

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday the 06th of February 2023
in the Parish Office.

THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Chair - Cllr. Clive Rabbett (CR); Cllr. Jane Williams (JW); Cllr. Brian Williams (BW); Cllr. Michael Williamson (MW); Cllr. Mick Bavester (MB); Cllr. Cllr. Ivan Gilzean (IG); Cllr. David Smart (DS); Cllr. Kate Grant (KG); Cllr. David Taylor (DT) and Cllr. Martin Howlett (MH) (10)

Apologies: Cllr. Bruce Overhill (BO) (1)

Also Present: Clerk - Belinda Westwood (BAW); Groundsman – Robert Pinion (RP); Finance Officer Libby White (LW) and 7 members of the public.

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OPEN FORUM

A member of the public addressed the Council on matters regarding the Bowls Pavilion, he wished to thank Councillors in particular Cllrs. KG, IG, and DS for their role in supporting this project. He enquired as to a slot for a project manager to present to Council the possibilities of the project development, adding that comments regarding the Bowls Club at the previous meeting were found to be of a discriminatory nature.

A member of public spoke about item 22/146 asking about the procurement of defibrillators within the village, this discussion will be addressed under said item on the agenda.

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MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr. David Smart declared an interest in item 22/141 point 3.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Although the minutes were circulated, Councillors indicate that they have not been seen, their approval will be deferred to the next Council meeting.

22/140 ACCOUNTS

1. The payment of the [accounts](#) were approved, the [receipts](#) were noted.

Recorded vote:

Proposed: Cllr. MW; Seconded: Cllr. BW; In Favour: 7; Against: 2 DS, KG; Abstention: IG

2. No further invoices were presented
3. The [bank reconciliation](#) for December 2022 and the [bank totals](#) for January 2023 were noted.

22/141 FINANCES

1. The budget for 2023/2024 was reviewed and agreed.

Recorded vote:

Proposed: Cllr. MB; Seconded: Cllr. MH; In Favour: 8; Against: DS; Abstention: KG

Budget expenditure	£301,812
Budget income	£9,275
Precept	£200,017
To be financed from reserves	£92,520

2. The [precept request](#) of £200,017 for FY 2023-2024 was agreed.

Recorded vote:

Proposed: Cllr. MB; Seconded: Cllr. MH; In Favour: 8; Against: DS; Abstention: KG

3. The [PC response](#) to PKF Little Johns regarding the [Objections](#) to 2021/22 AGAR raised was approved.

Note: Cllr DS did not leave the room for this item.

Recorded vote:

Proposed: Cllr. JW; Seconded: Cllr. BW; In Favour: 8; Against: KG; Abstention: DS, IG

22/142 GRANT APPLICATION

Cllr. KG presented the [request for grant](#) funding from Waterbeach Library, presenting statistics of usage. It was suggested that the surplus books held in the shed should be repurposed for use with the County Library Services who pay a nominal fee per book. It was also requested that a list of books at the library be sent to the Council for insurance purposes. The grant was approved, but will reflect under next years budget.

Proposed: Cllr. MB; Seconded: Cllr. IG; In Favour: 8; Against: ; Abstention: 0

22/143 CHITTERING PLAY PARK

VF has met with working group to understand the boundary requirements.

Item 22/149 was moved forward to allow DC to give their update.

22/149 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR, COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES

Updates were received from the Clerk, County Councillor, and [District Councillors](#). All reports are available on our website. The chair of the Highways Committee has indicated the need for a meeting which will be arranged in March.

Action: VF to set up a Highways meeting with Cllr. IG

22/144 BOWLS PAVILION

This project needs to follow Council procedures, and therefore it was suggested that a separate meeting be arranged before the next PC meeting to discuss this item. It was noted that a formal and written specification for this project has not been received, and although a budget has been confirmed it was not submitted in a written report to the Council.

Action: BW to set up a Bowls Pavilion meeting with full Council.

22/145 RECREATION GROUND

1. Zipwire: The [quotation](#) for the Zipwire provider was scrutinised, and option 4 was selected. A new site (Site E) was selected and signed off.

Proposed: Cllr. CR; Seconded: Cllr. BW; In Favour: ; Against: ; Abstention: 3

2. [Tennis Courts](#): This item was deferred to the March meeting.

The meeting was extended until 9:45 PM

Standing orders were suspended to allow a member of public to speak.

22/146 DEFIBRILLATOR

The procurement of additional defibrillators was discussed, it was agreed that this would be a great asset to the Parish. The Council would like to explore the possibility of procuring three additional defibrillators. Funding and Sighting options to be investigated and reported back to Council at the March meeting.

Suggested sights: the back of the bus station, somewhere by Cody Road and at the school.

Suggested Funding: London hearts

Resolution: A small work group consisting of one member of public and Cllr. IG will explore sighting and funding options for this initiative and report back to Council.

Action: Cllr. IG Explore funding and sighting options

Standing orders were re-instated.

22/147 CO-OPTION

It was agreed that the Co-option policy will need to be used to agree on co-option before proceeding with this item, deferred until March.

22/148 CIVILITY AND RESPECT PROJECT

This item was deferred to the March meeting.

Meeting Closed 9:45