

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4 July 2017 at the Old Pavilion, Waterbeach.

17/46 THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Bull, Gaunt, Gilzean, A Grant, K Grant, Howlett, B Johnson, P Johnson, Rabbett, Shipp, Smart, Williams (arrived late), J Williamson, M Williamson, Wright
Not present: Cllr Rabbett

In Attendance: S Mason – Clerk, County Cllr Bradnam, District Councillor Tregoing.

17/47 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to speak

17/48 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 6 June 2017 were approved as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded: CllrJ Williamson. In favour: 10. Abstentions: 2

Cllr Williams arrived at 7.33pm

17/49 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chair reminded Cllrs of the requirements laid down in the Code of Conduct regarding disclosure of interests as it was important these were properly understood.

Cllrs A Grant and K Grant declared an interest in agenda item 17.50i) as they share a boundary with the property in question.

17/50 PLANNING ISSUES

The following issues were discussed:

i) [Ref:S/2021/17/FL](#) **Change of use from childminding business to a children's nursery**

3, St Andrews Hill, Waterbeach, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB25 9NA

Mrs Rosemary & Andrew Brown

The Council agreed it had NO COMMENT to make on the application.

Proposed: Cllr Shipp. Seconded: Cllr Wright. In favour: 9. Abstentions 4

ii) Road names for new roads off Bannold Road and Cody Road

a. Roads off Cody Road - following a request from SCDC for further names the Clerk was asked to forward the following suggestions:

Masters (author of a book on Waterbeach history)

Cinder track lane (colloquial name from years past for a lane in the vicinity)

Dimmock (farmers in the area)

b. Names for other new roads in the Bannold Road area - the Parish Council would use

its webpages and the village newsletter to invite names for other roads which SCDC could hold on record and draw upon when further names were needed for new roads.

17/51 TRANSPORT STUDY

i) After much discussion on the potential pitfalls/unintended consequences involved in tackling transport problems with no clear baseline or evidence, it was concluded the Council needed a better understanding of the scale and scope of problems facing the village. It was **AGREED** to seek expressions of interest from professionals in the transport field to assist in scoping the problem and provide an indication of potential resource needed to develop a village-wide scheme.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt. Seconded: Cllr Williams. Unanimous

ii) The meeting noted that the City Deal transport team were holding two events in the village to consult residents on aspirations for a proposed Greenway linking between the village and Cambridge for cyclists and pedestrians. Details would be published on the Parish webpage and noticeboards.

17/52 A10 ROAD HIGHWAYS PROPOSALS

The Council discussed the proposal to instal a toucan crossing near the Cambridge Research Park with a consequent reduction of the speed limit to 40mph on the approaches. It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the following grounds:

- There was no rationale for undertaking this work when there was no segregated footpath and cycleway on the East side of the A10 where the toucan crossing was proposed.
- There were very strong concerns about the safety risks given road layout approaching and existing the roundabout the poor visibility for traffic approaching the roundabout
- This proposal formed part of the Waterbeach planning application for the barracks site (S/0559/17/OL) – Section 10 DAS. This application remains unapproved and the Parish Council’s response includes that inter alia it believes that the A10 should have no surface level crossings but bridges (or a subway) should be incorporated for use by pedestrians/cyclists..

Proposed: Cllr Wright. Seconded: Cllr Williams, Unanimous

17/53 Warden scheme

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council acts as the body that receives the funding from the other bodies and passes it onto Age Concern, and that funding up to £1,300 per year would be provided for three years to cover any shortfall. The terms of agreement with Age UK (who will deliver the service) and the Evelyn Trust (who are contributing to it through a grant award) were delegated to the Finance Committee to review and approve before the Clerk could sign the relevant agreements.

