

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council zoom meeting held on **Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 7pm**

THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Bull, Gilzean, Cllr Howlett, Grant, P Johnson, Seamarks, B Cllr Williams, J Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson, Wright

Cllr Bavester also attended but was a late arrival

Apologies: Cllrs B Johnson, Rabbett

Also in Attendance: S Mason – Clerk, S Thompson – Finance Officer (for budget and precept item), Tim Slater, and Planning Consultant. County & District Cllr Bradnam, District Cllr Smith

20/160 OPEN FORUM

A representative of the Fewes Lane Consortium raised concerns about the planning processes in SCDC and spoke in support of the WPC objections to the RLW planning application S/2075/18/OL.

20/161 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

20/162 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2021 were approved and will be signed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr Howlett In favour 11 Abstention 1

The following agenda items were incorrectly numbered on the agenda. The item references below have been corrected to ensure sequential progression with the original agenda item shown as a strike through.

20/163 (~~155~~) BUDGET PREPARATIONS

a. To review and if approved, adopt the [FY2021/2022 budget proposed by the Finance Committee](#)

The Chair explained that the draft budget had been worked through line by line by the Finance Committee before its recommendation had been circulated to all Councillors for review. In discussion the following points were raised:

- The budget line for Chittering playpark was intended to be available as match funding to support potential grant applications – the Clerk would be exploring what opportunities were available.
- The machinery equipment budget line took account of the need to plan for future replacement of items where needed.
- The cemetery maintenance line included provision for the repairs to the lych-gate and front wall. Additional foundation stones in the new extension would also need to be ordered in the forthcoming financial year.
- There was uncertainty about the likely cost of some items (e.g. cemetery repairs, availability of grant funding) but it was recognised that Council had sufficient reserves to be able to consider an in-year budgetary increases if an appropriately justified case was submitted for approval.
- Repairs to the Old Fire Station should be taken forward and funded from the Village Green Maintenance budget line.

After discussion it was **AGREED** to adopt the figures submitted as the WPC Budget for the Financial Year 201-2022.

Proposed: Cllr M Williamson Seconded: Cllr P Johnson Unanimous

b. It was **AGREED** to submit a precept request into South Cambridgeshire District Council of £168,092. This represented no change from last year to the Band D household Council tax figure of £84.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Seamarks Unanimous

20/164 (156) PLANNING ADVICE

It was **AGREED** to engage Philip Kratz to on a one-off assignment to advise and assist on legal aspects of the draft conditions SCDC are looking to apply on the RLW major development S2007/18/OL.

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr K Grant Unanimous

Councillor Bavester joined the meeting.

20/165 (157) S/2075/18/OL - Waterbeach (Land adjacent to Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield Site)

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Grant would represent the Parish Council at the the SCDC Planning Committee meeting on 29 January

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson Seconded: Cllr Seamarks Unanimous

Councillors thanked Cllr Grant for the time she had put in to produce a comprehensive paper outlining the concerns that the Parish Council had as well as the key points she would be raising at the SCDC Planning Committee meeting on 29 January. Cllr Grant in turn thanked Tim Slater for his comments and help to track down cross references within the large number of documents – it was noted that the usual planning portal had not been available and while papers had been loaded onto a temporary site, it had been an onerous task to identify cross references without consistent titles and with dates lacking.

WPC is very disappointed it had not been given any opportunity to input into the draft conditions with a view to ameliorating a number of concerns it had raised which were not adequately addressed in the submission. A raft of problematic issues remain and the following key points would be included in her submission to the SCDC Planning Committee:

- The development should not be begin until A10 improvements implemented and there is direct access for construction traffic off the A10 as no suitable route for construction traffic through the village
- Essential infrastructure (e.g. the new water main and connection to the forthcoming waste water treatment plant) must be in place before development is allowed.
- The visual impact on the Fen Edge landscape must be properly protected.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr J Williams. Unanimous

The Clerk was asked to pass on an advance copy of the submission to SCDC Planning Committee members.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm