

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at the Old Pavilion, Waterbeach.

16/247 THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Bull, Gaunt, Gilzean, Howlett, B Johnson, P Johnson, Shipp, Smart, Williams, J Williamson (arrived late), M Williamson, Wright

Apologies: Cllrs A Grant, K Grant, Rabbett, County Cllr M Leeke

In Attendance: District Cllr I Tregoing, S Mason – Clerk

16/248 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public spoke on the following agenda items:

Agenda item ref 16/251 vi) S/2177/16/FL Planning Application for Gibson Close – to express the view that the amended application did not allay concerns previously highlighted.

A Parish Councillor from Milton spoke on the agenda item ref 16/251 the Outline Application S/0559/17/OL for Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield Site to propose a joint informal meeting with neighbouring Parish Councils.

Cllr J Williamson joined the meeting at 7.40pm.

16/249 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 4 March 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Gaunt In Favour 11 Abstention 1

16/250 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr P Johnson, as a South Cambridgeshire District Councillor declared an interest in agenda item 16/251

16/251 PLANNING

Outline Application S/0559/17/OL for Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield Site

- i) Councillors discussed the logistical arrangements for the consultation event on 5 April
- ii) Councillors discussed the approach for a joint meeting with neighbouring Parish Councils and agreed WPC would send representatives, once the date was known.
- iii) A single agenda meeting to agree a WPC response to the Planning Application would be held on 4 May.
- iv) The matter of a Press release would be considered subsequent to the outcome of the above meeting.

v) Amended planning application - Land off GIBSON CLOSE, Waterbeach CB259HY

Councillors felt that the amended proposal did not adequately address the fundamental

concerns they had previously raised with SCDC, nor those of the County Council Highway team who had recommended refusal last Autumn. A response to the amended application would reiterate earlier concerns and make explicit reference to the Highway team's transport and traffic comments.

Proposed Network Rail (Cambridgeshire Level Crossing Reduction)

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to agree to the NR proposals within Waterbeach Parish which included the closing of a level crossing CO1 footpath in Chittering since an alternative crossing was in the vicinity.

Proposed Cllr Bull Seconded Cllr Shipp

In favour 7 Against 4 Abstention 1

16/252 S106 FUNDS

It was **RESOLVED** in principle to use S106 funds to purchase a set of mobile LED lights for recreation ground users, provided there was secure space to store them when not in use.

Proposed Cllr B Johnson Seconded Cllr J Williamson Unanimous

16/253 OLD BOWLS PAVILION

Cllr Bull reported on the poor state of the existing facility which SCDC officers had also visited and deemed as not fit for purpose. It was **RESOLVED** in principle to provide a new pavilion to be funded through S106 funds – with grant funding opportunities to be explored too. A scoping report with detailed specification and costings should be tabled to the WPC when ready before a final decision to proceed.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Bull In favour 11 Abstentions:1

16/254 PLAY PARKS

To discuss needs and actions at.

Chittering - It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the Clerk to arrange for i) the cleaning of the play area and ii) the cutting down of the tree and trim back of other overhanging vegetation, up to a £1,000 upper limit for each.

Proposed: Cllr Gaunt Seconded: Cllr B Johnson Unanimous

Old Skate Park – Cllr Bull would approach play equipment providers for ideas for developing the site (and retaining the existing half-pipe). Councillors were asked to feed in ideas and suggestions. Toddler playgroups would also be consulted before any decisions were taken.

16/255 GRANT APPLICATIONS

To consider Grant Application from the Waterbeach Library Access Point (LAP)

It was **RESOLVED** to award £1,000 to the LAP for new books. A decision on new furniture was deferred as a health and safety issue was raised which the applicant would need to respond before a decision was taken.

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson Seconded Cllr Bull Unanimous

The Clerk had been asked by Cllr K Grant to pass on the library volunteers' thanks to Cllr Shipp for providing them with an opportunity to sell books at his Hyacinth

Weekend.

16/256 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

To approve the payment of accounts for the past month.

It was clarified that the line entry for strimmer line should have read new strimmer. The Clerk would let Councillors know what had happened to the old strimmer.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Wright. Recorded vote:

9 In Favour: Cllrs Bull, Gaunt, Howlett, Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson, Wright

3 Against: Cllrs Gilzean, Shipp and Smart

16/257 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Clerk explained renewal fees were due for membership of both the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Parish Councils (CAPALC), and that in her view both were of considerable benefit in carrying out her responsibilities.

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the fees for SLCC membership but defer a decision on CAPALC until outstanding issues raised in the Confidential section of previous Council meetings were resolved.

Proposed: Cllr Bull. Seconded Cllr Williams Unanimous

16/258 STANDING ORDERS

To consider proposed amendment to Standing Orders.

The Clerk reported that whilst that the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 conferred on the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government the power to require Parish Council to publish agenda online, this power had yet to be exercised. However, such a requirement was included in the Transparency Code for smaller authorities. Although Waterbeach did not fall within this banding, it was **RESOLVED** to amend PC Standing Order to make this provision.

Proposed: Cllr B Williams. Seconded Cllr J Williamson Unanimous

16/259 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A draft agenda was agreed for the Annual Parish meeting on Wednesday 26 April which would now be publicised.

16/260 OFFICER, COUNCILLOR, COMMITTEE, WORKING PARTY AND PROJECT REPORTS

The Clerk's report had been circulated.

District Councillor Tregoing reported.

- SCDC had announced its new Chief Executive (Beverly Agass).
- the Greater Cambridge City Deal had recently announced funding of £480k to develop a network of twelve Greenways to link outlying villages to the city for cyclist and walkers. A Waterbeach Greenway was envisaged as part of the initiative which now needed to be worked up into specific projects.
- an application for grant contribution towards the community warden scheme had

been submitted to the Evelyn Trust.

Cllr P Johnson's report in his capacity as District Councillor had been circulated to Councillors. In addition he relayed concerns expressed regarding vehicles turning right from the A10 into Denny End Road and asked this to be discussed at the next meeting of the Highway Committee.

Cemetery – Cllr Wright reported that paths had now been made in the new extension and the surface was being rotovated and reseeded. It was also expected that U&C would agree to use some spoil to patch holes in the access road before moving the remainder from the site. A few issues still remained to be resolved for legal Agreement on the land transfer from MOD to WPC and a few practical issues would be looked at by the cemetery working party.

Highways – Cllr B Johnson reported that Council Highway staff had been on site to look at the problems on Way Lane at agreed there were safety concerns. Their report would be discussed at the May meeting of the Council.

The Chair proposed that **standing orders be suspended** to allow the meeting to continue beyond 9.30. This was **unanimously agreed**.

16/261 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Traffic concerns around Way Lane and the school

16 / 262 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

*It was **RESOLVED** in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted at the next agenda item (s) the Chairman asked that in the public interest the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and were herewith instructed to withdraw.*

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Wright Unanimous

16/263 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Minutes for this part of the meeting can be found in the Council's confidential minute book

16/264 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 March 2017 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

**Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Williams
In favour: 9 Abstentions 3**

16/265 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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The meeting closed at 9.34pm.