

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 20th November 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

PRESENT

Councillor Wright, Chairman,
Councillors Bull, Bullivant, P Johnson, Kay, Smart, J Williamson, M Williamson

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillor Howlett.

IN ATTENDANCE

E. Jones, Parish Clerk

13/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Wright be appointed Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr P Johnson, Seconded: Cllr Bullivant. Unanimous

13/02 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the following members of the public be appointed to the committee:

District Cllr J Hockney, J Grant. D Aitchison, J Williams, M Leeke

Proposed: Cllr Wright. Unanimous.

13/03 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Highways Committee held on 8th May 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson. In Favour 6. Abstentions 2: Cllrs Bull and Kay (who were not present at the meeting in question)

13/04 MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made in respect of items appearing on the agenda.

13/05 CHAPEL STREET TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

The application for traffic calming had been turned down by the County Highways Committee. It was suggested resubmitting an application but for *only* a crossing *or* a pinch point and not both. A crossing application in isolation might succeed but the other ideas were less likely to be approved. Schemes need to be acceptable to traffic engineers who need to believe they are safe.

When the original consultation took place the crossing was priced around £30,000 by the County Council. Their contribution would be 90% or £10,000 maximum therefore the Parish Council would need to pay the remainder. It would be necessary to consider new rules about consultation with residents before borrowing any money for this. The deadline for new applications for small local highways schemes is 9 December 2013.

It was **RESOLVED** to put in a further bid to Cambridgeshire County Council Highways “small local schemes” for a crossing on Chapel Street.

Proposed: Cllr Wright, Seconded Cllr J Williamson. Unanimous

13/06 CYCLE RACKS

The Council was still awaiting written clarification regarding planning permission being needed for the racks to be placed outside One Stop.

Near the station, cycles are chained all along the fence. People need to be encouraged to use the racks in the car park area and it may be worth considering installing more if and when the car park is extended. We will contact First Capital to ask if we can put up notices on the platforms to help get racks into more use. Cllr P Johnson is in touch with Network Rail about additional car parking possibilities.

It might be worth considering further racks near the bus stop on the Green or in the layby opposite the Village Stores. Planning permission would still be needed. Cllr P Johnson suggested an application to Community Chest at South Cambridgeshire District Council for funding.

13/07 WINTER GRITTING

The village needs to get at least two more volunteers trained and needs more grit spreaders. At present at the weekends there is only one volunteer available. Cllr Wright knows of three others who would be willing to help, but this will need to wait until the County organises further training and is able to supply the necessary kit. Cllr Wright and the Clerk will speak to the County Council about ensuring the grit boxes are filled.

13/08 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AND OTHER MARKINGS

There was some discussion about the fact that these are a mixed blessing but it was agreed that there was meant to be restricted parking in the layby opposite the Village Stores with a 1 hour limit between 9am and 6pm. If enforcement is needed, any offenders can be reported by dialling the local police on 101.

It was suggested that it might be possible to remove the concrete and bollard outside the Chinese takeaway so that more cars in could be fitted in to that parking area. It could possibly be painted over, the edges built up and cars parked on top. The costs will need to be looked into.

13/09 BUS STOP MARKINGS

This item needs to be kept on future agendas. The stops that currently need checking are the one outside the doctor's surgery at the junction on Bannold Road and the one at the corner of Denson Close and Waddelow Road.

Also a white line is needed by the lowered kerb on St Andrew's Hill/Chapel Street

13/10 STREET LIGHTING

The light at the end of the passage opposite the bus shelter has been disconnected but no new light installed so it is dark where the bus stops on that side. The installation maps need to be checked.

Another problem is on Way Lane outside 66 and Rookery Close near the footpath to Waddelow Road - where new and old lights are both installed.

Despite these issues, generally a good job had been done by the installers.

Where lights have been placed among trees the trees may need pollarding.

Cllr P Johnson will report Denny End Rd issues via "street scene".

13/11 STATION CAR AND CYCLE PARKING

See above at 13/06

13/12 CAR DYKE ROAD

It was **RESOLVED** to ask the County Highways engineers to look at the possibility of installing a Give Way feature near the 30 mph sign at the entry to the village on Car Dyke Road

Proposed: Cllr Kay Unanimous.

It was thought that the cost of this would be between £4,000 and £5,000.

13/13 CAMBRIDGE ROAD

An alternative to 13/12 above would be to request a pinch point on Cambridge Road at the entrance to the village.

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

Chairman