

Minutes of the Highway Committee meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th May 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road.

Present: Dr. C. Grant (Chairman); Mr. W. Grant; Mr. J. Lewis-Jones, Mrs. C. Smith; Mrs. J. Williamson; Mr. A. Wright.

In attendance: Mr. R. Jones.

In the absence of the Clerk Mrs. Williamson took the minutes.

1. Apologies

h08.1 Mr. P. Johnson; Mrs. G. Smith; Mr. M. Williamson, the Clerk.

2. Declarations of interest:

h08.2.1 Mr. Wright declared a personal interest as a resident of Lode Avenue in item 4viii

h08.2.2 Dr. Grant declared a personal interest as a resident of Station Road in item 4iii

h08.2.3 Mr. Lewis-Jones declared a personal interest as a partner in Waterbeach Residents in item 4ii and as a member of the National Trust in item 5 i and ii.

h08.2.4 Mrs. Williamson declared a personal interest as a member of the National Trust in item 5 i and ii.

3. To approve Minutes of meeting held on 12th February, 2008

h08.3 The minutes were approved following amendment to 5v 'footpath 1 (A10 to Greenside)'

4. To consider the following issues:

h08.4 Jointly Funded Minor Improvements schemes

a. 2007/08 scheme - Denny End scheme – CCC contractors are waiting for the equipment to carry out installation

b. 2008/09 scheme – update on submitted application – scoring is still being done. All parish councils will be informed of the outcome

h08.4.1 Kirby/Capper Road surface – Mr. Lewis-Jones has taken photographs. The Clerk should request an update from CCC as action is needed urgently to repair the surface. Waterbeach Residents have already written to CCC.

h08.4.2

2008.4.6 Station Road footway– update on situation regarding omission from capital funding bid – Mr. Williamson will be asking, at the next CCC meeting, the question why a bid was not submitted to 2008/09 capital funding as promised by Cllr Maguire. Mr. Faunch, CCC Highway supervisor, email states that the scheme will now be submitted to the 2009/10 capital funding bid.

h08.4.3/

2008.9.3 Footpath 1 and 2 (Greenside/A10 and Greenside/Cambridge Road) – the fence belonging to the neighbouring land owner is encroaching on the footpath. It was agreed that a letter be sent to CCC supporting the need for enforcement action to be taken against the land owner

Mr. Wright agreed to find out from Ely Diocese Board whether they owned the derelict land behind the Old School Guest House and if they did whether it could be reinstated as allotments.

h08.4.4 Issues relating to station

a. lighting – provision for additional lighting is included in the JFMI bid. The Clerk should obtain the results of the survey on stations and request a meeting with First Capital Connect to discuss improvements

b. safety barrier on platform – the black fence on the edge of the northbound platform near the exit is invisible in the dark and therefore a potential trip hazard.

c. overnight parking – cars can not be parked for more than a day which results in rail users parking their cars overnight in the village. The Clerk should write to the Park and Ride officer at CCC to request the provision of long stay tickets.

d. ticket machine – a machine has been installed on the northbound platform however it does not work when it is raining and the screen is invisible when the sun is shining.

Mr. Wright noted that there is a lot of litter behind the fences which needs clearing and that there is a heap of ballast in the station yard which is a temptation to vandals. The Clerk should contact Network Rail.

h08.4.5 A10/A14 roadworks – there are still hold ups in Butt Lane, the 30mph is difficult to adhere to, the cones can be confusing and the traffic is pushed into the central hatching. The road markings at Milton interchange are confusing.

The holes in the road at the Denny End traffic lights have been repaired.

h08.4.6 20's Plenty campaign – Mr. Lewis-Jones has a petition with 180 signatures on for 20mph in Cody Road/Kirby Road. The petition will be sent to the parish, district and county councils. There is also support in the rest of the village for a 20mph speed limit, a blanket 20mph would be preferable rather than having speed limit changes.

h08.4.7

2008.9.1 Lode Avenue parking – Residents had met with David Lines, CCC, and Mr. Williamson on site. It had been agreed that too many double yellow lines in Lode Avenue would not be beneficial to the residents but lines at the corner of Lode Avenue and Adams Court would help the situation. It was agreed that a list of possible areas in the village which would benefit from double yellow lines to improve road safety should be collated in order that one consultation process could be carried out for all sites.

h08.4.8

2008.9.6 Dropped kerbs – some suggestions for dropped kerbs have been received. The result of the JFMI bid is awaited and the significance of the some markings on kerbs.

5. Wicken Fen Vision – cycle route from Bottisham Lock to Clayhithe Road via Burgess Drive

h08.5

2008.4.8 Report on National Trust/Parish Council meeting on 21st April – Mr. Lewis-Jones has circulated a report of the meeting which he and Mr. Johnson attended. It was agreed that in principle the parish council are in favour of the cyclepath but there are a number of issues which need to be resolved.

h08.5.1 report of walk along route on 3rd May – parish councillors and members of the public had walked the route with Jon Megginson, National Trust, who would submit a report for the council meeting on 13th May. There are concerns about:

- i. there being a National Trust car park at Bottisham Lock as it is used by local fishermen and walkers. It is thought that the car park will be free.
- ii. the National Trust footpaths might not be public footpaths.
- iii. All stakeholders being made aware of others' views. The Clerk should write to Network Rail, Environment Agency, Waterbeach IDB and local landowners to find out what their views on the proposed route are.
- iv. the proximity of the route across the road at the level crossing
- v. the right of way from Clayhithe Road at the Conservators House along the east bank of the Cam may be closed. A letter should be sent to Horningsea PC stating that no rights of way should be lost.
- vi. Dr. Grants suggestion of an alternative route through Horningseas is being explored.

6. Bannold Road Development

h08.6 Road closure to provide surface water drainage – the intention now is to use traffic lights rather than close the road during the installation of the surface water drainage system

h08.6.1 Signage – it was noted that there are no signs on the A10 to direct site traffic to enter the village via Denny End Road

7. Correspondence relating to highways issues

All e-mails etc had been covered in matters above.

8. Items for next agenda.

h08.8 Parking across access to residential properties at beginning and end of school day - School to be approached to request that they encourage, those dropping off and collecting children, responsible parking.

h08.8.1 Parking at bus stops – it is expected that the bus stop in High Street (west side) will be moved when the new houses are built on the adjacent property and new road markings will be installed.

h08.8.2 Waddelow Road pot holes – Mr. Williamson will be asked to follow this up.

h08.8.3 Pedestrian crossing in Chapel Street outside pharmacy – provision of a crossing at the site could be dangerous as it may provide a sense of false security. It was agreed that the junctions need reconfiguring in some way. The full report from the Parish Plan committee is needed before further action as it will give serve as support for the need to do something.

h08.8.4 One way system around the Green – this may not be practical. Suggestion of a barrier half way along allowing for extra parking but not a through route.

- 9. **Dates of meetings:** 10th June, 2008
- 12th August, 2008
- 11th November, 2008

Chairman Date

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