

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 November 2019 at 7.30pm

THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Bavester, Bull, Gilzean, Howlett, B Johnson. Rabbett, Seamarks, Shipp, B Williams, J Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson

Apologies: Cllrs Grant, P Johnson, Wright

Also in attendance: County & District Cllr Bradnam, District Cllr Smith;
S Mason, Clerk

M Scott, Project manager for item 19/141

R Pinion Senior Groundsman for item 19/140

19/137 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

19/138 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

19/139 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

19/118 should refer to a meeting date of 5 September 2019, not 1 October 2019. With this amendment, the minutes of the meeting on 1 October 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr J Williams Seconded: Cllr J Williamson In favour: 10 Abstentions: 2

19/140 PARISH COUNCIL EQUIPMENT

a) It was **AGREED** to purchase from S106 funds a set of new reconditioned gang mowers with the existing set to be retained and used interchangeably as required

Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Cllr J Williamson In favour: 10 Abstentions: 2

b) New Holland tractor - the Clerk explained that initial investigations indicated that a tractor, loader and mower deck could be procured for within £20,000 but that further work needed to be done. It was **AGREED** to earmark up to £20,000 of S106 funding to replace the New Holland tractor and attachments. The Clerk and Senior Groundsman were asked to explore purchase and lease options and present findings to a future meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Cllr J Williamson In favour: 10 Abstentions: 2

19/141 RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

a) It was **AGREED** to pilot a solar powered one bollard to test its efficacy over the winter months.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Shipp Unanimous

b) it was **AGREED** to pilot a solar lighting column on the Recreation Ground at an estimated installation cost of £1,000.

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson Seconded: Cllr Seamarks Unanimous

19/142 PURCHASES

a. Members asked that the police security advisor was consulted before any decisions were taken on security enhancements.

b. It was **AGREED** to approve the purchase of two benches at a cost of £980.

Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded: Cllr Rabbett Unanimous

19/143 CAMLOCKS REQUEST – ADOPTION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE +/-OR PLAY AREA

- a) To receive a surveyor's report and determine if there is sufficient information to enable a definitive response
- b) To discuss the request for assistance from CamLocks re associated legal issues. (papers circulated to Cllrs)

Members were concerned at the apparent degree of risk highlighted both in the surveyors report and at a site visit accompanied by the Chair and the Clerk. It was **AGREED** that it would not be appropriate to consider the matter further unless/until Morris Homes took action to reduce the risks to the minimum level possible. Any discussion on the request from Camlocks management would be premature until the former issue had been resolved.

Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded: Cllr Rabbett Unanimous

19/144 MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS – INFORMAL ENGAGEMENT WITH DEVELOPERS

Item deferred to a future meeting as an out of date draft had inadvertently been circulated

19/145 MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS – STANDING ITEM

a. **S3372/17/CW Energy from Waste Plant (Incinerator).**

The Chair reported that the Inspector hearing the appeal had indicated he would willing to receive further PC input if there were still issue to be raised,. Councillors were asked to feed in potential text and a document would be tabled for approval at an additional Council meeting on 19 November.

b. **Urban and Civic planning application S/0559/17/OL.**

It was agreed that Cllrs Gilzean and B Williams should represent the Parish Council at any workshops organised on transport/public realm. A draft paper representing what the PC felt it would be useful to cover would be forwarded to U&C for consideration

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr B Johnson In favour: 10 Abstentions: 2
The Neighbourhood Plan group would also have a (separate) representative at any workshop.

It was agreed that Jane Williamson should represent the Parish Council on the Heritage stakeholder group

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Seamarks In favour: 10 Abstentions: 2

c. **RLW Outline Planning permission for land East of the Barracks S/2075/18/OL**
not discussed

d. **d. [S/0791/18//FL Relocated Railway Station](#)**
not discussed

19/146 [S/2622/19/VC](#) GIBSON CLOSE , WATERBEACH

Variation of conditions 22 (highway works) and 28 (bollards) of variation of condition planning application S/0356/19/VC

The Chair reported that the County Highways team now on site concurred with the views of the adjoining property owner and the PC that one of the drawings was inaccurate. It was therefore now unlikely to be that the two bollards proposed outside no 1 Greenside would be installed.

19/147 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The District Cllrs report has been circulated. Cllr Smith added that a consultation on the next Local Plan would be commencing on 6 January 2020.

The County Councillors report had been received. She added that she was part of a stakeholder working party that had met to discuss the sufficiency of the water supply in the Cambridge catchment area. A report was due in January 2020.

The Clerk's report had been circulated.

19/148 PARISH PRECEPT FOR 2020-21

Members remained concerned the number of new houses seemed low but noted that the Clerk had already queried the basis of the calculations on the tax base and a slight adjustment had been made. District Cllr Bradnam advised that the calculations were done on houses registered for Council tax rather than new builds per se.

19/149 STREET LIGHTS

This item was deferred so it could be considered alongside an alternative option.

19/150 STREET NAMING – DEVELOPMENT OFF ROSEMARY ROAD

Council **AGREED** it wished to retain its preference for the name Whiterod Close and asked the Clerk to outline the reasons in replying to the letter. Mr Whiterod owned the coal yard that was once on the site, and his wife was well known as the secretary of the village primary school.

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr B Johnson Unanimous

19/151 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2019/2020

The meeting noted that the external auditor had not raised any objections and had signed off the 2019/2020 which were now on the notice boards and website.

19/152 AGE UK WARDEN SCHEME

Cllr J Williamson explained how the scheme was being supported by the Evelyn Trust and the meeting **AGREED** its grant payment could be transferred directly to Age UK when it arrives.

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson Seconded: Cllr B Williams In favour: 11 Abstention: 1

19/153 MONTHLY PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

The accounts for **AGREED** for payment

Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded: Cllr B Johnson In favour: 10 Abstention: 2

The bank reconciliation was noted.

19/154 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

An updated draft of the consultation document would be circulated to Cllrs who were urged to feed in comments so a final version could be tabled at the next meeting.

19/155 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Vicarage Close/Denson Close – the removal of the railing at the end of the footpath onto Vicarage Close had increased the risk of accidents. Cllr Howlett asked if SCDC could look again at what they could do to improve the situation.

Bannold Road – the raised ironwork outside the Persimmon development had been highlighted a number of times already but with cold dark conditions now being experienced it would be an even greater danger for cyclists.

19/156 COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

Cllr J Williamson reported that U&C had already hosted one stakeholder meeting on heritage. The Causeway route was the focus for highlighting heritage activity.

Cllr Gilzean reported that the MVAS sign was returning to Chittering

The meeting closed at 9.50pm