

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th July, 2009 in the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road.

Present: Mr. W. Bullivant; Mrs. J. Cornwell; Dr. C. Grant; Mr. W. Grant; Mr. P. Johnson; Ms. N. Kay; Mrs. C. Smith; Ms. G. Smith; Mrs. J. Williamson; Mr. M. Williamson.

In attendance: The Clerk; Ms Tessa Frost; Mr. David Smart

Matters raised by members of the public:

Ms Frost reported that she has currently sited a caravan and a marquee on her property adjacent to the recreation ground in order that she can tend a sick horse. SCDC planning department are aware of the situation.

Ms. Frost, in responding to questions asked about the height of the hedge between that recreation ground and her stabling, commented that she would not want to see the hedge reduced in height.

Ms Frost, in responding to questions asked about the locking arrangements for the gate near the recreation ground car park, commented that CCC had installed the gate and she had signed an agreement to be able to have the key. It was noted that the gate had been installed after DDA regulations had come into force and a right of way had been obstructed. Mr. Williamson would investigate with Mr. Burton at County Farms

2009.106 Apologies:

Mr. A. Ball; Mr. M. Leeke; Mr. P. Mabbs; Mr. A. Wright.

2009.107 Declarations of Interest for matters on the agenda

Mr. Williamson declared a personal interest as a County Councillor in matters relating to the Bannold Road development s.106.

Mrs. Cornwell declared a prejudicial interest as an acquaintance of one of the contractors submitting an estimate for both the re-surfacing of the recreation ground car park and the work necessary to the bus shelter base.

Mr. Johnson declared a personal interest in the planning application for Mr. S. Simons

2009.108 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June, 2009

Ms. Kay proposed, seconded by Ms. Smith and agreed that the Minutes be signed. 3 abstentions.

2009.109 To approve the Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 23rd June, 2009

Ms. Kay proposed, seconded by Mr. Johnson and agreed that the Minutes be signed. 3 abstentions.

2009.110 Clerk's report and matters arising from the Minutes

Car Dyke water – referred to Environmental Health at SCDC who have responded that they will not be carrying out tests. It was agreed that he matter should further investigated with County Farms, SCDC and the Environment Agency

White Horse PH smoking shelter – delegated authority to take enforcement action approved by SCDC planners

Police non emergency number – Change of number to 0345 456 4564

Dave Gillett, Environment Agency, is arranging a meeting with CCC and SCDC regarding Award Drain 1.

Old Burial Ground – Mr and Mrs. Williamson declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. Mrs. Cornweel chaired the meeting The cutting requirements are for two or three cuts a year. Councillors were advised by the clerk/RFO that the parish council equipment is not suitable for cutting other than short grass. It was requested by a councillor that it be recorded that it was unbelievable that a discussion was being held as to whether the Council should maintain the old burial ground. Dr. Grant proposed that the cost of employing a contractor and the cost of purchasing equipment to do the work necessary be investigated.

Ms. Kay proposed, seconded by Mr. Johnson that the Council undertake the cutting of the old burial ground two or three times a year, a review of the council equipment be made and if necessary suitable equipment be purchased. For: 5

The clerk/RFO advised that proper procedures had not been followed in the decision. Mr and Mrs. Williamson returned to the room and Mrs. Williamson resumed as chairman

2009.111 To receive and consider any points relating to Health and Safety in relation to employees, equipment, properties or land

It was noted that the RoSPA safety inspection report had not highlighted the serious defect to the platform of the half pipe in the skateboard area. It was agreed that RoSPA be contacted to express dissatisfaction and that the Council would consider using an alternative inspector in the future.

It was agreed that the groundsman should be told not to leave shed doors open whilst working away from them/

It was agreed that Mr Wright and the clerk would carry out a risk assessment on the new shed and that all appropriate notices and fire equipment be installed.

2009.112 To receive reports and Minutes of committee meetings:

i. Notes of Recreation Ground inspections

The notes as circulated were agreed.

ii. Notes on Gault, Green, Old Pond site, Chittering inspection

The notes as circulated were agreed.