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

17/54 SUBSCRIPTION TO LOCAL COUNCIL PUBLIC ADVISORY SERVICES

It was **AGREED** to authorise the Clerk to take out a Council membership subscription at a cost of £100 with LCPAS.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt. Seconded: Cllr A Grant, In favour 11. Against: 1. Abstention: 1

17/55 CEMETERY ISSUES

The Chair of the Cemetery Working Party ran through the preliminary conclusions the group had reached which included:

- The extension would not be consecrated
- Advice would be sought on the orientation of grave spaces required by certain religious groups
- The new extension should be a lawned cemetery (save for memorial stones)
- Headstones should be placed on undisturbed earth behind the grave to avoid the problem of settlement and destabilisation
- Soil removal would be the responsibility of the grave contractor
- Reservation of plots to be permitted only when a burial occurs and the adjacent plot if purchased at the same time

No conclusions have yet been reached on the following issues where it would be useful to see what approach was taken by other cemeteries before making recommendations:

- The size of gaps between the grave plots
- Path widths
- Alignment arrangements and surfaces for ashes and ashes headstones

It was **RESOLVED** to support the recommendation of the working group that fee levels should remain at their current rate at least until the start of the next financial year.

Proposed: Cllr Wright. Seconded: Cllr J Williamson. In favour: 14. Abstention.

17/56 SECTION 106 FUNDING

To determine whether to open a separate bank account dedicated to S106 funding.

Finance Committee was asked to look into the issue of how best to monitor S106 income and expenditure was remitted to the Finance Committee to consider.

17/57 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

The payments for June were approved. The Clerk was asked to consider to analyse the basis for the bill and challenge the water company if thought appropriate.

Proposed: Cllr Shipp. Seconded Cllr Gaunt. In favour 9. Abstentions 4

17/58 VILLAGE WALKABOUT

It was **AGREED** that village walkabouts would take place on Wed July 26, Thurs July 27 and Monday July 31st all commencing at 6pm. The Clerk would email Councillors with a proposed timetable for each.

17/59 APPOINTMENT TO TURBARY CHARITY AND WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES

Following clarification that there were two Parish Council nominees it was **AGREED** that the names of Councillors J Williamson and Gaunt would be forwarded to the Secretary.

Proposed: Cllr A Grant. Seconded: Cllr B Johnson. IN favour 10. Abstentions: 3

17/60 USE OF THE RECREATION GROUND

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to two incoming requests regarding the use of a bouncy castle outside the Tillage Hall (subject to assurance that the organisers have appropriate insurance cover in place) but to turn down the approach from Wild Thyme and Embers, a local business, to display a banner on rec ground. The Beach News was often used by local businesses to advertise their services and the Clerk was asked to forward this suggestion to the owners.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Bull. Unanimous

17/61 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Not discussed save where referenced elsewhere in the minutes

17/62 OFFICER AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- i) The Clerk's report had been circulated to the meeting
- ii) District Cllr Johnson had provided a written report while District Cllr Tregoining said her issues had been covered in other agenda items
- iii) County Councillor Bradnam mentioned that neighbouring parish councils also had concerns they would like to discuss with SCDC about the Supplementary Planning document. She also advised that two quotes had been received for the mobile vehicle activated sign which Landbeach, Milton and Waterbeach were jointly purchasing. She noted questions raised on who had responsibility for cutting grass on the A10 research park roundabout, and also the verge between the garage and Craig's cottage, as well as picking up concerns about fading yellow line markings in the village e.g along Station Road

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 9.30pm.

Proposed: Cllr Shipp. Seconded: Cllr Gilzean. Unanimous.

17/63 WORKING PARTY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- iv) Library – Cllr Grant reported the last visitor count has shown a very high number of visits with over 7,500 visit per annum.
- v) Rec users – Cllr Bull reported that she and Cllr B Johnson had been working on a more focussed specification for the refurbishment of the old skatepark which would now be sent to three companies.
- vi) Neighbourhood planning - Cllr Williams reported that the PC had secured grant funding of £6,700 which would be used to provide consultancy support to help develop a character assessment and a housing needs assessment.

17/64 FUTURE AGENDA items

Bannold Road double yellow lines
Funding a share of a PCSO
Emergency planning
Mobile VMS sign

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm