

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 7 January 2020 at 7.30pm**

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Anglian Water on a forthcoming consultation about the relocation of the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant. Whilst not yet able to reveal what sites were being considered they did commit to an extensive consultation over 3 phases, the first of which was expected to launch within the month

THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies: Cllrs B Johnson, Shipp

Also in attendance: County & District Cllr Bradnam, District Cllrs Rippeth and Smith
S Mason, Clerk

19/181 OPEN FORUM

The Chair of Waterbeach Action for Youth provide a report on activity over the past year and asked the Council to support its grant application ref 19/187b. The meeting agreed to vary the agenda order so that this item would be taken after the approval of the minutes from the last meetings.

19/182 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

19/183 MINUTES OF MEETING

a. The minutes of the meeting on 19 November 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Gilzean Seconded Cllr Wright. In favour: 7. Abstentions: 7

b. The minutes of the meeting on 3 December 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson Seconded Cllr Seamarks In favour: 12 Abstentions: 2

19/184 S106 INDEMNITY

To approve the signature of the indemnity for execution regarding S106 monies now due to be received from SCDC in respect of [S/2177/16](#) Land at Gibson Close, Waterbeach: Sports contribution: £20,345.65 ; Indoor Community Space contribution: £9,236.94

The meeting **AGREED** that the indemnity should be signed

Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded Cllr B Williams Unanimous

The Chair and Vice Chair duly signed the paperwork, witnessed by the Clerk.

19/185 CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

The Council AGREED the following response

- The Parish Council supports this version of the plan insofar as it does not indicate any proposals to site a new water treatment plant in the Parish – and furthermore it notes there is plenty of evidence that there is considerable capacity in the plant at Milton.
- The webpage states that it anticipated that Submission will take place in March 2020, with the hearing sessions of the Examination (public inquiry) taking place in summer 2020. However, given that it is known that Anglian Water are working on plans to relocate the Milton plant, then WPC does not see how this version of the Plan cannot be considered as a final version.

- It maintains that the area North of Waterbeach is in the flood plan and that development in this area would be inconsistent with national planning policy.

However it has the following concerns and questions:

- The Parish Council maintains its objection to the proposal to site an energy from waste plant (incinerator) in the Parish (ref: Ref. No. S/3372/17/CW).
- No building above 15metres in height should be erected in the hatched area on the drawing denoting the Cambridge Waste Management Park.
- It expects to see appropriate clauses on adherence to air quality standards to be included in the contracts
- It urges that assessment criteria in the decision making processes must take into account the local transport infrastructure.

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr K Grant In favour: 13 Abstention: 1

19/186 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Clerk had submitted a written report.

County Cllr Bradnam had submitted a written report, In addition she mentioned that she had been approached about the condition of the bus stop at Chittering, and had also received a request for a shelter on the Northbound side of the road. Members raised the following issues:

- concerns regarding the condition of the willow trees between the railway station and the Bridge. Splits can be seen in tree trunks on both sides of the road and it was felt some pollarding would be needed.
- NR contractors were using the layby at the Sailing Club which was now in a poor condition. In addition a low loader had been seen parked close to the crossing causing a potential danger to traffic.

The District Cllrs had submitted a written report. The following issues were also discussed:

- there had been flytipping on Clayhithe Road of what appeared to be highways spoil. It had been reported in on the Envirocrime website.
- Council would like District Cllrs to engage and support it regarding its sewage relocation concerns
- A message from SCDC on planning processes was due out shortly
- Cllr Grant raised the question about the service charge paid by residents in Chapel Close. Cllr Smith explained this was towards the communal room and area and not lighting.
- Cllr M Williamson asked if the District Cllrs could find out anything about when the community governance review was likely to review Waterbeach Parish.

Cllr Grant as the Library Officer said she had measured the footprint of the existing facility but it was felt that a 50% increase was needed to get a facility sufficiently large and fit for purpose.

19/187 GRANT APPLICATION

a. Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup - the Council **AGREED** to award grant funding of £2,960

Proposed: Cllr B Johnson Seconded: Cllr P Johnson Unanimous

The following item was taken out of order and discussed after item 19/183.

b. Waterbeach Action for Youth – it was noted that the sum being requested was larger than in previous years. Council deferred a decision pending more information on WAY reserves holdings policy and details on how the grant would be used.

19/188 SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

The Clerk presented the findings of a recent site visit from the Police Crime Prevention Team. Despite a consequent purchase recommendation from her, Members wished to explore other potential solutions before making a decision.

19/189 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

The accounts for December were **APPROVED** for payment

Proposed: Cllr M Bavester Seconded: Cllr Rabbett In favour: 12 Abstentions: 2

The bank reconciliation to end November 2019 was noted.

19/190 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It was **AGREED** to renew the Council's membership with ACRE at a cost of £57.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded; Cllr Grant Unanimous

19/191 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Bus shelter

a. Denny End Road - the Council was concerned that the existing panels are too flimsy and will investigate alternative more durable options before deciding how to proceed.

Cambridge Road bus shelter - It was **AGREED** to accept a quote of £145 to remove the roof due to its poor condition

Proposed: Cllr Grant Seconded: Cllr Wright Unanimous

b) Other issues raised:

Cllr Seamarks had reported the potholes by the Chinese takeaway and White Horse and recommended illustrating reports with photos wherever possible.

Follow up to the fire at the Waste Management Park - the fire brigade had made a number of recommendations to Amey following the recent fire. These included requiring Amey to notify the Environment Agency directly of such incident as well as asking them to engage with Councils to improve the way that batteries are received.

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting for a further 10 minutes

Proposed; Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Wright Unanimous

19/192 OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

Operation London Bridge is the 'codename' for the procedures to be taken in the event of the Queen's passing. It was noted that guidance would be received from the County Council but in order to make appropriate preparations now the Clerk would be purchasing a book of condolence and black armbands using the stationery budget.

19/193 ACTIONS LOG

Members reviewed the action log which would now be kept up to date with some further columns added