

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

THOSE PRESENT/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Co-opted members: Mr J Grant, Mrs J Williams.

Also Present: County Councillor Bradnam

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Bull, B Johnson

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs A Grant, K Grant, Howlett, Rabett, Shipp, Co-opted member Mrs D Aitchison.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Mason, Parish Clerk,

17/9 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

17/10 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 June 2017 were agreed as an accurate record:

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded: Cllr Smart

In favour 3 Abstentions 4

17/11 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

Cllr J Williamson arrived at 7.37pm

It was agreed to discuss the Walkabout Findings ahead of the LHI bid, so the following two agenda items were reversed

17/12 LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

Based on the Walkabout findings and discussions at earlier meetings, the Committee discussed the merits of either an LHI bid focussing on a crossing in Bannold Road to improve safety, or a package of parking-related measures in the village. There was some uncertainty about whether the crossing suggestion would be supported by the County Council, or if it was, whether the proposed siting would be allowed. On balance the Committee's preference was therefore to put forward a scheme that was more easily deliverable since this had a greater chance of being a successful bid. The following package of parking-related measures would therefore be put to Council:

- Bus stop markings to be placed on the stops on Greenside and High Street (both sides of the road)
- Double yellow lines in the following locations:
 - the corner of St Andrews Hill and the Gault
 - between the Salvation Army Hall and the broken line at the junction with St Andrews Hill
 - outside the Doctors surgery on Bannold Road

- An H access protection marking by the Gault to keep the dropped kerb clear for users
- A disabled space outside the pharmacy and consequent relocation of the bus stop.

17/13 HIGHWAYS WALKABOUT

- i) To go through the Chair's notes of the recent safety Walkabout.

The Chair's notes were discussed in detail with a view to drawing up an LHI bid proposal. It was recognised that parking restrictions needed to be applied proportionately, and there were some questions about enforceability too. The issues around Bannold Road gave rise to a range of views expressed on the best solutions for this difficult location. Having decided against it as a bid for LHI funding, the committee would be keen to explore the feasibility of a crossing of some sort, or other such solutions that CCC would deem appropriate safety improvements. The identification of potential funding sources could be looked at separately.

It was noted that a separate visit to Chittering would be needed to consider issues in that part of the parish.

ii) Residents' correspondence:

it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that the response to the CCC enquiry about Council's view on a request to relocate the bus stops by the Brewery Taps should be to express a strong preference that they remained where they are.

Proposed: Cllr Wright. Seconded: Cllr J Williamson. Unanimous.

A resident had suggested bollards outside the one stop to stop people parking on the yellow lines which caused problems for users of disabled buggies. There were uncertainties over whether the path was sufficiently wide. The ones by the Church should be measured to provide a point of reference. It was believed that the suggestion of bike stands had previously been raised with SCDC but the outcome of their considerations was not known.

iii) Priorities to recommend to Council

The Chair would report the outcome of the discussions to Council and seek approval to package of measures discussed at item 17/12.

17/14 MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the County Council as Highways Authority, and the parishes would be tabled for agreement at the October Council meeting. The CC would then facilitate the purchase - Waterbeach Parish Council would make this on behalf of all three parishes and invoice Landbeach and Milton for their contributions. The MoU requires two volunteers to erect the equipment. Cllr Gilzean had already volunteered and could partner up with the Landbeach representative. A joint meeting between the volunteers from Waterbeach, Landbeach and Milton would be needed to work through logistical arrangements. County Cllr Bradnam was co-ordinating activity and would take this on.

17/15 UPDATES

- a) Village speedwatch kit

Cllr P Johnson was the current co-ordinator but would like to relinquish this

responsibility. A call for volunteers would be made on Waterbeach babble and on the Parish Council webpage.

b) Purchase of a new mobile speed sign

Already discussed

c) A10 study

The latest update suggested that the study outcome may have slipped further to 'late Autumn' 2017.

d) Neighbourhood plan transport section

WPC had received grant funding for consultancy support enabling further NP development work. The consultant had done a site visit and proposals would be brought to Council in due course.

e) Chapel Street Pedestrian crossing

County Cllr Bradnam was arranging for a County Highways representative to visit the site so they could understand the Council's concerns about way in which the project had been delivered and the difficulties for users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters, and about the pooling of rainwater. She would clear some dates with the Chair of the Highways Committee.

f) Traffic Count Data

It was assumed that the recent count equipment used in the village had been in support of the forthcoming RLW planning application. They had been approached to see if they were willing to share but had not responded.

17/16 COMMUNITY GRITTING

The County Council is seeking volunteers and Cllrs P Johnson and Wright confirmed they are on the list. In future a call on Waterbeach Babble was considered a good source for getting more volunteers.

17/17 COUNTY HIGHWAYS DEPOT OPEN DAY

The Clerk will check at full Council who might attend the Open Day on 16 October. County Cllr Bradnam is attending and can raise any Waterbeach-related issues if required.

17/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13 December

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