

# Waterbeach Parish Council News

March 2006

## Traffic Matters

The Parish Council continues to work hard, together with our County and District Councillors, in improving the safety of the roads in Waterbeach.

Those of you who have visited our website will know that we applied for a pedestrian crossing in the High Street under the Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme. We came joint third in the scoring, and thought we would be successful. Unfortunately, due to a budget mix-up between the District and County Councils our bid is currently on hold. We hope to be able to report better news soon.

On other matters, we can report that, following a petition organised by Gabrielle Smith among carers of children at the school which was presented to the Dis-

trict and County Council Area Joint Committee by our former County Councillor, Jane Coston, some improvements are to be made to parking outside the school at peak times. This will make life considerably easier for our lollypop lady when she returns from sick leave.

It is also good to report that the school has started work on a **Safer Routes to School** bid to the County Council. This involves a questionnaire to all parents and carers of children at the school, and two governors, Jacqui Robinson and Jane Williamson, have started to analyse this. There are a number of very interesting points coming out of this exercise which we hope will lead to us receiving some funds to improve matters.

## Your Parish Council needs you!

Parish and District Council elections are to be held this year on **May 4th**. One of the two positions on South Cambridgeshire District Council will be contested, but all positions on the Parish Council are up for re-election.

If you have not previously thought of doing so, why not consider standing for election to the Parish Council? By becoming a Parish Councillor you can make a positive contribution to the community, and you can influence many things that are very important to Waterbeach.

As reported above, at the moment we are working hard with our District and County Councillors to improve some of the roads in Waterbeach and have

already had some successes. We can influence planning matters, not least have a say in some of the benefits that might accrue to us from the major development to the north of Bannold Road.

We also have direct responsibility for looking after the Green, Cemetery and Recreation Ground and support our local independent library, WILL.

You can obtain forms either from our Clerk on Cambridge 440018 or from South Cambridgeshire District Council offices at Cambourne. The closing date for nominations is **April 3rd** so, if you are interested, why not get hold of a form as soon as possible.

## Former Parish Councillor Alan Shipp



We have recently received the resignation of Councillor Alan Shipp.

Alan served on Waterbeach Parish Council for nearly forty years—no mean feat! A list of his fellow Councillors during that period sounds like a street map of Waterbeach—George Payton, Chairman for many years (Payton Way), Eva Hartley (Hartley Close), Norman Barker, former Clerk (Barker Close), Hilda Hatley (Hatlet Court) and Bill Saberton (Saberton Close) to name just a few. We congratulate Alan on such a long stint on the Council and thank him for all the work he has done over the years both as Councillor and as Chairman for six of the forty years. We shall miss his contributions at meetings and wish him well for the future.

## Remember

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month to discuss its regular business. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and may make representations at the start of the meeting.

To find out about our work, see our web-site at [www.waterbeach.org.uk/wbpc](http://www.waterbeach.org.uk/wbpc).

# A Parish Plan for Waterbeach

Some of you may remember the Community Appraisal carried out about five years ago. The results of this have been extremely useful in directing some of the ways in which our village facilities develop. In order to update this, the Parish Council has recently decided to prepare a Parish Plan. So just what is a Parish Plan and how does it affect you?

A Parish Plan is a vision of how the community wants to develop. It identifies the things that people value, and the local problems and opportunities. It spells out how residents want the community to develop in future. It will influence planning and development decisions and the way services are provided, and include a plan of

action to achieve the vision.

To make sure that the Parish Plan really reflects what residents want it must involve every part of the community. Although the Parish Council has taken the lead it cannot prepare the plan alone. We will arrange a public meeting to start the process. At the meeting we will explain what needs to be done and start to capture the views of the community. We will also form a Steering Group to guide the process and do some of the work, and we will also need volunteers to help at various stages. We will conduct a survey of everyone who lives in the parish and involve all local groups to capture their views as well. Any individual can also tell us what

matters to them so it can be taken into account.

The Parish Council has successfully applied for a grant from Cambridgeshire ACRE and has also agreed to provide additional funds to help cover the costs so we can do a first class job. The Steering Group will control the whole process but until it is formed Alan Ball and David Black are leading the work for the Parish Council. If you want to find out more or offer to help please contact them.

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To see more about Parish Plans and to keep up with progress on ours, visit the Parish Council website [www.waterbeach.org.uk/wbpc](http://www.waterbeach.org.uk/wbpc)

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## Contacting your Council

Your Parish Councillors (until May 4th, 2006) are:

Adrian Wright (Chairman)

Kate Grant (Vice-Chairman & Chairman, Highways Committee)

Nick Brown (Chairman, Planning Committee)

William Grant (Chairman, Recreation Ground Users Committee)

Maurice Leeke (Chairman, Finance Committee)

Alan Ball

David Black

Janet Cornwell

David Halsey

Peter Johnson

Peter Jones

Bill Saberton

Jane Williamson

Michael Williamson

All councillors can be contacted via the Clerk, Mrs. Sarah Smart at Barton Ley, Bannold Drove, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB5 9QQ. Tel & fax: 01223 440018, email [council@waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:council@waterbeach.org.uk)

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## Your County and District Councillors

Cambridgeshire County Councillor (also represents Landbeach and Milton)

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Cambridgeshire County Council is responsible, among other matters, for education, highways, libraries and social services.

South Cambridgeshire District Councillors (also represent Landbeach)

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South Cambridgeshire District Council is responsible, among other matters, for planning, environmental services (refuse collection, etc.) and council housing.

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