

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 7.30 pm

THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Bavester, Bull, Grant, Howlett, P Johnson, Rabbett, Seamarks, Shipp, J Williamson, M Williamson, Wright

Apologies: Cllr B Williams, J Williams, District Cllrs Rippeth and Smith

Not Present: Cllr Gilzean

In Attendance: S Mason – Clerk, County and District Cllr Bradnam

18/183 OPEN FORUM

Item 18/187 - County Cllr Bradnam asked to speak. She understood the concerns of the Parish Council about the SPD process but noted that the SCDC Planning team was facing severe resource pressures and that a reply had now been sent. She therefore asked the Council to reconsider the recommendation of its Planning Committee that a formal complaint is raised.

County Cllr Bradnam then left the meeting.

18/184 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllrs P Johnson and B Johnson Item 18/186a - declared a personal interest as their family firm had been contracted to fit the new foundation stones in the cemetery extension.

Cllr Grant Item 18/186a - declared a personal interest as the Library Officer since there was a library line entry in the draft budget.

18/185 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 8 January 2019 were agreed and signed a true record of the meeting

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

18/186 2019/20 BUDGET AND COUNCIL PRECEPT 2019/2020

a. To review and if approved, adopt the [FY2019/2020 budget proposed](#) by the Finance Committee

Before the substantive discussion, the Clerk explained the following updates since the draft budget recommended by Finance Committee:

- Electricity The budget had no allowance for price increases. Quotes received subsequently indicated these would be in the region of 10 – 12%
- Cemetery grass cutting – the budget sum agreed would provide cover for absence of ground staff but not the takeover of the service (it had been pointed out that the incidence of cuts in 2018 was not representative due to the exceedingly dry summer)
- NP work – referring to the Finance Committee's recommended reduction in the staff salary budget, the Clerk reported that she had now received confirmation from both SCDC and Locality that NP admin resource could not be claimed in grant support from either organisation.

- Repayment loan – it transpires that one of the two loans in the budget had been paid up in December 2018...

The meeting then discussed the proposed figures and **AGREED** to adopt the budget presented to it.

Proposed: Cllr Bavester Seconded: Cllr Howlett In favour: 11 Abstentions: 4

b. To consider the [report of the Finance Committee](#) recommending that the precept for 2019-2020 should be £162,884 representing a Band D Council Tax of £84 per household.

After detailed discussion on these and other questions an amended proposal was made proposal was made that the precept should be set at £85/ The amended proposal was voted on first.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Seamarks. IN favour 4 Against 6 Abstentions 2

Proposal not carried.

As this motion was not carried, the original proposal was then voted on.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr P Johnson In favour: 10 Against: 1 Abstention: 1

The Clerk would notify South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Councillor Howlett left the meeting

18/187 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

To discuss a recommendation from Planning Committee that the Council should make a formal complaint to SCDC about the lack of response to WPC letter to Stephen Kelly, the SCDC Joint Head of Planning.

After considerable discussion, Council **AGREED** to submit a complaint – a letter would be signed by Cllrs Bull and Grant as Chairs of the Council; and its Planning Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Cllr Bavester In favour: 9 Against: 2 Abstention: 1

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

SIGNED (Chair).....

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