

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2016 at 7.30 pm at The Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

15/20 THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Cllrs Gaunt, Gilzean, P Johnson, D Smart, Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bull and Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: D Aitchson, M Bavester, J Grant, Cllr M Leeke
C Whitehouse (Assistant Clerk)

15/21 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Cllr Wright (outgoing Chair) Cllr M Williamson took the Chair for this agenda item.

Cllr Gilzean was nominated for Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Smart Seconded: Cllr Gaunt Unanimous

15/22 OPEN FORUM

No member of the public wished to speak.

15/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Highways Meeting held on 1 October 2015 were agreed and approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Gaunt UNANIMOUS

15/24 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

15/25 LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE 2016-17

A grant application has been made to reduce the speed limit down from 50 mph to 40 mph when entering the village on Denny End Road, Cardyke Road and Station Road.

Successful applicants will be informed between April and July 2016.

It was noted that Cllr P Johnson did a good job pursuing the application.

15/26 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

Cllr Williams ran through the transport categories which had been put together from the NP meeting. These had been broken down into four categories: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. The categories were expanded with comments from the meeting which will be referred back to the NP to be built into proposed policies.

15/27 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The meeting was informed that there was no start date as yet for this work and once Cambridgeshire County Council had confirmation from the contractor then we would be informed.

15/28 CURRENT HIGHWAY ISSUES

The main issues raised surrounded parking in and around the centre of the village and a proposal was put to the meeting to enquire whether it would be possible to introduce restrictive parking in the lay by and outside village business.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Gaunt UNANIMOUS

Action: Assistant Clerk

The Newsletter and Council web page to be used more to remind villagers of how they can report pot holes etc. directly to the County Council. This is an efficient service and the problems do get dealt with fairly quickly.

15/29 HIGHWAY SAFETY

Due to the number of speeding cars through the village a 20 mph limit was suggested but this would be difficult to police.

One area that needs improving are the road markings. A letter will be sent to Cambridgeshire County Council to enquire of the cost of reinstating line markings.

Action: Assistant Clerk

Cllr P Johnson report that he had investigated a complaint from a resident in Whitmore Road regarding the picking up of students from Waterbeach Station by Collins Coaches to go to the Milton Farm School. Due to the lack of areas for the coach to park and the fact that they have to reverse into Whitmore Road, damage had been done to a resident's fence and manhole covers had been damaged. The meeting discussed various possible options for the coach to wait in a safe area near to the station.

It was suggested that there was ample space in the Network Rail yard and it was close enough to the station that students would not be at risk walking to it from the station.

Cllr P Johnson will raise this suggestion with Network Rail when he attends a meeting with them on 13 March 2016 and the Assistant Clerk will write to Collins Coaches and the Farm Collage to inform them of the situation.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

Chair: Date: