

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Thursday 1 October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

15 / 12 THOSE PRESENT/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Councillors Gaunt, Gilzean, J Williamson, Wright (Chairman)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Bull, P Johnson, Williams, M Williamson.

Mrs J Williams, Mr J Grant

IN ATTENDANCE: E Jones, Parish Clerk, County Cllr. M Leeke.

15 / 13 OPEN FORUM

As Councillor Leeke could not stay long he was invited to speak in the Open Forum. He spoke about the option for a shared LHI funding bid with Milton for interactive signs to slow traffic. There would be a benefit in that shared projects are viewed favourably by the funding panel

15 / 14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 August 2015 were confirmed as an accurate record:

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded: Cllr Gilzean Unanimous

15 / 15 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

15 / 16 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

- The committee noted that the Project Manager is working through the list of requests we gave her and will report back to us
- An informal consultation is to be carried out by County Highways with residents and businesses in the immediate area.
- The Committee acknowledge approaches received from residents and others including the minister at the Baptist Church, who are unhappy with the location. In response to this we have requested a dispensation for parking for funerals if such is possible under the law.
- Whilst recognising there is no ideal location on that road, it was recognised that there is no option to move from the proposed location and that a crossing is sorely needed.

15 / 17 LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE 2016-

Some members had participated in a recent meeting with a Highways Officer from Cambridgeshire County Council, who had given valuable advice about the various options being considered and whether they might be likely to succeed. After some discussion it was agreed that the following options be referred to the Parish Council for a decision to be taken on which should be prioritised in a grant application: -

- Buffer zone of 40mph speed limit at all three entrances to the village (instead of 50mph) – approx. cost £5000
- Mobile interactive speed limit signs – portable so can be moved from one location to another – approx. cost £5000. Possibility for sharing with Milton.

- Restricted parking time – 2 hours? – opposite Village Stores and outside Chinese restaurant - approx. cost £1500
- Pedestrian refuge near the school - approx. cost £10,000

For projects costing under £5000, the Parish only has to contribute 10%. Shared projects get additional “points” in the marking of a project for funding.

Not all projects have to go to a funding application, the Parish Council could decide to budget for items in the next financial year.

Other suggestions/ideas

- Footpath on Denny End Road to link up to A10
- Bus stop marking – £800 minimum charge for one day’s work – may be able to get several stops marked

It was agreed to propose a budget for next year to deal with any items not bid for.

15 / 18 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Committee agreed that the matter of transport issues for the Neighbourhood Plan should be spearheaded by the Highways Committee. A process needs to be worked out with the NDP working group.

15 / 19 HIGHWAYS SAFETY

- Cllr Gilzean raised that matter of potholes near the fish shop.
- The Vicarage Close path was mentioned again
- It was suggested that double yellow lines are needed on the corner of Bannold Road and Denny End Road as far as Bannold Court. It was noted that this is a bus route.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman