

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

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

16 / 133 THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Howlett (arrived late due to work commitments and had to leave early) and Rabbett (misunderstanding about date of the meeting)

IN ATTENDANCE: E Jones (Clerk), S Ismail (Legal Adviser)

16 / 134 OPEN FORUM

Chris Rushmer, co-captain of Waterbeach Bowls Club, spoke about the need for an extension to or replacement of the Bowls Pavilion.

A representative of Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup advised that they now know that the cost of converting the old garage on the Rec would unfortunately be too high. They have an extension of the lease in their existing premises to December 2017 and are talking to Urban and Civic about the possibility of premises on the barracks' site.

16 / 135 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4 October 2016 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr. Wright Seconded: Cllr. Gilzean In favour: 10 Abstentions: 3

16 / 136 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr P Johnson – SCDC District Councillor

Cllr Williams – lives close to the Persimmon and Bovis Sites

Cllr Shipp – owns land close to the Persimmon and Bovis Sites

16 / 137 BANKING

In accordance with recommendations from the Finance Committee, it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following:-

1. Immediate transfer of £25,000 from Unity Trust Bank to Cambridge and Counties Bank
2. Immediate transfer of £25,000 from Unity Trust Bank to Cambridge Building Society

Proposed: Cllr. Wright Seconded: Cllr. Bull Unanimous.

16 / 138 PLANNING

a.

i) **S/2770/16/FL** Change of use of land for the expansion of cemetery

Land at Waterbeach Barracks - Urban & Civic plc and Waterbeach Parish Council

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Proposed: Cllr. Bull Seconded: Cllr. B Johnson In favour: 12 Abstentions: 1

ii) **Tree Works – APP CA 583 Prune back mixed hedge to drastically reduce overhang.** This is beyond the rear boundary of 16 Chapel Street and may be on Parish Council land.

Some councillors felt sure that it was not on parish council land.

It was **RESOLVED** that councillors had no objections to the work and suggested that the householder be advised that it would be OK for them to have access to do the work via council land if needed.

Proposed: Cllr. K Grant Seconded: Cllr. Wright Unanimous

Cllr Howlett arrived at this point.

iii) **S/2461/16/FL Residential development for the erection of 45 dwellings and associated works.** Amended/additional plans and application forms. Land north of Bannold Road, Waterbeach - Persimmon Homes

The amendments were updated red line plans and associated documents.

Cllr P Johnson drew councillors' attention to his report in which he described the fact that Persimmon Homes have approached the District Council to "do a deal" in that if SCDC grants permission for the additional 45 houses they will drop the appeal for the 144. Cllrs were not happy about this and instructed the Clerk to write a strongly worded letter to SCDC to reiterate the Parish Council's objections to the applications.

Proposed: Cllr Bull

Seconded: Cllr K Grant

In favour: 10 Abstentions: 4 (potential conflicts of interest)

b. It was suggested that the council explore options for other consultants if further assistance is needed in future which is not connected with the barracks site. In the meantime it was agreed to ask Tim Slater on a one-off basis to look through the plans and give advice on the Persimmon Homes appeal and associated applications.

Proposed: Cllr Bull

Seconded: Cllr B Johnson

In favour: 8

Against: 3

Abstentions: 3

It was agreed to discuss this matter again at the next planning committee meeting, having obtained day and hourly rates from other potential consultants.

The remaining agenda items were taken out of order:

16 / 148 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS (part agenda item)

The Clerk's report had been circulated.

District Cllr P Johnson had circulated a written report and spoke further about the injuries caused to a resident who had fallen on a badly maintained footpath. (See item 16/138 a (iii) for discussion on Persimmon Homes appeal)

District Cllr Tregoing also spoke about the Persimmon Homes planning applications as well as changes to the emerging Local Plan to be discussed at an upcoming portfolio meeting. Councillors need to look and see if there are any concerns to be raised such as Green Belt and the change from AAP to SPD.

County Councillor Leeke spoke about Cambridge North station due to open in May next year. Those trains will not stop at Waterbeach until it can accommodate 8 carriage trains (May 2018 anticipated). A10/A14 junction white lining due to be done by end of November. A10 study – report expected in spring next year. Bannold Road – end of this month, gas installation due – developers have now realised the road cannot be closed so there will be traffic light control.

