

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 August 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

15 / 3 THOSE PRESENT/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Councillors Bull, Gaunt, Gilzean, P Johnson, Smart, Williams, J Williamson, Wright (Chairman)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. M Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: E Jones, Parish Clerk, J Grant, M Leeke, J Williams,

15 / 4 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to speak

15 / 5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 May 2015 were confirmed as an accurate record:

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded: Cllr Bull

In favour: 7 Abstentions: 1 (Cllr P Johnson not present at that meeting)

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 May 2015 were agreed as a correct record after a correction was made to indicate that Cllr Smart had also been nominated as Chair but had declined to stand.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Williams

In favour: 7 Abstentions: 1 (Cllr P Johnson not present at that meeting)

15 / 6 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Mr Grant declared an interest in item 15/7 regarding access to the Sunday School.

15 / 7 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

After a long discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should approach the project officer to ask whether the following matters could be checked and/or amendments could be made to the planned signage:-

- The white lines across the junction of Greenside and St Andrews Hill should be refreshed if needed as they are very close to the crossing site
- Can the proposed Pedestrian Crossing sign outside The Hall (11 Station Road) be clearly seen by drivers at that location? Committee members could meet project office to show their concerns on site.
- Can the anti-skid marking be red rather than grey as this would increase drivers' awareness
- Is it possible to have a SLOW or PED XING sign painted on the roadway
- It would be useful to have a warning sign on Greenside prior to the junction as turning traffic will immediately encounter the crossing - perhaps "new road layout ahead" or something similar.
- Could the zigzag lines be shorter.

It was acknowledged that this is in a conservation area which may limit the options for signage.

It was noted that the cost to the council would be at least £11,000 and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Parish Council that £11,000 of reserves be now formally allocated to the project whilst acknowledging that there might be some additional costs forthcoming for any extra signage that might be agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr Williams

In favour: 7 Abstentions: 1 (Cllr Smart)

15 / 8 STREET LIGHTING

It was pointed out that in addition to concerns raised at the main Parish Council meeting, the first train in the morning is at 5.30 a.m. when it is likely also to be dark. Concern was also raised about reducing lighting in sheltered housing areas and at the corner of Way Lane and Burgess Road which was felt to be a dangerous junction.

It was not considered reasonable to recommend that the Parish Council pay for lighting to be kept at current levels, the potential cost being estimated at around £4800 in the first year.

15 / 9 LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE 2016-17 (date correction from published agenda)

It was noted that the closing date for LHI 2016/17 application forms is Monday 2nd November 2015.

The following options were highlighted for consideration, some of which could be eligible for an LHI grant: -

- Three possible locations where pinch points or mini-roundabouts might help reduce the amount and/or speed of traffic using the village as a rat-run
 - Car Dyke Road where it becomes Cambridge Road.
 - Near the railway station car park on the road from Horningsea
 - On Denny End Road
- A pedestrian barrier outside the playpark in Chittering
- A Pedestrian Crossing outside the school
- Remarking of the Bannold junction
- Restrict the length of time parking permitted opposite the Village Stores to 2 hours.
- Turn wasted space outside 1/3 Greenside into parking spaces

It was agreed that a further committee meeting be scheduled as soon as possible to discuss these options in more detail so that a recommendation can be made to full council in October as to which scheme to bid for.

15 / 10 PARKING

The Committee considered information on the recent police initiative regarding parking control and **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Parish Council that £1,000 be spent on a PCSO for 6 months once the scheme is in place.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Gaunt Unanimous

15 / 11 SPEEDWATCH

The Committee received an update on the plans of the new Speedwatch Group which will initially use equipment on loan from the police. The total cost of buying equipment would be around £2500. Volunteers have undertaken training. It was RESOLVED to recommend to the main Parish Council meeting that the Council purchase the necessary equipment - if possible sharing the costs with other nearby parish councils.

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson Seconded: Cllr Williams Unanimous

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Thursday 1 October at 7.30pm and that Highways Safety should be a standing item on future agendas.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman

Unapproved