

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th September, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion.

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

Mr. Wright welcomed Mr. Alan Ball and Mr. Peter Johnson as new parish councillors.

1. Apologies: Mr. N. Brown; Mr. W. Saberton.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August, 2005:

Mrs. J. Cornwell proposed, seconded by Mr. W. Grant and agreed that the Minutes be signed following the amendment that Mrs. J. Cornwell was present at the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August, 2005:

There were no matters arising.

4. Risk Assessments and Health and Safety:

The risk assessment folder is still being circulated amongst councillors. Dr. Grant informed the council of a training course which was being held by Peninsula Business Services on 27th September, 2005. Mrs. Williamson would try and attend. A meeting of the parish council to discuss risk assessments would be held on either 18th or 20th October.

5. CALC training days:

Mr. Williamson declared an interest as treasurer of CALC. Mr. Halsey would be interested in attending the course on burial grounds; Mr. Black and Mrs. Williamson would be interested in attending the course for new councillors on 29th October.

It was agreed that enquiries be made whether CALC would run a course in Waterbeach for interested councillors from Landbeach, Waterbeach and Milton

6. Youth Club – summer opening and publicity:

Dr. Grant raised concerns that the summer opening times of the youth club had not been advertised widely in the village and that only those attending youth club would have been aware of the provision. There was also concern that the parish council funding had originally been towards the costs of staff during the summer holiday scheme.

It was agreed that Dave Beasley should be asked for information on the summer holiday provision and that a service level agreement be drawn up which would be more specific on the funding allocation.

7. Proposed cyclepath adjacent to Cow Hollow Wood:

Patrick Joyce, CCC, has applied to EEDA for funding to extend the cycleway on the bridleway adjacent to Clayhithe Road. The Woodland Trust documents received in July suggest that if there is sufficient interest they would like to surface a short circular around the wood, suitable for the less able. The Parish Council are of the opinion that the cycleway way would be better sited on the Cow Hollow side of the hedge adjacent to the cycleway. A joint meeting between CCC, The Woodland Trust and the Parish Council would be suggested.

8. Correspondence:

CCC – Cambridgeshire Environment Report

CCC – Milton interchange improvements

CCC – jointly funded minor improvement bids

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Local Development Framework

Mr. Shaw – council tax

Marcus Bates – 106 agreement legal expenses.

Moore Stephens – additional information request for audit annual for y/e 30 March 2005

SCDC – Community Strategy newsletter

CALC – annual General Meeting

CALC – Bulletin

Cambridgeshire ACRE – newsletter and AGM

Waterbeach Football club accounts and membership

Beach Bowls Club – accounts

Taylor Vinters – 106 agreement. Mrs. Williamson would take a copy of the letter to SCDC to discuss the matter with them

Ms. Kay – concern about the maintenance of the hedges around the recreation ground and the adjacent stables. Concern about the CCC gates onto Car Dyke. It was agreed the councillors had walked the perimeter of the recreation ground earlier in the year and before the hedges had been cut at the end of July. It was agreed that trimming of the hedge as noted at the time had been carried out satisfactorily.

Mrs. S. Kay – play area maintenance required. The Clerk had actioned most of the requests, the rest would be done as soon as possible.

9. Approval of Accounts:

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

10. Superannuation – Additional Voluntary Contributions:

Mr. Williamson had arranged a meeting with Mrs. Winter, CCC superannuation. Dr. Grant proposed that the matter must be resolved at the next monthly meeting.

11. Representative Reports

i. County Councillor's Report:

Mr. Williamson reported the traffic lights at the junction of Denny End Road and the A10 are now fully operational. Mr. Williamson had observed them working and noted that despite complaints that the queues from Cambridge are long the waiting time is minimal.

After joint efforts by Mrs. Williamson, SCDC, Mr. Williamson, CCC and the Clerk CCC Highways had trimmed and cleared the Back Stile footpath.

Mr. Williamson would be looking at the accident statistics at the Slap Up/A10 junction. He was also asked to consider the incidents at the sailing club/motor boat club corner on Clayhithe Road.

The heaps of soil in the car park opposite The Bridge are reducing the amount of parking for walkers and fishermen.

ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor's Report

Mrs. Williamson reported that:

- revised plans for the rowing lake are expected soon.
- Gallaghers are submitting plans for Northstowe.
- SCDC are trying to make the financial cuts due to capping in such a way that the budgets can be re-set when finances permit.
- The licence applications of four public houses have been contested and therefore will be put before a hearing.
- The Citizens Advice Bureau are holding sessions in Denson Close.

iii. Recreation ground and village facilities.

a. Bowls green and cricket square maintenance

The Clerk had met with representatives of the Cricket Club who had agreed that the materials etc. for the maintenance of the cricket square as recommended by Collyer Turf Care should be purchased and they would contribute half of the cost.

Dr. Grant proposed that the Bowls club be asked to contribute £700, the amount previously paid by them for maintenance work, towards the cost of materials etc. as recommended by Collyer Turfcare. Mr. Jones proposed an amendment that the Bowls Club contributes £500. The amendment was accepted with 1 councillor against.

b. Football fees

The football club have contacted the council requesting that the fees charged should be reviewed and possibly reduced. The accounts of the club have been submitted to the Council along with the details of members. The Council would examine the accounts.

c. Contract of Employment and working hours

The Contract of Employment needs amending to incorporate definitions of mis-conduct.

Dr. Grant and the Clerk agreed to do this. It was agreed that the contracted hours should remain the same and that necessary overtime during the period 1st April to 30th September, which had been agreed with the Clerk, should be paid at the approved rate.

d. Other recreation matters

The first Arnold Scrivener Cup tournament had been organised by Mr. Grant and played on 3rd September. Four teams had entered, the winners being Whitmore Way Warriors. The event had been very successful and enjoyed by both participants and spectators. It was suggested that the 2006 event should be held on the Sunday after the Feast

Thanks were expressed to the groundsman, Kevin Stubleby, for successfully marking out the pitches.

iv. Library

The new shelving has been installed and the books re-organised.

Waterbeach LAP are to be the first LAP to open longer – the library will now be open on a Monday morning between 10.00 a.m. and noon.

v. Bannold Road development – 106 agreement

Mr. Wright, Dr. Grant and Mr. Leeke had met with Amy Richardson, Taylor Vinters, to discuss the clauses for the 106 agreement. A letter had been received from Amy Richardson stating that at present a draft 106 agreement has not been drawn up. Mrs. Williamson would discuss this with the solicitor at SCDC and establish who should be producing the draft agreement.

12. Village Matters:

Drains in Chapel Street and Station Road are still blocked.

Mr. Grant expressed concern over some of the articles in the newsletter circulated by Mr. Hockney and his disappointment that Mr. Hockney was not at the council meeting to answer questions on the document.

Articles for the Council newsletter to be circulated in next Beach News were requested.

Articles and pictures of the Arnold Scrivener rounders tournament would be sent to Arnold's family with appreciation for attending the event and presenting the cup.

Mr. Williamson had produced a new web site.

Mr. Halsey reported that there had been criticism of the new fence which SDC had erected between the recreation ground and the bungalows in Chapel Close. The fence is higher than the original and is the result of an error by SCDC.

Problems with young adults in the play area at night had been reported. The police officers would be asked to patrol.

Mr. Wright and the Clerk had viewed skateboard equipment which was being sold by Impington Parish Council. On consultation with councillors and Dave Beasely it had been agreed that the equipment was not suitable for the situation in Waterbeach as it was free standing and of wooden construction. Provision of further suitable equipment should be considered for financing in 2006/2007.

The meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.

Chairman Date