U&C would be happy to get feedback on the planning application for key workers' accommodation. The feasibility study into a ParknRide has found some viable options so they are working on this further; it would be useful to discuss this with a representative of the Parish Council so it can tie into any thinking about local parking restrictions, permits etc.

16 / 151 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

To exclude the public from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

It is hereby 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 asks that in the public interest the public and press are temporarily excluded from this meeting and are herewith instructed to withdraw.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt

Seconded: Cllr Bull

Unanimous

16 / 152 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Minutes of this part of the meeting can be found in the Councils' confidential minute book. Those councillors who had declared an interest left the meeting.

16 / 155 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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

Cllr Shipp did not return but other councillors who had declared an interest returned to the meeting at 9.30pm.

Cllr Howlett left the meeting at this point.

The Chair proposed that **standing orders be suspended** to allow the meeting to continue beyond 9.30. This was **unanimously agreed**.

16 / 153 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th September 2016 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr Bull In favour: 10 Abstentions: 2

The Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th September 2016 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair;

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Williams In favour: 10 Abstentions: 2

16 / 154 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

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

The meeting was reopened to the public at this stage.

16 / 139 HIGHWAYS

a. It was **RESOLVED** to apply for an LHI grant for 2017/18 for a 30 mph limit and signage in School Lane, Chittering

Proposed: Cllr A Grant Seconded: Cllr Bull Unanimous

b. The Clerk was asked to find out the County Council policy regarding 20 mph zones and what might be permitted.

16 / 140 GRANT APPLICATION

It was **RESOLVED** to refuse the application for a grant from FECA

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson Seconded: Cllr Williams Unanimous

16 / 141 S106 FUNDS

a. It was **RESOLVED** to carry out improvement work and marking of lines on the basketball/five-a-side court. To include moss treatment, cleaning, binder application, colour restoration and line marking. Indicative cost £3,000. S106 funds to be allocated.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Williams Unanimous

b. It was agreed to discuss the extension or replacement of the Bowls pavilion at a later meeting and to gather more information in the meantime.

c. Discussion of Chittering playpark refurbishment was postponed to a later meeting when more detailed information would be available.

d. Discussion on sound absorbency treatment for Tillage Hall was also postponed

16 / 142 VILLAGE SIGNPOSTS

A budget of up to £3000 was agreed for the renewal of the village signposts and the Clerk was authorised to engage a contractor.

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson Seconded: Cllr Williams Unanimous

16 / 143 PROJECTOR

A budget of up to £750 was agreed to purchase a projector and screen for use in meetings, presentations, workshops etc.

Proposed: Cllr Bull

Seconded: Cllr J Williamson

Unanimous

16 / 144 NALC AND CAPALC

- a. Any councillors wishing to make comments on the national improvement strategy for parish councils should send their comment to the Clerk so that they can be forwarded to NALC
- b. The Chair is not available and there were no volunteers to attend the CAPALC AGM on 15 December.

16 / 145 FLOOD AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS

A copy of the responses prepared by Cllrs Gilzean and Shipp had been circulated.

16 / 146 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the list of payments

Proposed: Cllr Bull

Seconded: Cllr J Williamson

In favour: 10 Abstentions: 2

16 / 147 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Clerk reported that no issues had been raised with her since the previous meeting.

Councillors raised the following questions –

Horse chestnut leaves to be cleared and taken away, problems with the pathway lights, the footpath outside 86 Bannold Road (already reported).

16 / 148 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS (part agenda item covered earlier)

The **Library** Officer reported that the Reading Challenge had been very successful. The library is struggling to find volunteers – this should be flagged up in the next newsletter.

It was suggested that the school be approached on the question of marking (or remarking) a disabled parking space.

16 / 149 WORKING PARTY & PROJECT REPORTS

The skatepark remedial work has been completed.

16 / 150 FUTURE AGENDAS

The Parish Council needs to consider further what use to make of the old Skatepark area.

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Proposed: Cllr Gaunt

Seconded: Cllr Bull

Unanimous

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The meeting was declared closed at 10.15 p.m.

Chair