

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th June, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion.

Present: Mr. A. Ball; Mr. Black; Mr. T. Gilzean; Mr. W. Grant; Mr. D. Halsey; Mr. M. Leeke; Mr. W. Saberton; Mrs. C. Smith; Mr. M. Williamson (CCC); Mrs. J. Williamson; Mr. A. Wright(Chairman).

In attendance: The Clerk; Mr. P. Johnson(SCDC)

1. Apologies: Mrs. J. Cornwell; Mrs. J. Dunnett; Mr. J. Hockney (SCDC)

2. Declaration of Interests:

Mr. Gilzean – personal and prejudicial interest as the school caretaker in matters relating to the school site

Mrs. Williamson – personal interest as a school governor in matters relating to the school and the library.

Mr. Williamson - personal interest as a county councillor and school governor in matters relating to the school and that library.

Mrs. S. Fisher – personal interest in matters relating to Bannold Development.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May, 2006:

Mr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mrs. Williamson and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting be approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May, 2006:

- i. Parish Plans – Mr. Ball, Mr. Black and Mrs. Smith are working towards the open meeting on 28th June when a steering committee of about sixteen people from the community will be formed. This steering committee will produce the parish plan. Mr. Wright will chair the meeting and give an opening address which will be followed by a presentation by Melanie Baker, ACRE. The presentation will be followed by an explanation of the way forward to a completed Parish Plan.
- ii. Parish 3-way meeting with CCC highways – Mr. Williamson is still waiting to hear back from Richard Preston, CCC.
- iii. Permit to travel machine – Waterbeach is one of sixteen stations which has fast trains passing through where you have to cross the line to purchase a ticket from the machine. Further requests should be made for an additional machine. Mr. Johnson had been in contact with First Capital Connect concerning the matter. It was also agreed that the yellow box markings on the road need repainting and that yellow bow markings are needed at the entrance to the car park. It was reported that British Rail are going to erect bollards in the lay-by at the entrance to the old station yard.
- iv. Car Dyke bridleway request – nothing to report.
- v. Sustrans cycleway – There is to a meeting regarding the route to discuss the outstanding issues. CCC should be asked to remove the top soil which has been left in the lay-by near the bridge. Cam Conservators and CCC should be contacted about the conflicts which are arising between cyclists and pedestrians using the cycleway.
- vi. Mr. Williamson’s meeting re. Clayhithe Road. No meeting had taken place. There have been two more cars in the ditch at the Sailing Club corner.
- vii. Path marking in Greenside – Mr. Howard, CCC, had not made further contact.
- viii. Fairtrade café – Mr. Wright had spoken to Charlie Gethings who is pursuing another location.
- ix. Library Officer – Mr. Grant declared a personal interest and left the room. Relevant paragraphs of the agreement with CCC, signed by Mr. Leeke as chairman of Waterbeach Parish Council, which details the relationship of WILL with the parish council were read. Mr. Ball proposed, seconded by Mrs. Fisher and agreed that Dr. Grant be the library officer for the parish council and that Mr. Grant, Mrs. Williamson, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Wright form the task force.

- x. Employment Panel – it was agreed that CALC be consulted and that the matter be discussed as an agenda item in July along with terms of reference for such a panel.

5. Risk Assessments and Health and Safety:

- i. To consider review of the risk assessments. – Mrs. Williamson would give all the Zurich risk assessment information, which the internal auditor had advised the council to obtain, to Mrs. Fisher. Mr. Ball, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Williamson would then review the folders. It was pointed out that safety checks are different to risk assessments.

6. Community/Youth building:

It is possible that an old classroom would be available at the end of term to replace the portacabin. The Council agreed in principle to the siting of an old classroom. Mr. Williamson would obtain more information in writing which could be circulated to all councillors before the July meeting.

There was nothing further to report on a new building for the youth.

7. Correspondence:

Acacia Tree Surgery – estimate for work to trees on Gault, and recreation ground. It was agreed that the quotation of £630 to remove leylandii to the right hand side of the sub-station; the quotation of £90 to remove the dead oak on the recreation ground and £60 to remove the root bole if the stump was not suitable for leaving as a seat; the quotation of £15 to remove the dead stem of the prunus should all be accepted.

CALC – bulletin

Connections Bus Project

Cambridgeshire Constabulary – distraction burglary and rogue trader task force

CCC – Tackling the growing challenge of congestion in Cambridgeshire

CCC – Cowley Road Park & Ride relocation. It was agreed that the Council should write with their concerns that the re-siting to Butt Lane and the change in traffic light sequence would exacerbate the problem of traffic backing up along the A10 and thus encourage rat-running through Waterbeach. A request for modelling, which shows how much disruption people will take before going through Waterbeach, to be done ahead of any decision.

SCDC – Helping those affected by Domestic Abuse

CCC – Development in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Control

8. To arrange a date/s for:

- i. Inspection of Parish Council facilities:

Green and the Gault inspection would now take place on Wednesday, 14th June at 7.00 p.m..

Cemetery – Monday, 19th June at 7.30 p.m.. Those who could not make these dates were asked to have a look around and send any comments to the clerk.

Recreation Ground – Tuesday, 18th July. Time to be advised.

- ii. Finance meeting: 11th July at 7.30 p.m..

9. Approval of Accounts:

Mr. Halsey declared a personal interest.

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

10. Representative Reports:

- i. County Councillor's Report:

The additional yellow lines outside the school have been put down but the signs are still to be installed.

A meeting to discuss station car park security is to be held.

- ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor's Report:

The street naming plate for Pieces Lane and roads off of it has been installed. Mr. Johnson was asked to report the damage to the Way Lane sign at the junction of Rosemary Road and the missing Way Lane sign outside Sunnyside.

iii. Library:

The library is to be closed on 10th July for the change to the new CCC computer system which may not be compatible with the existing.

Possible two library book changes are to be missed.

Request that as much notice as possible is given for the closure of the school drive in order that renewal dates can be altered accordingly.

iv. Bannold Road development – 106 agreement. This will be discussed at the planning committee meeting.

v. CALC –

Mr. Saberton, Mrs. Williamson and Mr. Williamson had attended a meeting at which Simon Mackintosh, SCDC, had given a very interesting talk in the first half of the meeting. During the second part of the meeting, chaired by Mr. McGregor, the business plan was discussed.

vi. Parish Council facilities – nothing to be reported.

11. Village Matters:

The obscured 30mph sign in Denny End Road had been reported to Mr. Williamson.

The entrance nearest to the bridge at The Bridge, Clayhithe was considered to be unsafe. The matter would be discussed at the Highway Committee meeting.

Recreation Ground car park – it was suggested that the car park should be gated and locked at night. This would be looked at at the inspection.

Arnold Scrivener Cup – this is to take place on 18th June at 2.00 p.m. with a bring your own picnic from noon.

Denny Abbey – great crested newts have been recorded at the site. Rob Mungovan, SCDC, should be notified of this find for his records.

Sailing Club corner – two more cars have been in the ditch recently. Mr. Williamson has produced a form and put it on the web page in order that accident near misses can be recorded by anyone.

The meeting ended at 9.50 p.m..

Chairman Date