

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of **Waterbeach Parish Council** held on 16th October 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

PRESENT

Councillor N Kay, Chair

Councillors B. Bull, W. Bullivant, J. Cornwell, K. Grant, M. Howlett, B. Johnson, P. Johnson, D. Smart, J. Williamson, M. Williamson and A. Wright.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A. Lloyd, J. Rabbett and C. Smith.

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance

COUNCIL

153/12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd October 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (after 2 typographical errors had been corrected and initialled by both the Chairman and the Clerk).

154/12 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Smart declared a prejudicial interest in item **163/12 (Employment Tribunal)** in view of his relationship with the person who was the subject of the case.

155/12 PLANNING APPLICATION

Members considered the following application for planning permission, as a result of which it was :

RESOLVED

- (a) that the following recommendation be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council;
 - (i) S/1892/12/FL Land rear of 41, Rosemary Road – Erection of dwelling

That the District Council be recommended to refuse the application on the grounds that the positioning of the off-road parking next to a public

footpath and opposite a T-junction does not provide adequate safe sight lines

- (b) that the approval of the following planning applications by South Cambridgeshire District Council be noted:
- (i) S/0678/12/OL Cambridge Research Park, Ely Road-erection of B1(a) offices and/or B1(b) research and development (not to exceed 31,839m² GEA); B1(c) light industrial, B2 general industrial, B8 storage and distribution and a C1 hotel with the cumulative floor space of all uses not to exceed 47,000m² across the application site, together with means of access and associated infrastructure.
 - (ii) S/1357/12/FL 16, Station Road-two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and front porch
 - (iii) S/1513/12/FL 10 Burgess Road –extension to existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling
 - (iv) S/1642/12/FL 102, Cambridge Road- two storey side and rear extension

156/12 BUDGETARY CONTROL

The Chairman of the Finance Committee introduced the budgetary control report for the second quarter of the financial year and explained that some further consultation between him and the Assistant Clerk was required to finalise the report, which would be presented at the Finance Meeting on 23rd October. The bank reconciliation statement was noted.

The Chairman suggested that the report on Potential Expenditure, previously submitted by the Acting Clerk, be considered in conjunction with the specific minute **158/12** that would follow. There were no objections.

157/12 WORKS TO PAVILIONS

Discussion on the Tender Recommendations submitted by Alan Lamb Associates raised some concerns with Members; namely the issues of disabled access to the public toilets, the suitability of the access doors to the Old Pavilion and the width of the passage from the public entrance. The cost-effectiveness of the proposed heating system was questioned. The Chairman assured Members that work would not be undertaken unless it was fully compliant with Disability Access Regulations.

The use of Section 106 money to carry out the work on the New Pavilion was raised.

Councillor M. Williamson outlined the various options available to finance the works, either by taking money from the reserves or borrowing £50,000 over 10 years. No decision on the funding was taken.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that Alan Lamb be appointed as Project Manager

(ii) that Alan Lamb be instructed to open negotiations with Jaggards Builders, subject to the clarification of the issues regarding Disabled Access.

158/12 MULTI USE GAMES AREA

Members re-examined the costs involved in funding and maintaining a MUGA, referring to the report previously submitted by the Acting Clerk and noted that MUGAs in the local area were mostly sited in schools and sports centres, not municipal recreation grounds. It was also noted that the existing tennis courts had been funded by a grant and that open access for tennis was very important and the existing tennis courts would be retained. The other facilities available on the recreation ground, including the basketball area, are also well used. The issue of lack of space was discussed and until the recreation ground is expanded, there would be no spare space without removing the existing football pitches.

Under the circumstances, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that there could be options available for a MUGA when:
 - (i) the Recreation Ground is expanded (which possibility is being explored)
 - (ii) a business plan with private funding is available.
- (b) the Council is to consider the feasibility of providing a new floodlit area for training purposes.

159/12 CHAPEL STREET TRAFFIC SCHEME

As funding for a traffic calming scheme under the County Council's minor highways improvement budget had been refused (Minute No. 141/12), Members discussed other options for addressing road safety. Potential crossing points were identified between the Gault and the Baptist Church, but it was noted that any placement needed to take into account the natural crossing points created and used by pedestrians.

In view of this, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) To re-evaluate the issue, with regard to providing safe crossing points rather than a traffic calming scheme
- (b) To approach the County Council on the feasibility of their undertaking a traffic survey and checking sight lines

160/12 RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

The Clerk informed Members that it was proposed that the work to repair the potholes in the car park would be carried out by the ground staff, using commercially supplied road planings, at a cost of approximately £200 (plus delivery and VAT).

RESOLVED

that the work be authorised, with a mind to devising a long-term strategy for maintenance.

161/12 CLOSED CHURCHYARD

The Clerk informed Members that, after a meeting with Councillor M. Williamson, it transpired that the request from St John's PCC was for help in maintaining the Closed Old Burial Ground by twice or three-times yearly mowing, not for taking complete responsibility for the maintenance. For the purposes of clarity, she had asked for a written request detailing the help required and was awaiting the reply.

RESOLVED

That, subject to written request being received, help in mowing the Closed Old Burial Ground be undertaken by Waterbeach Parish Council ground staff.

162/12 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

The meeting was formally closed to members of the press and public.

163/12 EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL

The minutes for this item appear in the confidential section of the Council's minute book.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

UNAPPROVED