

Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 5th February, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road.

Present: Mrs. J. Cornwell; Dr. C. Grant; Mr. W. Grant; Mr. M. Leeke; Mr. J. Lewis-Jones; Mrs. C. Smith; Ms. G. Smith; Mrs. J. Williamson (Chairman); Mr. M. Williamson; Mr. A. Wright.

Mr. Williamson also attends as the County Councillor for the ward.

Matters raised by members of the public:

Members of the public are invited to speak during the first 15 minutes of the meeting

Mr and Mrs Downey came to talk about the problems with youths gathering in the bus shelter, also Mr and Mrs Hunt have commented on the current situation

actions:

Mr and Mrs Downey will keep a log how often nuisance occurs, how many youths, and how long it takes for police to come re breach of peace

Mr Wright will contact diocesan board re vicarage lease and explain there have been problems with the residents

Agree that light to go off for a night, ideally have on mornings and evenings to 7.30

Suggest local residents attend police section meeting

Damage caused to bin should be reclaimed from vandal

1. **Apologies:** Peter Johnson, David Black, Jenny Dunnett, Clerk

2. Declarations of Interest

Mrs. Williamson declared a personal interest as a school governor

Mrs. Smith declared a personal interest in item 14i as being resident on the same street

Dr. Grant declared a personal interest in 4iii a having land affected by the proposed route

Mr. Wright declared a personal interest in 16a as employing the external auditors.

Mrs. Cornwell declared a personal interest, being a relative of a member of the Beach Social Club, in matters relating to the Club

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2008

Proposed by Mr Wright, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed that the minutes be signed

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

i. Youth/community building plans lodged at SCDC

ii. Groundsman's shed plans lodged at SCDC

iii. Sustrans cycleway

a. Mr. Williamson was asked to reflect the Parish Council view (even if in addition to his/CCC view)

5. To set up a working party to look at the policies required by the Council

i. **Action:** Mrs Williamson will get a list of policies needed

ii. enormous amount of material needs to be sorted. and Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Williamson and Dr Grant agreed to help the Clerk

6. To receive and consider any point relating to Health and Safety in relation to employees, equipment, properties and land.

i. Ms Smith raised vast increase in dog mess near school, Mrs Williamson handed out notices to attach to lampposts

ii. Mrs Cornwell noted 2 panes in bus shelter on Cambridge road missing

iii. Car park surface needs levelling/rolling etc

iv. area behind basketball court needs glass/rubbish cleared

v. station car park security people in attendance and have told people to pay if picking up. County Councillor commented they have no authority to charge people just picking up. CCC do manage car park so it is a CCC issue

vi. buses not picking up in car park, this is a conflict and the buses have been a danger obstructing traffic on the crossing

7. To receive reports and minutes of committee meetings:

i. Planning committee: Comments: none

ii Finance committee

Mr Leeke proposed, seconded by Mrs Smith that the precept of £101,000 as recommended by Finance committee be agreed. Mr Williamson amended the proposal to approve the budget and agree the precept of £101,000, this was seconded by Mrs Cornwell and agreed.

8. Recommendation: To consider fencing estimates for basketball court and skateboard park and consider grant applications for fencing and cricket nets.

- i. 3 quotes, must have application before end of year, Zaun appeared to be best solution, Mrs Cornwell proposed that, seconded by Mrs Smith the purchase and installation of the fencing conditional on getting grant was agreed.
- ii. at same time intend to clear behind five a side. Small budget for seating and bin should be included in grant application together with the provision of cricket nets
- iii. soft landscape against garage to reduce bottle smashing
- iv. Clerk to apply for grant

9. Recommendation: To appoint internal auditor

- i. Mr Williamson proposed, seconded by Mr Leeke and agreed that Heelis and Lodge be appointed for 2007-08
- ii. The appointment for next year 2008-9 will be made at the annual meeting of the Parish Council

10. Recommendation: To co-opt a councillor to the Highways Committee

- i. It was agreed to co-opt Mr Wright and Mr Lewis-Jones to the committee for the remainder of the year

11. To consider estimates for tree works on The Gault

Quotes from Acacia for £2645 and Mr Hudson for £1100 had been received. It was proposed by Mr Grant, seconded Mr Wright and agreed to accept the lower quote. If the work was satisfactory then Mr Hudson would be asked to do the work on the recreation ground as identified by Dr Grant before the end of March.