It was agreed that the notes as circulated be approved. Mrs. Cornwell proposed, seconded by Ms. Smith and agreed that the herring fencing which had been erected in front of the western boundary wall should be removed, the vegetation tidied up and that planting of plants such as holly, pyracantha etc. should be done in the autumn. It was agreed that the doors to the Old Fire Engine house would be painted by Councillors on a Saturday in August or September. It was hoped that parishioners would take the opportunity to approach councillors and discuss issues.

2009.113 To approve the accounts for payment

Mrs. Cornwell proposed, seconded by Mrs. Smith and agreed that the payments be made.

A further request for the meter readings in the new pavilion and the youth club building should be made.

2009.114 To deal with Planning Matters which need to be disposed of before 21st July, 2009

i. S/0781/09/F – Mr. S. Simons, 90 Bannold Road – extension and garage. Agreed subject to the permitted development not being exceeded. The bricks to match. All building materials and vehicles to be on site. Sustainable trickle water provision be made

ii. S/0816/09/F – Mr. Hunt, land to west of 21 and 23 Way Lane – bungalow. Deferred to a planning meeting on 14th July

iii. S/0352/09/CAC - Mr. S. Edwards, 38 High Street – total demolition of timber outbuilding. Deferred to planning meeting on 14th July

iv. S/03521/09/F – Mr. S. Edwards, 38 High Street – annexe. Deferred to a planning meeting on 14th July

2009.115 Community/Youth building project

i. To receive progress report

Community/youth building – Poll held at Feast for name elected ‘Tillage Hall’. It was agreed that an explanation of the origin of the name – from the proximity to Car Dyke, known locally as ‘The Old Tillage’ should be given in the Beach News/Newsletter

Tender enquiries have been sent to the chosen three contractors. A response to the queries raised has been sent to all three contractors. It was agreed that the response date for tenders would be extended to 12th August. Mr. Williamson proposed, seconded by Ms. Kay and agreed that acceptance of a tender is not made until professional architect advice has been given. Dr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cornwell and

agreed that Kevin King be engaged for a day to review and check the received tender documents.

ii. s.106 Education contribution

Mr. Williamson reported that Adrian Loades, CCC, had indicated that £100,000 would be allocated to the community/youth project once the money has been received from Morris Homes, the developers of the Bannold Road site, Cam Locks.

A meeting with Morris Homes which Michael Williamson, county councillor, Peter Johnson, District Councillor will attend is to be held to discuss the outstanding planning conditions.

Mr. Grant proposed, seconded by Dr. Grant that as the Parish Council had been signatories to the s.106 the chairman of the Parish Council planning committee should also attend.

Mr. Williamson proposed an amendment, seconded by Mr. Johnson that the chairman of the Parish Council planning committee should attend and the in the absence of the chairman of the planning committee any other councillor other than the county councillor or the district councillor could attend. Amendment agreed.

2009.116 To consider quote to re-surface recreation ground car park

Mrs. Cornwell left the room having declared a prejudicial interest in items 2009.116 and 2009.117.

Ms. Smith declared a personal interest as an acquaintance of one of the contractors submitting an estimate for the re-surfacing of the recreation ground car park

Estimates had been received from Tee Bee Groundworks: £895; K C Grantham: £1200 and D.A.S. Building Services: £1690. Mr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mr. Williamson and agreed that subject to the correct documentation and satisfactory documentation being received the contract be awarded to K. C. Grantham.

2009.117 To consider quote to remove bus shelter foundation:

Ms. Smith declared a personal interest as an acquaintance of one of the contractors submitting an estimate for the work necessary to the bus shelter base.

Estimates had been received from Atkins: £5533.07; Tee Bee Groundworks: £3950 and K. C. Grantham; £2500. It was agreed that SCDC planners should be consulted as to whether planning permission is required to change the area into car parking before proceeding with any work.

Mrs. Cornwell returned to the room

2009.118 To consider presence of dogs on recreation ground:

A poster had been produced referring to the requirement to clean up after dog fouling. It was agreed that the posters would be circulated to all councillors and that the Clerk would laminate some copies and post around the village.

