

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at the Old Pavilion, Waterbeach.

17/174 THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Bull, Gaunt, Gilzean, A Grant, K Grant, B Johnson, P Johnson, Rabbett, Shipp, Smart, Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson, Wright

Apologies: Cllr Howlett

In Attendance: S Mason – Clerk, County Cllr Bradnam (part), District Cllr Tregoing

17/175 OPEN FORUM

A representative of WAY spoke in support of the request for grant funding (item 17/185), pointing out that the organisation was well supported and ran an impressive range of activities for children and young people in Waterbeach and Landbeach.

A representative of the Camlocks Management Committee offered to make contact with developers to draw up a draft ownership transfer document in the first instance, should the proposal at 17/179 be agreed by Council.

A member of the village skateboard Facebook group asked for an update regarding the stones issue raised previously as a H&S matter. The Clerk advised that the matting had now arrived and the works to lay it would commence later in the week.

Cllr Bradnam arrived at 19.40.

A member of the Sailing Club asked if the Council had considered its request for S106 funding. The Chair reported that SCDC had advised that the Sailing Club was not eligible for S106 support. He suggested other funding sources could be considered e.g Screwfix grants.

17/176 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 5 December 2017 were approved as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Bull. In favour: 9. Abstentions:5

17/177 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr J Williamson 17/178b as a trustee of the nearby Farmland Museum,
Cllr Smart – 17/178a as the application involved family land
Cllr Shipp –17/178a - as a friend of the applicant

17/178 PLANNING ISSUES

i)S4416/17/FL To provide temporary car parking for up to 30 contractors cars to service the adjacent Bovis Homes Development until the end of June 2018.

Cllr Smart left the room

The Council had **NO OBJECTION** to the application but asked that a condition is

applied to restore the land to its former use on completion.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded Cllr Williams Unanimous

Cllr Smart returned to the room.

ii) Planning application S/3372/17/CW for Energy to Waste Facility, Waterbeach,

The consultation period of 3 weeks was considered very short for such a large application. County officers had recently highlighted the key documents to focus on – the Clerk would circulate these to inform the consideration of the application at Planning Committee on 16 January.

17/179 CAMLOCKS DEVELOPMENT

Subject to the granting of the freehold to WPC, the Council **AGREED** to take over the LEAP, with responsibility for the maintenance of the remaining grass areas and drainage would remain with the CamLocks Management Committee.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Bull. In favour: 13. Abstention: 1

17/180 2018/19 BUDGET AND COUNCIL PRECEPT

The Chair introduced his paper suggesting Council may want to consider reducing our Band D to £85 for 2018-2019. SCDC had notified an increase on the Council Tax base of 7.24% (£1,889.30) reflecting additional building in Waterbeach. Items suggested for inclusion in the 18/19 budget included:

- Dog bins
- Passing place in School Lane, Chittering
- Local Highways Initiative bid
- Concrete removal outside the Chinese to provide more car parking
- Works to area outside One Stop

Finance Committee on 23 January would look at the budget and decisions would be taken at a special Council meeting on 30 January which would be asked to agree figures for the budget and a proposed precept figure to submit to SCDC.

82 CEMETERY EXTENSION

Council noted the transfer document was with MOD for clearance and authorised the Chair and Vice Chair to sign, with the Clerk to witness, as soon as the document was available for formal sign-off.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr B Johnson Unanimous

17/182 HEALTH AND SAFETY

In view of complaints about ongoing current operational concerns around smell and pollution, Amey had offered a site meeting. Cllrs asked the Clerk to obtain some potential dates.

The following items were also discussed:

- There had been another incident around the Cody Road area where sewage ended up in ditches even though the pumps were apparently working as they should. District Cllr Tregoing had identified a contact at Anglia Water and Council asked if she would arrange for him/her to come to speak to the Parish Council about the issue.

- Recreation Path lights were failing continually – a fundamental review was needed to find out why.
- The Rec toilet was now on a regular cleaning schedule
- A tile had fallen from the sports pavilion roof during the recent storm – remedial action in hand

17/183 2017 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT

The external auditor had reported to the Clerk that they still had yet to consider the challenge submitted by a resident.

17/184 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Replacements for items stolen in the recent break-in had been purchased following confirmation that the insurers would reimburse like-for-like purchases. This would now be organised.

An update on Neighbourhood Plan progress and use of grant so far was requested.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments for December. A recorded vote was requested.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Rabbett.

In favour 8: Cllrs Bull, A Grant,, B Johnson, P Johnson, Rabbett, Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson, Wright

Against 5: Cllrs Gaunt, K Grant, Gilzean, Shipp, Smart

17/185 GRANT APPLICATION – WAY

Council **AGREED** to award grant of £4,000 to WAY.

Proposed: Cllr Shipp Seconded: Cllr K Grant Unanimous

17/186 STAGECOACH SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE

Highways Committee had brought this issue to Council. Stagecoach had advised that they had stopped running the service through the barracks area because of the detrimental effect on journey time which had led to complaints from Passengers travelling between Cambridge and Ely. The Clerk was asked to prepare template letter that residents could use to complain as well as send a letter on behalf of the PC.

17/187- Owing to a lack of time the following agenda items were not discussed:

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17/187 S106

17/188 Banking arrangements

17/189 Mobile Vehicle Activation Sign

17/190 Cleaner Communities Pilot Scheme

17/191 Public Art – Denny End Road

17/192 Rural Communities Sounding Board

17/193 OFFICER AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- County Cllr Bradnam reported on the A10 study which was to taken on by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority . She hoped an officer would be coming to the next Joint Parishes meeting to discuss.
- District Cllr Tregoing reported on changes to the SCDC waste collection arrangements and that SCDC had also launched a new consultation on the Local Plan.

- District Cllr P Johnson had dealt with a number of emergencies on behalf of residents over the festive season and suggested residents would find some sort of approved list of contractors useful.
- The Clerk said that WPC had been invited to present its case for LHI funding to County Highways on 5 February. Cllrs P Johnson and Gilzean would attend.
- Age UK were about to recruit for the post of warden for the new scheme covering Waterbeach and Landbeach parishes.

17/194 COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY AND PROJECT REPORTS

Standing item – not discussed on this occasion.

17/195 PROJECT LIST

Owing to a lack of time the list was not discussed.

17/196 EXCLUSION OF THE 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 J Williamson Seconded Cllr Shipp Unanimous

17/197 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

17/198 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2017

This item was deferred until the next meeting

17/199 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The minutes for this part of the meeting can be found in the Confidential minutes book

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm