

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church, Waterbeach

21/57 THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Also in Attendance: S Mason – Clerk, County and District Cllr Bradnam, District Cllr Bearpark

Apologies: Cllr N Wright, District Cllr Rippeth

21/58 OPEN FORUM

The operator of BuggyBootcamp expressed dismay about the WPC decision to introduce a charge for classes wef September. She had raised this with the Combined Authority and urged the PC to take heed of his request that the PC reconsider.

A resident supported her request, adding that the classes provided so many positive benefits and were very well organised.

Another resident asked what the administrative cost to the Council would be of introducing charges and also what the Council would do to ensure the space was safe and free of litter etc.

21/59 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared.

21/60 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the Council meeting on 22 June 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr A Wright Seconded: Cllr J Williams. In favour 12, Abstentions 2

21/61 FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was **AGREED** to reduce the membership of the Committee from 9 to 7.

Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Cllr M Williamson. In favour 13, Against 1

21/62 USE OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND

a. Herb garden. After a lengthy discussion on this issue the following resolutions were made:

While the current structure remained on the Recreation Ground it could invalidate the Council's public liability insurance. It was therefore proposed to ask the resident to remove them. Cllr Wright made an amendment to that proposal that the structure should be retained but taken into the ownership of the Parish Council and cultivated by volunteers. This was voted on first.

Proposed: Cllr Wright No seconder, so the amendment falls.

The original proposal to ask the resident to remove them was then voted on:

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Rabbett Unanimous

The meeting then heard a range of views about the suitability of various potential sites. Cllr Grant proposed that a SWOT analysis was undertaken that covered the bed behind the Tillage Hall, the site by the Community orchard (between the Beach Social Club and the bowls club) and the existing planters on the patio area outside the Tillage Hall with a view to the Parish Council funding appropriate structures to create a herb garden. This was **AGREED**.

Proposed: Cllr Grant Seconded: Cllr M Williamson In favour: 6, Against 5, Abstentions 3

b) Wildlife areas. Councillors had available to them photos highlighting current areas and were asked to feed in their views on these, as well as thoughts on planting and management issues. These will be pulled together to enable Council to consider at a future meeting.

c) Land use charges. Councillors **AGREED** the text of a reply to send in response to a letter from the Combined Authority Mayor asking it to reconsider the introduction of charges for use of Parish land with effect from September.

Proposed: Cllr J Williams Seconded: Cllr B Johnson

In favour 12 Abstentions 2

d) To receive any further applications.

A request had been received from the organisers of Waterbeach Dog Show to fix a date for next year. Cllrs P and B Johnson declared an interest as a family member was one of the organisers.

It was **AGREED** to permit Waterbeach Dog Show to be held on Sunday 22 June 2022, subject to receipt of confirmation of insurance cover and risk assessments, plus compliance with any prevailing Government regulations.

Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded: Cllr Grant. In favour 12 Abstentions 2

21/63 PLAY AREAS

To receive the Rospa inspection reports, discuss issues raised in the [overview note](#) and identify next actions.

After a discussion on the findings the following items were **AGREED**:

- to seek quotes for a revamp of the playpark at Chittering (both equipment and surfacing where there were numerous issues that should be tackled in the round).

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson Seconded: Cllr Bull Unanimous

- to approach potential providers to remove and seek recommendations/quotes on replacing the half-pipe in the toddler wheeled park

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson Seconded: Cllr Bull Unanimous

A plan of work for other remedial works was being put in hand. Cllr M Williamson to forward an example of appropriate skatepark signage

21/64 MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

U&C Waterbeach Barracks

U&C would be updating the Council at an informal catch up on July 27th.

RLW

Cllr J Williams reported that papers presented to the Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly suggests that GCP may be considering putting public funding into the railway station relocation project. No other issues to report.

Relocation of Anglian Water Waste Treatment Plant

Anglian Water had launched a second consultation. A separate information gathering meeting was mooted but having heard that there was a zoom meeting planned for 21st July, Councillors said they would prefer to have an opportunity to joint that if they wished to. Cllr J Williams would circulate it and could also report back for those not able to attend. This would enable a suggested draft to be tabled for agreement at the August Planning Committee meeting.

Waterbeach Busway

Cllr J Williams reported that the upshot of the first GCP consultation was that the option that involved demolition of houses had been removed. A new one had emerged which would have major effects for Landbeach. There had been no consultation on this route yet, but GCP had undertaken to do this.

General

Cllr Grant understood that there had been an undertaking some months ago from the SCDC Planning Committee Chair and Vice-Chair that Reserved Matters applications on the major developments should all be going to SCDC Planning Committee. She was concerned that this may not be happening.

21/65 ACCOUNTS

a) The schedule of payments was **APPROVED**.

Proposed: Cllr A Wright Seconded: Cllr J Williams. In favour 12, Abstentions 2

b) The following invoices/claims were also received and approved for payment:

- Shelley Mason (reimbursement) – Zoom Subscription 26 June- 25 July (£11.99 + £2.40 VAT)
- Waterbeach Primary School – rental of community room for the Waterbeach community Library Apr-June (£500)
- MSA Associates – professional services car park project and Cemetery measurement work (£225.40 + £45.08 VAT)

Proposed: Cllr A Bull Seconded: Cllr M Williamson In favour 12, Abstentions 2

c) The bank reconciliation for May 2021 was noted.

21/66 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR, COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES

The Clerk had been on leave the previous week but ran through a list of items which have now been uploaded onto the website.

The County Councillor's report had been circulated. The following issues were raised:

- Councillors asked if there were plans to remove the requirement to book a slot at the Milton recycling plant. In addition it was pointed out that the on-line system was not easy to use.
- Covid infection rates were rising sharply in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire, predominantly among the 18-30 age range. The Director Public Health was urging people (including those who had not yet received the second dose) to use a walk-in centre to get vaccinated.
- The new Police and Crime Commissioner was keen to get resident feedback over policing priorities. More information at <https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/>

The District Councillors' report had been circulated. D Cllr Bearpark also highlighted concerns regarding U&C proposals to improve the cycle path on the A10 (ref S/0559/17/COND29).

A 40mph speed limit was being introduced on the A10 (Ely Road (A10) Landbeach and Milton. Car Dyke Road, Waterbeach. Clayhithe Road, Waterbeach. Denny End Road, Waterbeach and Waterbeach Road, Landbeach) and compliance with it would be monitored. A light-controlled crossing at the Car Dyke junction was part of the cycle path proposal mentioned above.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr B Williams reported back that the group were working through comments from the Examiner.

Planning – Cllr K Grant as Planning Committee Chair reminded Cllrs that the application for Cambridge Innovation park was being determined at the SCDC Planning Committee meeting on 14 July. She was not available to speak so another Cllr could do so, or alternatively she would draw on the meeting comments to draft a written statement and ask for it to be read out.

21/67 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The following issues were raised

Roadworks relating to the gas main – queries about space available to vehicles through the gas roadworks. It was suggested that issues are raised with the contractor. Helpline number to refer issues = 07541 096659

Driver U turns at Milton and Car Dyke junctions on the A10. These should be reported into the police either by ringing 101 or using the on-line function.

Uncut verges on A10 at Chittering – these are a CCC Highways issue, but the bus stop was a PC asset and the PC will need to make this clean and tidy.

Cllr Gilzean had a number of issues he wanted the Highways Committee (which he chairs) to discuss – he would be in touch with the Clerk about this.

21/68 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

It was unanimously agreed to exclude the public from the next item due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed

21/69 CONFIDENTIAL STAFFING MATTERS

A note of the discussion is contained in the Council's confidential minutes book.

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