It was agreed that the presence of dogs on the recreation ground would be considered as an agenda item at another meeting.

2009.119 To consider work required on ditch between railway and Whitmore Way

It has been agreed by the Environment Agency and Railtrack engineers that the ditch between the railway and Whitmore Way is to be cleared.

Mr. Johnson would investigate the issue of SCDC grass contractors leaving cut branches in the ditches.

2009.120 To consider registering Rights of Way along Burgess Drive:

It was agreed that as an initial step in registering a right of way along Burgess Drive the Council should establish by contacting the landowners and users of property either side of the drive whether they are agreeable to the establishment of public rights of way.

2009.121 To consider whether to hold a meeting in August

It was agreed that a meeting should be held in August.

2009.122 To receive reports from Councillors, officers and representatives of the Council

i. County Councillor

School flashing signs – now working properly

Interactive signs in Denny End Road – not yet consistently working properly

Jointly Funded Scheme – meeting of Traffic Management Area Joint Committee to be held 13th July. Current level of funding, £15,000, may be reduced.

Station car park – ongoing and some progress being made

Pedestrian crossing outside pharmacy – petition to be considered at Traffic Management Area Joint Committee on 13th July. Officer report is not encouraging as there is no CCC specific budget, no personal injury and level of service and environment benefit not sufficient.

Station Road footpath – Mr. Williamson agreed to ensure that the scheme is submitted again for a CCC capital bid.

ii. South Cambridgeshire District Councillor

Public Art – meeting held on 17th June to discuss ideas made at Feast day stall

Pavements – resident complained about the state of the paths and lack of dropped kerbs making access in a wheelchair difficult and dangerous.

Cam Locks – developers in breach of several planning conditions. SCDC legal and enforcement team instructed to pursue enforcement

Road re-surfacing – Waddelow Road and Jubilee Close to be re-surfaced in late July

iii. Chairman

Parish Forum – meeting cancelled

Driver volunteer scheme – more than 70 visits arranged in June

Speedwatch – 21.93% of the 620 cars counted were speeding with a total average speed of 36.51 mph. Further information can be found on www.speedwatch.alienmoons.com

iv. Library Officer

Feast day stall – Books were sold and £186 raised. Thanks expressed to Jill Briggs and her husband and other volunteers who helped throughout the day. Better siting should be requested in future years to allow for access between stalls.

Reading Challenge – Jill Briggs has attended training courses for promoting the Reading Quest which starts on 18th July

Books – issues of books is 4.5% lower in May compared to April figure. However it is still higher than the monthly average LAP issue.

v. Village Plan

No report

vi. CPALC

No report

vii. Neighbourhood Watch/e.cops

A meeting is to be arranged

Drugs raid made in Capper Road

Nuisance motorbike confiscated

viii. Trees

Improved planting of stock must be carried out in the autumn in order that improved establishment is achieved.

Play area hedge – reduction in height has taken place. It is now necessary for the hedge to thicken up before further height reduction. Removal of the concrete posts needs to be done before further hedge trimming is carried out

New trees on Gault and Recreation Ground – all work noted in inspection reports should be carried out

2009.123 To receive communications to the Council as seen fit by the Chairman for presenting to the Council:

Melanie Welburn – resignation
SCDC – Housing Trust ballot
Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board – copy of letter sent to SCDC planning department
Liam Adams – state of paths in village
Mr. Boyle – Gault boundary wall
CCC – Sth Cambs. Management Area Joint Committee

2009.124 To receive all other correspondence:

R. Beech – request for copy of accounts
ACRE – Community Action Magazine
Cambridge Horizons – Green Vision News
Carillon WSP – A14 repairs

2009.125 To arrange dates for inspection of the cemetery

It was agreed that the ABA leaflets would be circulated prior to a meeting being arranged.

2009.126 To answer questions from Councillors

It was agreed that there was insufficient time to submit a bid to the Play Pathfinder scheme
It was agreed that the sunken road surface before the level crossing should be reported to Keith Fauch, CCC Highways

2009.127 Matters for the next Agenda

The meeting ended at 10.10 p.m.

Chairman Date

