

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Thursday, 24th May, 2007 in the Bowls Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. J. Cornwell; Mrs. J. Dunnett; Dr. C. Grant; Mr. P. Johnson; Mr. M. Leeke; Mr. W. Saberton; Mrs. C. Smith; Ms. G. Smith; Mrs. J. Williamson (Chairman); Mr. A. Wright.

Absent: Mr. A. Ball; Mr. D. Black; Mr. T. Gilzean

In attendance: Mr. B. Pick(Bowls Club); Mr. T. Reuben (Bowls Club); Mr. D. Smart; the Clerk.

1. Apologies: Mr. W. Grant; Mr. M. Williamson.

2. To consider the installation of a watering system for the bowls green.:

The meeting was closed in order that Mr. Smart could explain the automatic watering system which the clerk had notified the council of at the May monthly meeting.

At present members of the bowls club are using a watering system which takes a week to deliver 1” of water to all of the bowls green. This means that maintenance tasks on the green are not easily managed and the applications of seed, fertiliser and chemicals are not maximised. The system which has been explored has under ground pipework around the surround of the green with eight pop up sprinklers and a sprinkler in the middle of the green which can be programmed to water as required. The cost of the materials is £2985.46 + VAT. The installation can be done by the groundsman with the assistance of Mr. Rabbett and Mr. Smart and the use of a contractor with a mini-digger at a cost of £600. On visiting the suppliers Mr. Smart had been advised that a rain gauge attached to the system to ensure that the automatic system did not operate after rain was advisable. The additional estimated cost of this would be approx. £50.

Mr. Pick stated that the bowls club could contribute £1000 towards the cost.

The meeting was re-opened.

Concern was expressed that this expenditure had not been included in the estimates. It was agreed that whilst this was the case there was a need to improve the maintenance of the bowls green and to obtain the best results from work carried out. The installation of the system would mean that members of the bowls club were not relied upon to monitor the existing bowls club watering system. It was agreed that in future requirements of clubs should be ascertained when the estimates were prepared. Mr. Saberton proposed, seconded by Mr. Johnson that the automatic watering system be ordered and installation carried out as soon as possible. For: 9; Against: 1.

The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m..

Chairman Date