

Minutes of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish council held on Tuesday, 12th August, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion.

Present: Dr. Grant (Chairman); Mr. Johnson(SCDC); Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Williamson; Mr. Williamson (CCC); Mr. Wright;

h.08.14 Apologies: Mrs. Cornwell; Mr. Lewis-Jones; Ms. Smith

h.08.15 Declarations of Interest:

Mr. Williamson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in h.08.18, Wicken Fen Vision as chairman of Waterbeach Charity

Mr. Wright declared a personal interest in h.08.17.10, Lode Avenue parking and h.08.18, Wicken Fen Vision as a member of the National Trust

Mrs. Williamson declared a personal interest in h.08.18, Wicken Fen Vision as a member of the National Trust

h.08.16 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June, 2008:

Mr. Wright proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes be approved and signed.

h.08.17 To consider the following:

h.08.17.1 Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme – 2007/2008

Some of the signs and road markings have been installed. David Lines, CCC, is chasing EDF Energy for completion of the work to provide interactive signs. The Clerk to send a letter asking stating the Council's concern that the project had not been completed and requesting a completion date. Mr. Williamson would furnish the Clerk with Mr. Line's superior in order that a copy could be sent.

h.08.17.2 Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme – 2008/2009

It is understood that funding has been granted for the scheme submitted by the Council. Written confirmation would be requested and a meeting organised to discuss the details of the scheme.

h.08.17.3 Kirby/Capper Road surface

Capital bids for re-surfacing of Kirby/Capper Road and Jubilee Close/Winfold Road had been submitted.

h.08.17.4 Station Road footway

Re-surfacing of the footway had been submitted as a capital bid scheme. It was agreed that the disability access relating to Station Road footpath should be looked into.

h.08.17.5 Footpath 1 and 2

Re-surfacing of Footpath 1 had been submitted as a capital bid scheme

h.08.17.6 Station lighting

It was agreed that additional lighting is required between the car park and the Cambridge bound platform. First Capital Connect would be contacted

h.08.17.7 Station safety barrier

First Capital Connect would be contacted regarding the safety need to install a barrier

h.08.17.8 Station overnight parking

There is no facility to purchase tickets for overnight parking. First Capital Connect would be contacted.

h.08.17.9 Station ticket machine

The screen can not be read in bright sunlight and rain drops operate the keys. Problems are being experienced in the purchase of tickets for next day use and problems are experienced when it has not been possible to purchase a ticket. First Capital Connect would be contacted.

h.08.17.10 Lode avenue parking

Only one letter from a resident requesting road markings or schemes to control parking was received by the Council. Until more support is shown by the residents of Lode Avenue the Parish Council can not take the matter further. It was agreed that the issue of additional yellow lines in the village should be mentioned in the next Council newsletter.

h.08.17.11 Dropped kerbs

Markings for dropped kerbs in Lode Avenue had been applied but the work had as yet not been carried out. Other location for dropped kerbs are in the vicinity of 10 Way Lane.

h.08.18 Wicken Fen Vision

Negotiations with Waterbeach Charity regarding the length of the route through the Town Holt have taken place, Waterbach Charity have no objection in principle provided an appropriate

financial arrangement is made and consideration for the needs of the tenant is made. No further information has been received by the Council. It was agreed that the views of Network Rail be obtained regarding the proximity of the cycleway to the crossing.

h.08.19 Drains in Waterbeach

Mr. Wright would obtain the map of the drains from Mr. Black. The drains along Station Road have been cleared but the water is still unable to get away and puddles resulting from heavy storms are causing damage to the listed building wall at The Hall and causing inconvenience to users of the footpath. There is still a puddle outside Margowen, High Street, at times of heavy rain.

h.08.19.1 Traffic and Speeding summit

CCC and the police are trying to create a scheme to train members of the public to carry out speed checks. Those caught under such a scheme could not be prosecuted but would merely receive a warning letter from the police

h.08.19.2 Chapel Close and Car Dyke kissing gates

Mr. Williamson would discuss the repair of the kissing gate at Car Dyke with CCC Farms and Mr. Johnson would discuss the repair of the kissing gate at Chapel Close with Becky Gane at SCDC

h.08.19.3 Trees on highway verges

Mr. Fauch has agreed that the trees on the verges along Car Dyke Road are the responsibility of CCC. He will arrange to have them trimmed. It should be requested that the crowns of the trees on the south side should be raised to allow people to walk safely. It should be noted that if plans of Cambridge Rowing Lake come to fruition there would be a footpath along the south side of the road. It should be requested that the trimming of the trees is not done by a hedge trimmer. Mr. Fauch reported that the trees on the north side of Bannold Road are not the responsibility of CCC. The trees along School Lane, Chittering would be assessed by the Council at the play area inspection.

Poplar trees in Way Lane – CCC can not afford to carry out work on an annual basis to prevent the pollen which is causing hay fever to some residents. CCC are prepared to remove the trees to remove the problem.

The school should be contacted to request their views on the removal of the trees that the suggestion that trees are planted on the school property adjacent to the boundary to reduce the impact of the removal of the poplars.

h.08.19.4 Pothole maintenance and repair

The indentation in the road adjacent nearest to the crossing has not been repaired. Requires urgent attention.

A pothole has re-appeared for the fourth time at the junction of Chapel Street and Greenside.

Pot holes in Bannold Drove have received no attention – considered urgent as heavy Anglian Water lorries access the sewage works on a regular basis.

h.08.19.5 Recreation Ground access roadway:

Information relating to the roadway is with the papers for the building of the new pavilion. An archiving session should be arranged in order that the papers can be located.

h.08.19.6 Clayhithe Road repairs

It had been noted that the anti-slip surface on the road near the motor boat club had not been re-instated during the recent re-surfacing. It was considered that due to the number of vehicles ending in the ditch anti slip surface was necessary. It was also noted that the traffic lights at Clayhithe bridge had worked well during the re-surfacing and thus demonstrating that the installation of pedestrian crossing lights for the Sustrans cycleway (Wicken Fen Vision) would be workable. Mr. Lewis-Jones to suggest at the next Wicken Fen Vision meeting.

h.08.20 Bannold Road development

h.08.20.1 It was noted that a street nameplate with one of the names suggested by the Council had been erected at the entrance to the site. It was agreed that an article explaining the choice of names for the site should be submitted for the next Beach News.

h.08.20.2 Drainage – Mrs Williamson and Mr Williamson declared a personal interest as needing to access their home along Bannold Road. A site meeting had been held with the developer to discuss alternatives to laying the surface water drain down the middle of Bannold Road and consequently having to close the road and divert traffic via Capper/Kirby Road.

Mr. Williamson reported that CCC are now able to refuse applications for road closures.

h.08.21 Correspondence - there was none

h.08.22 Items for next agenda:

Suggestions for double yellow lines –

Pieces Lane/ Way Lane corner; Bannold Road/Way Lane corner; High Street/Cattell's Lane;
Greenside opposite White Horse.

27 Greenside – car parking on frontage.

h.08.23 Dates of next agenda: 11th November

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman Date