19th July on the Denny End Road application.
- Cllr Gilzean, Chair of Highways, reported that a problem with a lorry parking near the new crossing has been resolved, a resident has enquired about a 20 mph speed limit in Cattells Lane

and the dropped kerb at the crossing is causing a problem for wheelchair users and buggies on the footpath. Feedback on this last item is awaited from County Highways.

- It is difficult to make any progress with the Toddler PlayGroup project due to regular changes in the makeup of their committee.
- Nothing to report from the Neighbourhood Plan group.
- All annual feedback reports have been completed for the various grants obtained in the last two years.
- We are looking to fix a date for a meeting with Urban & Civic and the cemetery working party.
- Urban & Civic are doing a feasibility study on a possible park and ride facility for Waterbeach Station.

16 / 55 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of the accounts for the past month.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr J Williamson

In favour: 10 Abstentions 4

16 / 56 FUTURE AGENDAS

- Standing orders to be revised to allow for recording of meetings in accordance with the change in the law.
- A decision to be made regarding what type of projector and screen to buy. Cllr Gilzean offered to research prices and suitability of big screen TVs vs projectors and screens. The crucial criteria is the visibility distance.
- Actions arising from the village walkabout.

16 / 57 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.*

Proposed: Cllr Williams

Seconded: Cllr Gaunt

Unanimous

16 / 58 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

16 / 59 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 June 2016 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr. Bull Seconded: Cllr Williams

In favour: 12 Abstentions 1 (not present)

16 / 60 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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The meeting was declared closed at 9.47 pm

Chair