

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th June, at 7.30p.m. in the New Pavilion.

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

In attendance: the Clerk and one member of the public

1. **Apologies:** Mr. A. Shipp

2. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 2005:**

The paragraph under item 11 was removed and under item 21 the paragraph starting ‘ The Bowls Club were reminded’ And the paragraph starting ‘The Colts football club had played’ Were transposed. With these amendments Mr. Jones proposed, seconded by Mrs. Williamson and agreed that the minutes were signed.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 2005:**

There were no matters arising.

4. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10th May, 2005:**

Mrs. Cornwell proposed, seconded by Mr. Black and agreed that the minutes were signed.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May, 2005:**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Co-option of Councillor:**

There had been no applications for co-option.

7. **Risk Assessments:**

Two copies of the risk assessments and action list had been produced. One copy would be circulated around the parish councillors with a tick list to indicate that they had seen the document. The risk assessments would be effective until September 2005 when any changes highlighted could be made. Check lists of actions necessary would be circulated. Councillors should contact the Clerk to inform her of the risk assessment responsibility that they are prepared to take. Health and Safety should be placed on every agenda.

Mrs. Williamson agreed to find information from SCDC and CCC regarding appropriate signage on the tennis courts

8. **Review of Beer Festival:**

A letter of thanks had been received from Chris Nelson on Waterbeach Colts Football Club. It was agreed that a meeting should be held to discuss some of the issues and that a letter be sent congratulating the efforts of the club but expressing concern over issues relating to electrical equipment being used without a PAT test, unauthorised water connection and obstruction of fire door.

9. **Arnold Scrivener Cup:**

It was agreed that a rounders tournament would be held at the beginning of September. Letters would be sent to all clubs and community association members and an article would appear in the Beach News/Council newsletter.

10. **Venue for Parish Council meetings:**

It was agreed that the best location for Council meetings to be held is in the New Pavilion although the Council would prefer that the location was more central to the village.

11. **To discuss issues raised by a parishioner in connection with the tennis courts:**

Mr. Jones had requested that this matter be discussed further as an agenda item following an approach by a parishioner. All previous correspondence from and to Mr. or Mrs. Crick was re-read to the Council. Mr. Leeke proposed, seconded by Mr. Grant that the tennis court facility is adequate for knockabouts and a reasonable game for most people’s enjoyment and that handles to adjust the nets should not be provided. For: 10. It was agreed that the winding mechanism would be greased.

12. To discuss issues raised by a parishioner in connection with the Council's handling of formal complaints:

Mr. Wright considered that the formal complaints made by Mr. or Mrs. Crick had been handled properly. He expressed concern that a problem noted in April and not reported immediately.

13. Correspondence:

SCDC – Council Tax Capping

SCDC – copy of letter sent to Cambridge Evening News re. reporting

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Peter Johnson – play area

Moore Stephens – intermediate audit required information

Waterbeach Football Club – dogs on recreation ground

RoSPA – Safety Inspection Report

The Bishop of Ely's Registry – cemetery status. No records to indicate that it has been consecrated.

CCC – changes in local bus services

CCC – Cambridge Core Traffic Scheme Stage 4

CCC – Climate Change Strategy

14. Approval of Accounts:

Mr. Brown proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cornwell and agreed that the accounts be paid.

15. To arrange a date for:

- i. a Highways Committee meeting – date to be arranged at July meeting
- ii. a Finance Committee meeting – to be held on 21st June at 6.30 p.m.
- iii. Annual inspections – the first meeting would be held on 16th June at 6.30 p.m. meeting on The Gault. A further meeting would be held on 20th June at 6.30 p.m. meeting at the recreation car park.

16. Superannuation – Additional Voluntary Contributions:

This would be discussed as an agenda item at the Finance Committee meeting on 21st June.

17. Representative Reports

- i. County Councillor's Report –

The proposed installation of traffic lights and street lights would be discussed at a meeting on 20th June. Hopefully the decision will be made to proceed with the proposals and if this is the case the work will commence on 27th June.

- ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor's Report –

Primrose Lane – SCDC are going to attempt to litter pick the area every Thursday. SCDC are also prepared to empty any litter bins provided by the Council provided that they are easily accessible from the highway.

Thanks were expressed for the clearance of the Back Stile footpath which David Armstrong had done.

- iii. Recreation ground and village facilities –

Mr. Grant had attended Waterbeach Colts AGM. The Colts are in their third playing season. They consider that the pitches in Waterbeach are some of the best that they play on. The contribution made by each player to the club is well below the average paid by players of other clubs.

The Clerk reported that since the approval given to purchase a new pedestrian mower had been made verbally by a number of councillors the opportunity to purchase a second hand ride Stiga Park Pro ride on mower had arisen. This machine is priced at £2700. Mr. Brown proposed, seconded by Mr. Saberton and agreed that the ride on mower should be purchased instead of the pedestrian mower as it would be more versatile and useful. Agreement was only given for this purchase because of the urgency in the need and availability. It was further agreed that the brush

that is available for this machine should be considered at a later date as an agenda item. The Clerk had met with members of the Beach Bowls Club, Mr. Walters of Milton Bowls Club and the groundsman to discuss the action needed to improve the bowls greens. Mr. Walters had agreed to loan the Milton Bowls Club machine to de-thatch the greens, he had also suggested that the Clerk contact the representative for Collier Turf Care to discuss a programme of care and equipment for the bowls greens.

iv. Library –

Dr. Grant and Mr. Grant had been to a meeting with CCC, library services. There is concern as to what happens after the initial three years. There are to be four new criteria to be met. It was agreed that Mr. Williamson needs to press for continued support from CCC for the library. It is unclear as to the amount of mobile library provision there would be should the LAP close.

18. Village Matters:

The Bridge, Clayhithe – a public notice had been displayed in the C.E.N. regarding extended opening hours to 02.30 every night. The matter would be looked into.

A portaloo had been placed adjacent to the boundary of The School House on the caravan site at Chittering. Mrs. Williamson agreed to discuss the matter with SCDC planning and to inform Mr. Lavender about the siting of the portaloo.

The meeting ended at 10.05 p.m.

Chairman Date