

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion.

**Present:** Mr. D. Benton; Mr. N. Brown; Mrs. J. Cornwell; Dr. C. Grant; Mr. W. Grant; Mr. D. Halsey; Mr. P. Jones; Mr. M. Leeke; Mr. W. Saberton; Mr. A. Shipp; Mr. M. Williamson; Mr. A. Wright (Chairman);

**In attendance:** Mrs. J. Coston, CCC; Mrs. J. Williamson, SCDC; the Clerk and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Mr. J. Hockney , SCDC.

2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2004:**

Mr. Williamson proposed, seconded Mr. Brown and agreed that the Minutes be signed.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2004**

Station Road drains – the work to clear the drains had still not be carried out by CCC. The Clerk would e.mail David Gilkes, CCC concerning this matter.

Station car park – the amount of shelter on the platforms is inadequate now that with the extended car park there are more people waiting on the platform. There is no provision for disabled seating. The clerk would contact Mr. Stripe, Fen Line Users Group, concerning this matter. A car had recently been stolen from the car park. Mrs. Coston would investigate why CCTV had not been installed despite it being in the original approved plan.

4. **Quality Parish Councils – see distributed booklet**

All councillors had examined the booklet. It was felt that consideration needs to be given to whether the benefits outway the criteria which has to be met. Benefits may be that some grants are only available to quality councils, small non-contentious planning applications would be dealt with by a quality council and that district council may, in the future, look more favourably on quality councils.

A requirement of quality status is that 80% of the council must have stood for election. Therefore Waterbeach could not become a quality council until after the 2006 elections. However it was considered that the criteria regarding communication by newsletter and the production of a written annual report would be good practise.

5. **To arrange a date for a Finance Committee meeting:**

A meeting date of 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 was agreed.

6. **To arrange a date for a Traffic Committee meeting.**

It was agreed that the Traffic Committee meeting would be on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 after the Planning Committee meeting.

7. **Co-option of Parish Councillor:**

Applications had been received from Mr. Jane Williamson and Mr. Peter Johnson. Mrs. Williamson left the room. Mr. M. Williamson declared an interest and left the room. Consideration was given to both applications. Mr. Saberton proposed, seconded Mr. Shipp that Mrs. Williamson be co-opted to the council. For: 7; Abstain: 2.

It was considered unfortunate that the applications had not been more informative. A letter should be sent to Mr. Johnson inviting him to re-apply for one of the other vacancies.

8. **Correspondence:**

- i. Marcus Bates – Long term maintenance of open space on Bannold Nursery development site. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored.
- ii. Marshall Aerospace – Ove Arup & Partners Physical Planning Study Report. Mrs. Williamson reported that she had attended a meeting as a district councillor
- iii. CCC – East of England: Public Consultation.
- iv. Moore Stephens – Audit of Annual Return queries. – y/e 31 March, 2004. This will discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.
- v. Money Matters – increase in hourly rate.
- vi. Nikki O’Horo – resignation. Dave Hornby, Station Staff Officer should be informed.

Other correspondence:

SCDC – approval of felling of horse chestnut tree on frontage of 10 Cambridge Road

SCDC – Hotstuff Market Place at Comberton on 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service – 2005/2006 precept

SCDC – parish precept. Notice of precept by 7<sup>th</sup> February

SCDC – Shire Homes Information leaflet

CALC – bulletins and courses.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary – Histon Sector Newsletter

ACRE – Harvest magazine

**9. Approval of Accounts:**

Mr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mr. Brown and agreed that the accounts be paid as presented.

**10. Superannuation – Additional Voluntary Contributions:**

No reply has been received from ODPM.

**11. To amend account signatories:**

Mr. Williamson would inform the clerk of the necessary wording to amend the agreement.

**12. To consider Council web site:**

No report at the moment.

**13. Representative Reports**

**i. County Councillor's Report:**

Mrs. Coston reported that after many years and many meetings it had been provisionally agreed that traffic lights and lighting would be installed at the junction of Denny End Road and the A10. Mrs. Coston thanked all those who had supported her over the years that she had been campaigning for these measure. The funding would be from CCC and the 106 agreement on the Bannold Road development. Details of the scheme would be sent to the parish council later in the year.

Mr. Wright thanked Mrs. Coston for her determination to see lighting and traffic control at the junction.

Mrs. Coston reported that a Bring and Buy is to be held in Milton to raise funds for disaster packs for the Indonesian Tsunami victims.

**ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor's Report**

Mrs. Williamson had nothing further to add.

Mr. Hockney had asked that the meeting be informed that a collection for the Indonesian Tsunami is to be held in Landbeach.

**14. Village Matters**

Mrs. Williamson reported that licencing for the 2005 Feast will be alright but the site for the 2006 Feast will need an operating schedule.

Warden visits at sheltered housing schemes are to be reduced.

Ownership of the fence in Vicarage Close has not yet been established.

Library – concern was expressed that all Library Access Points have been told by CCC that they will have to operate the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. It was considered inappropriate and that they do not have the capacity to do other than inform people of the correct place to go.

Lamp post on green – it is understood that the owner of the car which hit the lamp post is known. CCC should be informed.

Solar light at Chittering – it was reported that this does not always shine.

Chittering post box update – no response had been received.

Chittering play area mole infestation – the clerk would investigate some control of the nuisance.

Dog notice – the sign at the Chapel Close entrance to the recreation ground needs replacing as it has been removed again.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

Chairman ..... Date .....