12. To receive report on Eco-Town submission from

- i. Mr. Williamson (County Councillor)
 - a. report that it appears to be a rehash of an old proposal and the danger is that it could bypass local planning
 - b. CCC opposed because not in structure plan, once Northstowe done then other developments closer to Cambridge preferred because sustainable.
 - c. Mr Lewis-Jones representing Waterbeach Residents' Association expressed concern regarding the inclusion of some of their freehold land (purchased from the MOD)
 - d. Parish Council will write to MP saying that concerned that eco-town applications might not go through normal planning and express need for his support to ensure that no application against structure plan allowed.
- ii. Mr. Johnson (District Councillor)
 - a. in report has raised issue with MP

13. To approve accounts for payment

- i. Mr Leeke proposed, seconded by Mrs Smith, and agreed that the accounts as presented be paid.

14. To deal with planning matters which need to be disposed of before 19th February

- i. J. Allan, 16 High Street – extension
Design statement states scale and appearance influenced buildings in area (barns clad in timber) but the Council did not agree and considered it was not in keeping with original house, listed in conservation document as important type of house
recommend refusal, in conservation area and not in keeping particularly because adjacent house is of similar aspect
- ii. Wheelfit Motorcycles Ltd., Ely Road – change of use from B1 & B8 to B2

some views that want same restriction as for industrial units because of concern for safety of motorbikes crossing road. If road layout changes because of industrial units then vehicles to site should be restricted similarly.

recommend approval noting application for industrial units and ask for similar condition if A10 road layout changed

iii. ORS plc, Bannold Road Development – Conditions 6b & 6c Drainage
Council not happy with route of path by pond particularly proximity of outflow and because path on a gradient and might be flooded Also want restrictive covenant that when plan acceptable to IDB no more impermeable surfacing can be allowed on separate plots (to prevent paving over front gardens). Not clear how water gets emptied out of pond to comply with IDB's flow rates

recommend refusal because of issues above

15. To receive reports from Councillors, officers and representatives of the Council

i. County Councillor:

a) Lode Avenue – CCC do not have a budget for parking restrictions. An initial £1000 is needed to advertise a scheme which may not proceed if objections were raised. A meeting with the residents to discuss the best way forward would be held.

b) TIF meeting re application for 575 million

Mr Grant had also attended the meeting and reported that people at meeting raised concerns but were told CCC doing their scheme anyway and wouldn't say what improvements were included in the application. A10 was highlighted as problem road Park and Ride is commercial venture so CCC have no control over this, might bring in single car charge but CCC cannot influence this

Addenbrookes is not just a hospital but a working place, CCC will take on concerns but hospital is likely to be in the zone, may be able to get relief with appointment card

c) will see education officer re section 106 on Bannold, want copy of final signed version and have commented on playgroups.

Education contribution: £10000 re Pieces Lane and £10000 re High Street, £2400 per house Bannold

d) lights see fixmystreet.com, seems to work to get potholes attended to rapidly.

e) Slap Up corner, doing drop kerbs

f) footpath no 2 meeting (will be surfaced because have money) and would like resurfacing footpath no 1 but this different budget; overall 600m footpath £125k cost. Mr Williamson will talk to Richard Preston re footpath no1.

Clear encroachment on backstiles/footpath 1 and footpath 2 Council should write to CCC and ask for enforcement leading to repositioning of fence

Council to write to Mark Kemp strongly supporting resurfacing of footpath 1

h) CCC seeking quotes on JFMI traffic calming scheme in Denny End.

ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor

a) chapel close barrier now has price (£795)

b) chasing response litter/dog bin in Station Road

c) litter pick on A10 etc requested

d) reported Station carpark lights now sorted

e) investigating extending carpark into disused site

f) ecotown, would be fiercely resisted by all at SCDC

g) resident's request re sale of land at Pieces Lane noted

iii. Chairman

Beach News will have Parish plan newsletter and in future only insert will be Parish Council newsletter. Can have 1 page this time; precept, youth and community building and A Scrivener cup and annual parish meeting dates

iv. Library Officer

ask for school to consider need for forward planning on rent

v. Village Plan

display on 1st March, 250/300 result booklets 10.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

show Inside Stories videos

want notices on lights and banners on green (need risk assessment re stakes etc) and discuss with Mr Grant and the Clerk

vi. CPALC

AGM attended by Mr and Mrs Williamson and Mr Wright.

16. To receive such communications to the Council as seen fit by the Chairman for presenting to the Council

a) Moore Stephens – completed audit of Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2007

council not undertake review of systems of control but no other comments

b) Mr Williamson will put annual return figures onto web site.

c) SCDC – request from owner of 5 Pieces Lane to purchase adjacent land from SCDC

(some of 6 Pieces Lane 6m in length), could purchase or licence to use land

Parish Council consider use agreement more appropriate not in favour of SCDC selling land

d) Taylor Vinters – Section 106 Agreement, points for council to note

maintenance of open space land (any part or parts) wide and onerous obligation

legal fees and stamp duty paid by vendors

condition open space land pre-transfer, must be cleared, levelled, cultivate and drain

seed to suitable mixture and tree/shrub as in maintenance

kept safe clear and maintained until transferred (our responsibility to check this is done)

if not done can rectify and must accept in 28 days of being offered if in acceptable

condition. No obligation to accept land unless laid out to Council's and SCDC's

satisfaction. Will replace trees etc for up to 5 years and can ask for sum for replanting etc

if not replaced

similarly repair street furniture/art up to date transfer

£77308 sport contribution to Council for improvement and enhancement of village sports facilities (off site)

must observe any landscaping plan condition, and Council need to meet with SCDC and negotiate what practical

Council will not adopt any public open space with drainage feature

e) Communities & Local Government – Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England (www.communities.gov.uk)

f) CALC Bulletins (distributed)

17. To receive all other correspondence

a) course on allotments should find out status of allotments in village

b) beer garden letter from Debbie Meadows. Is there use after 9.30? Ask Mrs Meadows to keep a record of problems and times

Perhaps send letter to Social club and remind them that noting there is now an awning which could serve as a smoking shelter they need to keep to agreed conditions for use of garden.

c) Waterbeach School – increase in rent of Community Centre to be discussed in March

d) Waterbeach Colts Football Club – Beer festival to be held on 16th to 18th May

e) Waterbeach Colts Cricket Club – two teams registered. Request for support of Council in getting cricket nets erected in time for the start of the season.

18. To answer questions from Councillors

a) ask Mr Johnson to raise issue of selling off of SCDC housing (eg in Chapel Close if this goes to housing association Council should not pay for lights there), and also investigate if ownership of roadway would change, important as it is Council's vehicular access)

b) response that Waterbeach cannot have police until Wednesday not satisfactory, Mr Lewis-Jones pointed out that there is more vandalism in army area (and more military police are patrolling)

19. Matters for the next agenda

i. Proposed dates for meetings in 2008 (as circulated 31/01/2008)

a. April planning meeting to be on Monday not Tuesday

- b. May meeting one week late
- ii. Put confirmation of dates round as annex to minutes (then can be displayed on noticeboard)
- iii. Planning: in conservation area PC want more detail re bricks etc and to be consulted on reserved matters

The meeting ended at 10.10 p.m.

Chairman Date