

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 6 May at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

PRESENT

Councillors Bull, Gaunt, Gilzean, Smart, Williams, J Williamson, Wright

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillors P Johnson, M Williamson, County Cllr M Leeke and Dist. Cllr J Hockney

IN ATTENDANCE

C Whitehouse, Assistant Parish Clerk
M Baverster
J Grant

Prior to the meeting starting Cllr Smart indicated to the meeting that as a new Highways Committee had been chosen at the Parish Council meeting on the previous evening (05.05.15) the first item on the agenda for the new Committee should be the election of a Chair. Cllr Wright put to the meeting that as the agenda had gone out for a meeting the previous week, which had to be moved to 6 May, the meeting were still working to that agenda. In between the two Highways meeting (the postponed and actual) the annual meeting had taken place and the new committees elected for the year. The election of the new Chair for the year therefore did not show on the agenda issued for the meeting which was postponed.

Cllr Wright put to the meeting that as the previous Chair he would be prepared to Chair this meeting until a new Chair had been elected, if the members present were agreed.

The above motion was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Smart and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bull and **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Smart pointed out that a new Chair must be elected within 28 days of the last Parish Meeting which was on Tuesday 5 May 2015. Cllr Bull suggested that the Highways Committee meet at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 19 May prior to the Planning Meeting.

Members of the Highways Committee for 2015/2016.

Cllrs M Gaunt, J Williamson, A Wright, B Williams, P Johnson, I Gilzean, D Smart.
Cllrs M Williamson and B Bull ex officio members.
County Cllr M Leek and Dist. Cllr J Hockney ex office members

Co-Opted Members – M Baverster, J Grant, D Aitchson and J Williams.

14/16 MINUTES

The minutes were **AGREED** by those present at the September Meeting.

Proposer: M Gaunt Seconder: B Williams **5 For – 2 Abstentions**

14/17 MEMBERS INTEREST

None

14/18 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Cllr Wright reported that he had attended a site meeting with Sophie Parsons (Technician, Local Projects), Liz Jones (Clerk) and Cllr P Johnson on Monday 27 April 2015 to discuss the best location for the proposed zebra crossing.

Cllr Wright talked through a report which had been circulated to all members from Sophie Parson following the meeting which outlines the schedule of events prior to approval, and timescales for the installation of the crossing. This report also covered School Crossing Patrol and Cambridge Road traffic priorities.

Members discussed the report at length and raised various concerns including the implementation of the crossing and whether it is better to put forward their views prior to the start of the process or to wait for the consultation period.

Cllr Williams proposed that the Project process should start and that Sophie Parsons be invited to the next Highway Meeting with a view to meeting on site to raise the Committee's concerns.

Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded: Cllr Bull UNANIMOUS

School Crossing Patrol

The report from the Local Projects also states that the Road Safety Education Team have been advertising the post for a School Crossing Patrol person for over a year with no success. Following discussion, members agreed to advertise this post via the PTA, the Council website and Waterbeach Babble to try to capture interested parties.

Cambridge Road Traffic Priorities

The Local Projects report has looked at the approach to the village on Cambridge Road with a view to the best solution for traffic calming measures.

Cllr Williams suggested that village feedback should be sought prior to taking this project forward. It would also be useful to get costs for the various options of traffic calming so that the Committee are aware of the potential impact on finances.

Cllr Gaunt raised her concerns regarding the safety issues at Chittering Play Park in relation to traffic problems and felt that measures should also be considered for this area.

14/19 PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Members reviewed the list of 8 projects that had been taken forward from the previous meeting.

1. 20 mph speed limit throughout the village. It was felt that people may not always abide by the imposed limit and how would it be policed?
Rated Low Priority
2. Yellow lines. It was agreed to survey the village on areas that would most benefit from yellow lines and put to the Highways Department to gain costs prior to the next meeting. Input from John Mason (PCSO) would also be sought.

**Action: Village Survey
Input from John Mason**

3. Traffic calming measures at the pharmacy. Until the outcome is known of the proposed relocation of the pharmacy this item will be put on hold.
4. Bus stop markings are in urgent need of repainting. It was agreed to write to the Highways Department to move this project forward.

Action: Letter to Highways Department

5. Extend cycle path along Denny End Road to link up with A10 cycle path. Cllr Bull reported that a path is part of the Stirling House planning application it may be better to wait for the outcome of this application as this item may be covered.
Rated Low Priority
6. Car Dyke Road traffic calming. County Standards and costs would be sought from the Highways Department and circulated to all members.
Rated High Priority
7. Improved lighting. No areas had been reported to the Council as being a particular problem.
Rated Low Priority
8. Bollards in front of One Stop Shop. Costs to be sought from County Council/Highways.

Action: Letter to County Council/Highways

Other areas of concern were raised on;

- Bannold Road where it joins Denny End Road
- Cody Road
- Park Crescent
- Way Lane

It was decided to wait for dates from Sophie Parsons to visit to discuss the proposed zebra crossing to amalgamate this into the next Highways Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chairman

Unapproved