

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 2nd August, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion.

Present: Mr. D. Black; Dr. C. Grant; Mr. W. Grant; Mr. D. Halsey; Mr. P. Jones; Mr. M. Leeke; Mrs. J. Williamson (SCDC); Mr. M. Williamson (CCC); Mr. A. Wright(Chairman).

1. **Apologies:** Mr. N. Brown; Mr. W. Saberton; Mr. A. Shipp.

2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July, 2005:**

Mr. Leeke proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cornwell and agreed that the Minutes be approved and signed.

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

There were no matters arising.

4. **To approve the Notes of the annual inspections:**

Mr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cornwell that the notes of the annual inspections be approved and signed.

5. **Matters arising from the Notes of the annual inspections**

Mr. Black had carried out most of the work needed in the old pavilion and on the skate park equipment.

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

Mr. Alan Ball had written, detailing his involvement in the village over a number of years, requesting that he be considered for co-option to the Council. Mr. Peter Johnson had written, requesting that he be considered for co-option to the Council. Mr. Leeke proposed, seconded Mr. Williamson and agreed that both Mr. Ball and Mr. Johnson be co-opted to the Council.

7. **Risk Assessments and Health and Safety:**

The risk assessment folder is currently with Mr. Wright, the fourth member of the council to view it.

8. **To arrange at date for a Highways Committee:**

The meeting of the highway committee would be held on 15th August at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion. The Clerk would ask Mr. Howard, CCC, for the information requested in order that it could be considered at the meeting.

9. **Correspondence:**

Cambs. County Council – Hydrogen Plant, Cambridge Waste Management Park

Cambs. County Council – Employers Mailing

Cambs. County Council – changes to mobile library routes. CCC should be asked how those that live in Chittering and do not drive can be accommodate especially as there is no footpath to Waterbeach and a limited number of buses.

Cambs. County Council – HCV Route manager. Lorries and your community

Chris Nelson – Waterbeach Colts – donations given from £4000 proceeds of beer festival. These were noted. Disappointment was expressed that a token donation had not been made to the Council for the use of the facilities.

Myfanwy Davies – goal posts. - Mr. Jones would contact Miss Davies to discuss her concerns regarding the safety of the goal posts and her suggestions of how improvements could be made.

SCDC – High Hedges – Complaints

SCDC Consultation Draft of the South Cambs. Design Guide – Dr. Grant would look at this document. Mr. Wright and Mr. Brown would also be passed the document for examination.

Woodland Trust – Cow Hollow Wood Management plan

Money Matters – Internal Audit report – the only comment on the check list is that a de-minimus amount has been set and applied but not formally accepted. This matter would be discussed at the next finance meeting.

Ann Clark – complaint about cemetery. Noted and a request for the cemetery to be cut would be made.

Mr. Shaw – council tax. Mr. Leeke would respond to this letter

Site & Maintenance – estimate for rubbish bins to match the one on the Gault. It was agreed that five bins, supplied and installed, be ordered at £265 each.

10. Approval of Accounts:

Mr. Leeke proposed, seconded by Mr. Grant and agreed that the accounts be paid.

11. Superannuation – Additional Voluntary Contributions:

No information had been received.

12. Representative Reports

i. County Councillor’s Report;

The damaged barrier on the bend in Long Drove had been reported as in need of repair. CCC would do this work.

The clearing of Backstile footpath had not commenced as yet.

ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor’s Report

SCDC had been capped in their rate levy with a reduction of 20% which would have serious implications on the budget.

SCDC housing – it had been agreed that the housing stock would be retained for the time being however there are financial implications stacked against them being retained for the long term.

Waddelow Road residents association consider that there should be a safe crossing point in the village.

iii. Recreation ground and village facilities.

Contract of Employment and working hours. The groundsman had not had sufficient time to respond to the proposed amendment in working hours.

Mr. Black and Mrs. Williamson volunteered to steward on 3rd September for the Arnold Scrivener rounders match.

It was agreed that the bowls green be gradened and deep aerated for a cost of £573 and the cricket square be gradened and deep aerated for £473

iv. Library:

The book shelves had been ordered but not yet installed.

An application had been made to Cambridge Water Village Life Fund for sponsorship of Young Adult books.

13. Village Matters:

The solar light at Chittering is still not working – the Clerk would contact CCC.

Mr. Lavender, SCDC Environmental Health, had been contacted about the ongoing problem of smell from cesspit on the Travellers Rest site. Mrs Cornwell and Mrs. Williamson would contact him again.

Tennis courts – it had been observed that the tennis courts are being well used and kept in a good condition.

Mrs. Williamson, district councillor and Mr. Williamson, county councillor had received correspondence regarding a proposal for an extension to the Sustran cyclepath along the bridleway adjacent to Clayhithe Road. Mr. Williamson would find out more information.

The cemetery sign is missing and needs replacing.

The Lode Avenue sign is missing – Mrs. Williamson would report this along with the other missing street name signs to SCDC.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m..

Chairman Date