

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 4th September, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road.

Present: Mr. A. Ball; Mr. D. Black; Mrs. J. Cornwell; Dr. C. Grant; Mr. W. Grant; Mr. P. Johnson; Mr. M. Leeke; Mr. W. Saberton; Ms. G. Smith; Mr. M. Williamson; Mrs. J. Williamson; Mr. A. Wright.

Absent: Mr. T. Gilzean

Matters raised by members of the public:

The need to make the basketball area disabled friendly was raised as difficulty had been experienced when the ball falls between the surround and the netting. The issue of the dangers of broken glass on the surface was also raised. The Council are to consider the timescale and priorities of a number of improvements to facilities at a meeting in September. Details of grant funding would be sourced.

1. **Apologies:** Mrs. J. Dunnett; Mrs. C. Smith.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

Mr. Black and Dr. Grant declared a personal interest as a neighbour of 11 Station Road (item 16)

Mr. Grant declared a personal interest as being related to a neighbour of 11 Station Road

3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th August, 2007:**

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

4. **Clerk's report and matters arising from the Minutes:**

i. Kerbing in Way Lane – in progress now that the schools have returned!

ii. Additional parking for station users – No contact with Network Rail yet, no report from MW re discussions with David Nuttycombe on use of CCC land opposite car park entrance

iii. Community/Youth building – no response from Prohelp. E.mail sent 3.9.07 for update on application

iv. Flooding contingency – JW to write article for Beach News. Draft form for contact names and numbers obtained which will be circulated.

v. Smell at recycling site – Sarah Clover to arrange meeting for September.

vi. Slap Up junction – residents have raised concerns that the red anti slip area is on the area of the road where one should not be driving, there are no improvements in the white lines to improve safety of crossing.

vii. JFMI – no plans have been received from David Lines for this meeting. Plans are expected in the next few weeks.

viii. Station Road corner – two bollards installed. Mick Oakman, CCC, will consider review and consider installing more bollards if it is considered not to be enough of an improvement.

ix. CCC Highways reports that:

School Lane, Chittering - Channel kerbs will be installed and the road resurfaced to reduce 'ponding'. An order to cut vegetation along the footway behind the bus shelter has been placed.

Bannold Drove – patching will be done now that the culvert has been checked. I have reported that now that SCDC have cleared the ditch it is clear to see that one side of the culvert has moved of the footings (the side where the road is sinking!) Another inspection should have taken place 3 Sept.

Rosemary Road – footway resurfacing will be done at the junction of St. Andrews Hill

5. **To receive communication to the Council as seen fit by the Chairman**

SCDC – street trading consent for Pembroke Avenue. Noted.

CCC – Scheduled Monument – Carr Dyke

Vigilant Fire & Safety Ltd – it was agreed that estimates from Vigilant Fire and Safety and two others for the annual maintenance of all fire appliances should be sought.

6. To consider progress on plans for groundsman's shed:

Prior to the meeting councillors had inspected the proposed area adjacent to the north/south hedge on the western boundary which had been marked out with the outline of a shed. The area of the proposed extension to the pavilion had also been marked out.

The area adjacent to the Beach Social beer garden was also inspected and measured for consideration as a possible siting for a shed.

It was agreed that the outlines of the two buildings should be kept marked and a planning officer asked to visit the site to give an opinion whether it was acceptable for the council to submit a planning application for a shed in the proposed site.

7. To receive reports and minutes of committee meetings:

- i. Chairman's report – due to holidays there was no report
- ii. Village Plan representative – analysis of the data has commenced. It is hoped that information relating to the provision of additional building for social activities will be available by the October monthly meeting.
- iii. Library Officer – due to the school being closed for summer holidays the outstanding issues related to the refurbishment have not yet been addressed. Appreciation was expressed to the staff at the post office for selling surplus library stock and to the management at the Bridge Hotel for providing the first prize for the raffle of a £35 voucher.
- iv. Football Charity Cup representative – no report had been received.
- v. CALC representative – there had been no meetings.
- vi. Planning committee minutes – these have been circulated
- vii. Recreation manager – autumn renovation work on the bowls green will commence week beginning 10th September. The spraying had been a success and the groundsman has used a comb harrow to pull dead grass and weeds from the sward. It is understood that the bowls club had been promoted.

8. To approve accounts for payment:

Mr. Leeke proposed, seconded by Mr. Grant and approved that the accounts be paid as presented following the amendment to the amount of cheque 649 to £855.10.

9. To receive reports from:

- i. County Councillor:

Slap Up junction – little notice had been given for the recent resurfacing work. The situation will be monitored.

Mark Baker, CCC, is responsible for overall disaster management.

The Clerk would contact CCC regarding their ownership of and responsibility for the ditches in the village. Dr. Grant would give Mr. Black an Internal Drainage Board map which he would work on to produce a map of all ditches in the village and whose responsibility they are.

- ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor:

Mr. Johnson reported that:

- i. SCDC planners are to make a decision regarding enforcement on the structure which has been built at the front of the White Horse without consent.
- ii. he has done some work to show that the bus service could be re-instated.
- iii. Pat Matthews, SCDC drainage officer considers that there are no drains in the village for which they are responsible.

Mr. Hockney reported that:

- i..the matter regarding the ceased bus service is to be discussed at the next scrutiny committee.

10. Risk Assessments and health and Safety:

There were no matter to discuss

11. To adopt reviewed standing orders and financial regulations:

Mr. Ball proposed, seconded by Mr. Black and agreed that the standing orders and financial regulations should be adopted. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Grant for the work which he had done.

12. To consider request by Beach Social Club for an extension of the agreement to use the garden for a further term beyond 28th January, 2008:

Mrs. Cornwell declared an interest as a relation of a member of the club.

It was agreed that the agreement between the Parish Council and the Beach Social Club for their use of the area should be extended. Mr. Wright proposed, seconded by Mr. Leeke that the annual rent should be £100.

Amendments of £200 and £120 were proposed by Mr. Grant and Dr. Grant respectively, neither proposal was seconded.

Mr. Grant requested that the vote be recorded:

For: Mr. Ball; Mr. Black; Mr. Johnson; Mr. Leeke; Mr. Saberton; Ms. Smith; Mrs. Williamson; Mr. Williamson; Mr. Wright

Against: Mr. Grant; Dr. Grant. Abstain: Mrs. Cornwell.

13. To consider provision of a loop system in the New Pavilion:

It was agreed that Mrs. Williamson and the Clerk would make facilities for the existing system to be static.

14. To consider use of station yard as a car park:

Information is awaited.

15. To consider derelict site at 11 Station Road:

SCDC had written to the owner in June requesting some that some clearance of the site and securing of the property must be done within a timescale. It was agreed that SCDC should be asked what action is to be taken now that the timescale has passed.

SCDC environmental health are also dealing with the matter.

16. To consider problem of broken glass on recreation ground

- i. request Designated Public Place Order – it was agreed that such action would not be helpful and that two concrete bins should be ordered for placing in areas on the recreation ground where most broken glass and litter is found. The situation would be monitored.

17. To investigate site of Village Pound and it's status:

It was agreed that information should be sought through the next Newsletter.

18. Correspondence

Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service

CCC – Cambridgeshire Scrutiny: working to Improve Services for Cambridgeshire People

19. Matters for the next agenda

Parish Plan results.

Water mains – Clayhithe Road.

The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

Chairman Date