

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 June 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

THOSE PRESENT/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Councillors Gaunt, Gilzean (Chairman), Smart, J Williamson, Williams.

Co-opted members: Mr M Bavester, Mrs J Williams.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Bull, B Johnson, P Johnson, M Williamson, Mr J Grant

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs A Grant, K Grant, Howlett, Rabett, Shipp

Co-opted member Mrs D Aitchison, County Cllr Bradnam.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Mason, Parish Clerk, Simon Manville, Cambridgeshire County Council (for item 17/4)

17/1 OPEN FORUM

Mr Bavester raised the problems that the lorry deliveries to the Bannold Road development site were causing. The Chair explained these would be dealt with during the course of the meeting.

17/2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 October 2016 were agreed as an accurate record:

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded: Cllr J Williamson

In favour 3 Abstentions 2

17/3 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

17/4 CITY DEAL GREENWAYS

To receive presentation from Simon Manville (SM), County Council Greenways Project Manager on plans to develop a network of [Greenways](#) linking outlying village to Cambridge, and specifically what is proposed for [Waterbeach](#)

SM explained that 3 potential routes had been identified in preliminary work undertaken last Autumn by a consultant commissioned by the City Deal team:

- upgrade of tow path
- a path parallel to the A10
- a path running parallel to the rail line.

The City Deal team would be running consultation events in July to collect feedback on pros and cons and engage with those who could offer an informed local perspective. Planning was still at a high level so feedback would be sought on a wide range of issues including: land ownership, continuity across road/rail/river, future maintenance requirements, signage, biodiversity, lighting, public art, future links.

The two public events running in Waterbeach are:

12 July 5.30 – 8pm at the St John's Church rooms

19 July 6.30 – 8.30 at Waterbeach school.

In addition some reach-out events would also be scheduled e.g speaking to parents at school gate.

In discussion the following points were raised:

- Sm advised that a train/cycle link to Chittering and the Cambridge Research Park could fall within scope if demand was there. If CCC produced fliers then WPC could organise distribution to businesses in the vicinity.
- Waterbeach Cycling Campaign were organising an event as part of the village Summer at the beach on 15 July and were willing to publicise the public sessions then
- The Greenways team would be happy to make a presentation to full Council – optimum timing would be once they had some outputs and analysis from the consultation events.

SM asked if the Parish Council had ideas for what could be done within the village to support more sustainable transport. It was explained that the Parish Council was looking at whether it could engage some professional help to tackle the current situation - but that funding would be a problem. SM undertook to consult with County Council colleagues to see if any support could be identified.

17/5 SAFETY ISSUES

To consider the following issues:

- i) Safety issues in the vicinity of the school.
- ii) Bannold Road/Denny End Road.
- iii) Winfold Road/Denny End Road.

Recent incidents in the vicinity of the school were reiterated which suggested that speed limits were not sufficiently effective in making a safe area around the school. Poor parking was also thought to be a contributory factor. Crossing points on both High Street and Way Lane were discussed but there were uncertainties over both whether this was the best way forward and also how they could be funded.

Recent significant problems of multiple lorries backed up along Bannold Road were thought to be down to early arrivals not being allowed to access the site outside conditioned times. The developer needed to manage this better and the Clerk was asked to put this onto the agenda for the next Planning Committee for discussion.

Various potential solutions were discussed for tackling other existing problems e.g a roundabout at the Denny End Rd/Bannold Rd junction and the meeting concluded there were no easy answers.

Tim Slater, Planning consultant had pointed out the transportation needs depend to a significant degree on the progress and outcome of the new Town planning application and it may well be premature to undertake a strategy at the present time. The Committee took note but nonetheless **AGREED** to recommend to Council a high level plan was produced identifying what was needed to tackle parking, safety and rat running.

Proposed Cllr Williams. Seconded: Cllr Smart.Unanimous

17/6 PARKING

SC police had highlighted the pressure on existing resources which had led them to ask people to report parking problems on a new dedicated website. This would be

publicised on the Parish Council web-and FB pages. Since problems had been occurring in the vicinity of the school the Headteacher would also be asked to draw it to the attention of parents.

16/17 UPDATES

a) Village speedwatch kit

It was reported that the speedwatch kit had been returned to Cllr P Johnson so making it possible to plan future events. Meanwhile South Cambs police were organising Speedwatch training for interested volunteers in Cambourne on 15 July or 12 August between 101-midday. These events would also be publicised on the WPC webpage.

b) Purchase of a new mobile speed sign

An in principle agreement between Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach Parish Councils had been made to purchase a sign and Cllr Bradnam was following this up with the County Council.

c) A10 study

Confirmation had been received from the County Council Transport team that the Study was not now expected to complete until October 2017.

d) Neighbourhood plan transport section

Relevant issues to the NP had been covered in the above discussions.

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