

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 12th August 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

PRESENT

Councillor Wright, Chairman,
Councillors Bull, Gaunt, Howlett, P Johnson, Smart, Williams

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillors J Williamson and M Williamson.

IN ATTENDANCE

E. Jones, Parish Clerk
County Cllr M Leeke
District Cllr J Hockney

14/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Wright be appointed Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Howlett. Unanimous

14/02 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

- a. It was noted that at the Annual Meeting held on 3rd June 2014, the Council appointed the following persons to the Committee for the ensuing municipal year: –

Cllrs, Bull, P Johnson, Gaunt, Howlett, Smart, Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson and Wright

plus, in a non-voting capacity, District Cllr J Hockney and County Councillor M Leeke and members of the public as co-opted by the Council.

At this point agenda item 14/05 was taken out of order.

14/05 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was noted that the existing terms of reference allowed for only FIVE elected members so it was

RESOLVED to recommend to the next Parish Council meeting that the wording be amended to read “**AT LEAST FIVE ELECTED MEMBERS**” and that the meeting proceed as if this were the case.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded Cllr Bull. Unanimous.

The remainder of the Terms of Reference to be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

14/02 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

- b. It was **RESOLVED** that the following members of the public were co-opted to the committee:

Mr J Grant

Mrs D Aitchison

Mr A Frost

Mrs J Williams

Mr M Bavester

Proposed: Cllr Bull. Seconded Cllr P Johnson. Unanimous.

14/03 MINUTES

The minutes of the Highways Committee held on 20 November 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Proposed: Cllr Bull. Seconded Cllr P Johnson. In Favour 3. Abstentions 4: (who were not present at the meeting in question)

14/04 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The following declarations of interest were made in respect of items appearing on the agenda:

J Grant – flooding in Station road

J Hockney – District Councillor

J Williams – flooding in Bannold Road

B Williams – flooding in Bannold Road

P Johnson – District Councillor

14/05 See above

14/06 CHAPEL STREET TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

There was a lengthy discussion during which it was agreed that a further meeting should be held to brainstorm the various different measures that committee members would like to see considered and to prioritise them for future recommended action. *[Later in the meeting the date was agreed as Wednesday 24 September].*

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Parish Council the submission of a bid for funds from the Local Highways Improvement Scheme.

Proposed: Cllr Bull. Seconded Cllr Williams. Unanimous.

It was further agreed that committee members needed to look at the detail of the last application and consider what changes might need to be made in advance of presenting this to the Parish Council meeting in September and submitting the bid the County Council. Cllr P Johnson agreed to coordinate this review.

14/07 ROAD DRAINAGE

There was a long discussion about the problems with road drainage both in Station Road and Bannold Road, what the possible causes of the problems might be and the potential for resolving them.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Cambridgeshire County Council to ask them to inspect the road drains in Station Road as it seems likely that one of them is blocked or broken.

In Bannold Road the problems have been happening for some time and it seems clear that no single body is likely to solve them but a multi-agency approach is needed.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to South Cambridgeshire District Council, Anglia Water and Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Division to ask them all to come to a multi-agency meeting on site in Waterbeach as soon as possible in order to attempt to find the source of these problems and agree a way forward.

14/08 CHANGE OF RAIL FRANCHISE

There was a discussion in particular about station car parking and it was acknowledged that the Train Operating Companies are unlikely to invest in any improvement to the parking in Waterbeach due to the length of the franchise being only 7 years. Also no action is likely before they know what the effect will be of the opening of the new station in Chesterton in 2016. There are some briefing meetings organised by the operators in September but these are not public meetings. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

14/09 ROAD MARKINGS and STREET LIGHTING

It was agreed that the issue of road markings be included in the brainstorming meeting on 24 September.

There was a discussion about gaps in street lighting and it was agreed that later in the year, when the evenings are dark, Cllrs Leeke and P. Johnson will do a

“walk around” to see where there are problem areas and make some recommendations.

It was also suggested that a street-lighting map could be overlaid with a local crime map to see whether there is any correlation.

14/10 No agenda item – numbering error

14/11 CAR DYKE ROAD

It was agreed that this item also be considered at the meeting on 24 September. It was noted that the parking on Cambridge Road is making this an increasingly difficult and dangerous spot due to poor visibility. It was suggested that the County Council be contacted and asked to trim the trees along Car Dyke Road.

14/12 WINTER GRITTING

There have been changes to the process and there are now written instructions available for volunteers to grit pavements during the winter, which means that they do not necessarily have to go on a training course. We are waiting to hear from the County Council as to whether they can provide more equipment this year for volunteers. It was agreed to mention the need for volunteers in the next Parish Newsletter.

Mrs Williams volunteered to help as did Cllr Williams.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm

Chairman