

Minutes of the Highway Committee meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 12th February, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road.

Present: Dr. Grant (Chairman); Mr. Johnson; Mr. Lewis-Jones; Ms. Smith; Mr. A. Wright.

Mr. Johnson also attends as a District Councillor for the ward.

In attendance: the Clerk

1. **Apologies:** Mr. Grant; Mrs. Smith; Mrs. J. Williamson, Mr. M. Williamson.

2. **Declarations of interest:**

Dr. Grant declared a personal interest in item 5iv as a resident of Station Road.

Mr. Lewis-Jones declared a personal interest in item 5iii as a partner in Waterbeach Residents.

Ms. Smith declared a personal interest in item 5iv as a resident of the area.

3. **To approve Minutes of meeting held on 20th November, 2007:**

Mr. Johnson proposed, seconded by Ms. Smith and agreed that the Minutes be approved.

4. **To consider replies from dropped kerb survey:**

Eight replies had been received mainly from users of electric scooters and wheelchairs.

The main issues raised were:

- In general footpaths are not level and particularly in Station Road
- Vehicles park in front of dropped kerbs – especially around the Green. An article would be written for the next Newsletter and the PCSO would be asked to take action with cars parking across the dropped kerbs of the registered footpaths across the green.
- Car park for 52, 53 and 54 Denson Close needs a dropped kerb – Mr. Johnson would look at the area
- Overhanging vegetation

5. **To consider the following issues:**

i. Jointly Funded Minor Improvements schemes

Denny End/High Street scheme - David Lines, CCC, expects work to start in late February/early March and completion in late March/early April with the signs possibly being erected but not working to start with due to work not being completed by energy suppliers.

ii. Pot hole maintenance:

Some potholes had been filled with a temporary surface.

Station Road - The temporary repair to the depression opposite Whitmore Way had stayed in for one day. Mr. Fauch, CCC, would be contacted by the Clerk. The Council consider that there are serious safety issues now relating to the state of the road especially due to its close proximity to the railway.

Bannold Road – May Gurney, working for Cambridge water had eroded the verge and caused damage to the edges of the new road surface from 91 Bannold Road to Park Crescent. Cambridge Water should be contacted and Mr. Fauch asked to assess the damage.

Waddelow Road – the resurfacing is now not going to take place. A new improved material is to be used to repair the potholes. More potholes have appeared at the junction of Waddelow Road and the High Street.

iii. Kirby/Capper Road surface:

The improvements had not been made to the surface. Two known accidents have occurred. A child was taken to hospital as a result of falling off a bike the wheel of which was caught in a crack in the road. It has been determined that CCC adopted the road. Mr. Williamson would be asked to follow up the reasons why nothing had been done to repair the surface.

iv. Station Road:

A letter and petition had been found in the archives dated November 1990 raising the same issues of the path in Station Road that continue to be raised by the Council.

Mr. Oakman, CCC, had promised to submit a capital bid for 2008/09 for a scheme to fix the excessive slope of the path along Station Road. It was agreed that a letter requesting the progress of this bid should be sent to CCC.

It had been noted that there are markings on the kerbs at Lode Avenue/Station Road for the lowering of the kerbs

v. Footpath 1 and 2 (Greenside/A10 and Greenside/Cambridge Road)

Work to improve footpath 2 (Greenside to Harding Close) is being carried out by CCC but there is no funding to improve footpath 1 (A10 to corner of footpath 2) It was agreed that the Chairman write to Waterbeach Charities to request a financial contribution to enable some maintenance work to be carried out on footpath 1.

vi. Issues relating to station

a. replacement buses:

Improved signage when replacement buses are running need to be displayed informing rail users that the bus operates from the car park. Buses need to stop in the car park rather than close to the railway causing a hazard to other vehicles. First Capital Connect would be written to.

b. security patrols:

security officers are operating in the car park for 12 hours ad for the next two months. It is thought that this is discouraging people using the car park and as a result causing more parking in the near by streets and centre of the village. First Capital Connect and CCC would be written to regarding the matter.

c. overnight parking:

There is no facility for users of the car park to leave their cars for longer than a day without being fined or paying for several daily tickets. It was thought that this also encourages people to park in near by streets and the centre of the village. First Capital Connect and CCC would be written to regarding the matter.

d. ticket machine:

The ticket machine on the Ely bound platform has not materialised and the time to obtain a ticket previously bought with a credit card is too long. One ticket machine is inadequate for the use of the station particularly at busy times and no machine on the Ely bound side at such times could be the cause of an accident. First Capital Connect would be written to.

vii. A10/A14 roadworks:

Traffic diverted through Waterbeach when there are accidents in the area on the A14 and the A10 are not being reported to the traffic police in order that they can man the crossing. The issue would be raised at the next police liaison meeting.

6. To consider parking along spinal route of the Wicken Fen Vision:

National Trust/Parish Council liaison meeting – the next meeting will be held on 21st April when the additional parking along the main spinal route within the Wicken Fen Vision area will be discussed. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lewis-Jones, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Wright expressed an interest in attending.

It should be suggested to the organisers that a representative of Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board should be invited, as the car park at Bottisham Lock is owned by them.

The route suggested by the Council which would join the road at Clayhithe bridge is not favoured by Cam Conservators.

It was suggested that car parking could be on land owned by CCC near the lay bay at Clayhithe bridge.

7. To consider street names for new developments:

SCDC have stated that one street name for all of the houses on the Bannold site is all that is required. The Council are of the opinion that more than one street name should be allocated to the site engendering a community spirit, assimilating the site into the village and allowing the residents some identity. It was agreed that it should be suggested to SCDC that the entrance road into the site be called Levitt (a historic owner of land in the area) Lane and that there be four other street names on the site. Cheason (a local historian) Walk, Shipp's (historic farmers of some of the site)of the Field, Pritchard (a past parish councillor and doctor)Walk and Heron (the village emblem) Walk.

8. Correspondence relating to highways issues:

D. Armstrong – suggestion of a mini-roundabout at the junction of Bannold Road and High Street as an improvement in light of the increased traffic from the development of 100 houses in Bannold Road. Much discussion had taken place and many configurations submitted at the outset of the planning procedure. A copy of the letter would be passed to CCC as requested. Traffic monitor boxes in Cambridge Road – the Clerk would try and find out why they have been placed on the lampposts near 10 Cambridge Road and the telephone exchange.

9. Items for next agenda

Police consultation
Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvement scheme
20's Plenty
Station Road
Road crossing at Village Store

10. Dates of meetings: 6th May, 2008
12th August, 2008
11th November, 2008

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman Date