

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th November, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road.

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

Mr. Johnson also attends as a district councillor for the ward of Waterbeach and Mr. Williamson attends as the county councillor for the ward of Waterbeach.

In attendance: Three residents and the Clerk.

Absent: Mr. T. Gilzean and Mr. M. Leeke.

Mrs. Williamson declared a personal interest as governor at the school which employs Mr. Gilzean. It was noted that due to persistent absence Mr. Gilzean is longer a member of the council. SCDC would be notified of the casual vacancy.

Matters raised by members of the public:

Residents of Lode Avenue complained about the inconsiderate parking in Lode Avenue by rail users. The matter would be discussed as an agenda item in December when more information has been gathered.

Concern was expressed about a tree in the children's play area which was thought to be, in high winds, endangering neighbouring properties.

Amy Wormald, explained how the public art contribution in the s.106 for the Bannold Road development could be achieved and that SCDC would like to consult with the parish council to achieve the best results. It was suggested that a steering group of local people and parish councillors is formed – Mrs. Williamson would draft an article for the next Beach News.

1. **Apologies:** Mr. Black; Mr. Johnson.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no further declarations of interest.

3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, 2007:**

Mrs. Smith proposed, seconded by Ms. Smith and agreed that the Minutes be signed.

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

- i. Flooding contingency plans/authority's responsibilities. Mr. Williamson agreed to provide the Clerk with the contact name at CCC.
- ii. Additional parking at station – station yard. Mr. Williamson agreed to pursue the possibility of providing an access from the existing car park into the station yard.

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

SCDC – Litter and Dog Bins – results of consultation. Clarification has been sought about whether the bins in store awaiting erection would be emptied by SCDC

SCDC – trees on recreation ground – SCDC has requested that the trees near the Chapel Street entrance to the recreation ground are trimmed to reduce the amount of overshadowing they cause to the properties. It was agreed that an assessment of the trees would be made.

Mrs. James – tree on the recreation ground.

Cottenham Village College – request for funds for swimming pool. It was agreed that a contribution could not be made.

Conservators of the River Cam – tree on riverbank. The person responsible for planting the tree is not known.

Waterbeach Colts – dog mess on recreation ground. The provision of dog litter bags would be investigated and an additional bin provided along the southern boundary.

Jonathan Lewis-Jones – Kirby/Capper Road. Mr. Williamson agreed to look into the matter of no response from CCC Highways. It was noted that a child had been injured as a result of an accident caused by the cracks in the road.

National Trust/Sustrans – Wicken Fen to Cambridge foot and cycle bridges. Mr. Megginson would be invited to give a short presentation on 20th November at 8.15 p.m.

6. To consider how to proceed on plans for groundsman's shed and youth building:

Trustees at the AGM of Waterbeach Action for Youth expressed dissatisfaction that the council had not progressed with the provision of improved facilities. The Parish Plan results showed that all users of the youth club considered that a new building is required. Mr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mrs. Smith and agreed that Mrs Cornwell, Mr. Grant, the Clerk and Suzy Kay and one other representative of WAY consider all aspects of providing a new building. It was agreed that plans for a building which the youth club could use and plans for a groundsman's shed should be submitted in January

7. To receive reports and minutes of committee meetings:

i. Chairman's report:

Beach News – it was suggested that profiles of councillors should be included, that a request for assistance with the planning process of the new building and a request for volunteers for an incident team should be sought.

ii. Library Officer:

The external noticeboard with the opening times of the library had not been replaced after refurbishment. Mrs. Williamson agreed to investigate this.

iii. CALC representative: There had not been a meeting

iv. Planning committee minutes - circulated

v. Highways committee minutes – circulated. The recommendations of the committee to order signs for erecting in School Lane was approved. Mr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mr. Ball and agreed that the application for the 2008/09 Minor Highway Improvement scheme should be delegated to the Highway committee due to the urgency in returning the details. It had been suggested that improved footway to the station and traffic calming in Car Dyke Road should be discussed with officers from CCC Highways.

8. To consider brick pillar/brush structure for football boots:

It was agreed that the exacting siting of the structure as detailed in the October minutes should be decided at the Recreation Ground Users committee meeting.

9. To arrange a date for a Finance meeting:

The meeting would be held on 6th December, 2007.

10. To approve accounts for payment:

Dr. Grant and Mr. Grant declared a personal interest.

Mr. Wright proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cornwell and agreed that the accounts be paid.

11. To receive reports from:

i. County Councillor:

Slap Up junction – the recent roadworks had cost £175k. It is hoped that provision of traffic lights will be included in the s.106 agreement for the sports lake.

Additional station car parking – Mr. Nuttycombe and Mr. Conrad, CCC, do not consider that the field opposite the entrance to the existing car park is suitable and any additional provision should be on the existing site.

Lode Avenue – parking by non-residents is causing a problem for residents.

ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor:

11 Station Road – due to a legal error a further notice has been issued which gives 28 days from 1st December for the works to be implemented.

Chapel Close barriers – a costing exercise is taking place to provide improved accessibility/

Cambridge Sports Lake – the 9th draft of the planning conditions is being studied in conjunction with the s.106 to avoid duplication. A copy will be available at the next planning meeting.

Youth Club building – a meeting with Jane Thompson, Cultural Services Manager, SCDC and Jane Lampshire, Sports Development Officer, SCDC has been arranged for 8th November.

12. Risk Assessments and health and Safety:

The quarterly risk assessment for the recreation ground had been carried out the rest are to be done shortly.

Beach Social Club, Mrs. Cornwell declared a personal interest as being related to a member. – an incident in which damage had been caused to a car parked opposite the club had recently taken place. The Beach Social should be asked to co-operate with the police. Mrs. Williamson would speak to Mr. Johnson and PC Shulver regarding the matter.

13. To receive report from Village Plan representative:

The Inside Stories project has almost finished, the public presentation will be in December or January. The statistics are still be worked on.

14. To set up a working party to look at the policies required by the Council i.e archiving:

This matter was deferred to December.

15. Bannold Road development

- i. S.106 contributions
 - a. Public Art Contribution:

An article would be placed in the Parish Council newsletter.

- b. Education Contribution:

The contribution by the developers is made at the commencement of the development. Mr. Williamson agreed to speak to Steve White, CCC regarding the allocation of the contribution.

16. Correspondence

GO-East – Consultation on the Appropriate Assessment

CALC – bulletin

Victim Support

CCC – Review of Passenger Transport in Cambridgeshire

Waterbeach Football Club – proof of purchase of equipment

Defra – Ways to tackle climate change

Waterbeach Cricket Club – cricket nets. The siting of the two wicket width nets had been agreed. The cost is approximately £3000. SCDC would be asked if planning permission is required and Jane Thompson would be asked about grants.

17. Matters for the next agenda

Lode Avenue

The meeting ended at 10.10 p.m.

Chairman Date