

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Cllrs Howlett, B Johnson

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

19/221 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present

19/222 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The following were declared:

Cllr Shipp – pecuniary interest in items 19/229 a and b

Cllr K Grant – 19/225 (monthly payments include a payment to her)

J Williamson – 19/225 – (on management committee of Age UK warden scheme for which a payment is listed)

19/223 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February were **AGREED** as a true record and signed by the Chair

Proposed: Cllr Gilzean Cllr Wright Unanimous

19/224 S106 MATTERS

a. Reconditioned gang mowers

The Clerk explained she had approached three suppliers but only one had a set of reconditioned mowers ready to go. In the circumstances the meeting **APPROVED** the purchase of this set at a cost of £6,500 plus delivery

Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Cllr B Williams In favour 9 Against 3 Abstention 1

b. Toddler bookcases - the Clerk explained the toddler bookcases agreed under ref 19/167 were no longer available. In the circumstances the meeting **AGREED** the purchase of an alternative at a cost of £765.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Wright Unanimous

c. To receive quotes for security enhancements on the Rec Ground

At the request of the Clerk, Cllr Rabbett had kindly agreed to explore this. A number of companies had been approached but only one had provided a quote. It was **AGREED** to approve the quote for £1,620 (excl tokens and annual maintenance charge) subject to the Clerk gaining a satisfactory answer on the following points:

- Safety of the decibel level
- Details of reset capability after an incident
- Arrangements to enable access in event of electrical failure

Proposed: Cllr Shipp Seconded: Cllr Gilzean Unanimous

d. To accept a quote of £200 for the old Stolhert roller

The Clerk explained the disposal of this item was proving difficult. It had been originally intended to place it in an auction but transportation to it (and back should it not sell) was a problem. Scramblers had offered £200 for it. It was proposed by Cllr Rabbett this sum was accepted

Cllr Shipp then offered to pay the Council £500 for the item. An amended motion was therefore proposed to accept his offer. The amended motion was considered first:

Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded Cllr K Grant. Unanimous.

This motion therefore became the substantive motion

Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded Cllr K Grant. Unanimous

Motion **AGREED**. The Clerk would raise an invoice and send to Cllr Shipp.

e. It was **AGREED** to use S106 funds to purchase a Mimi 2 bookcases for donation to Waterbeach Independent Learning Library, along with an A frame to advertise the sessions at a total cost of £707.

Propose: Cllr N Seemarks Seconded: Cllr J Williamson Unanimous

f. to note plans to consult on play facilities for older children

Cllrs Bull and B Johnson had approached a number of potential suppliers to get their ideas about items for older children (12+). A request for monkey bars and a zip wire had been received so suppliers had been asked to include these in their suggestions on how to make best use of the space. These would need to be consulted on and a drop in session at the Annual Parish Meeting would be one such opportunity.

g. To suggest potential items for S106 indoor community projects

Members were asked to forward suggestions to the Clerk in preparation for a future discussion.

19/225 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

The payments list for February 2020 was **APPROVED**

Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Cllr Wright In favour 10 Abstentions 3

19/226 PURCHASES

It was **AGREED** to accept a quote of £1,263.40 from Universal fencing to replace the damaged fence at Chittering playpark.

Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Cllr Gilzean Unanimous

It was **AGREED** to accept the quote £770 from Universal Fencing for a new keeper style gate at the entrance to Chittering playpark

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr Rabbett Unanimous

19/227 GRANT APPLICATIONS

a. To consider a funding request from: A Day at the Beach (DATB) £1,000

The Council noted that DATB were seeking grant funding from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. It **AGREED** it was prepared to contribute up to a maximum £1,000 to top up the funding to the overall project cost of £1,250 figure and therefore asked the Clerk to wait the outcome of the CCF application before arranging payment and informing Council of the actual figure.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Wright In favour 12 Abstention: 1

b. To revisit the request from WAY for £5,000 grant.

WAY had provide further information to support its grant request. It was **AGREED** to award a sum of £2,500 and invite WAY to submit a further application in six months' time.

Proposed: Cllr Grant Seconded: Cllr Rabbett Unanimous

c. 2019/2020 budget for grant funding

It was **AGREED** to increase the 2019/2020 grant budget to £1,760

Proposed: Cllr Grant Seconded: Cllr Seemarks Unanimous.

19/228 WPC STAFF HOURS

It was **AGREED** to recruit and fill the post on the basis of 15 hours per week summer hours and 8 hours per week in the winter months

**Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Rabbett In favour: 8 Abstentions: 4
Against: 1**

Cllr Shipp left the meeting at 8.45pm.

19/229 MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS – STANDING ITEMS

a. S/2075/18/OL RLW development

Land adjacent to Waterbeach Barracks & Airfield site, Waterbeach
RLW had offered to meet the Parish Council to provide an update on progress. The Clerk was asked to suggest 23 March and reiterate that an engineer should be in attendance so that the concerns over deep ditches could be addressed.

b. S/0791/18//FL Relocated Railway Station

Cllr M Williamson had found a website explaining the GRIP decision making process deployed by Network Rail: <https://cdn.networkrail.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Investing-in-the-Network.pdf>. These seemed to suggest that the target date of 2022 suggested by the scheme promoters was unduly optimistic.

c. S/0559/17/OL Urban and Civic planning application

Cllr B Williams reported that there had been a useful session with U&C. The importance of looking at the village as a whole was recognised and U&C would come up with some suggestions to kick this off which they would bring back for discussion. Responses were then AGREED to the following elements of this application:

Discharge of condition 10.b (Delivery Plan) S/4258/19/DC

Given the WPC position in respect to the Design Code particularly in respect to visual impacts of the higher buildings and uncertainty concerning land levels, it appears that there is a sequence of conditions that would need to be addressed in order for WPC to withdraw its holding objection to the Delivery Plan:

- 1- Clarification of the levels strategy and WPC would need to consider its position in respect to the land levels proposed therein as set out in the condition 10(m) submission. S/4264/19/DC
- 2- The land levels in condition 10m would need to be assessed in the context of the Design Code (having regard to visual impact on raising some land levels) and WPC would need to be satisfied that the wider impacts were acceptable.
- 3- Thereafter WPC considers that the Delivery Plan is unacceptable having regard to its position in relation to points 1 and 2.

Levels - S/4264/19/DC

WPC appear not to have been advised that additional / amended information in relation to levels which has been uploaded to the SCDC website in order to inform a response. WPC notes that overall position remains the same because the developers still propose to raise the land over much of Key Phase 1 by approximately 1 metre. In view of the above WPC object for the following reasons:

- the substance of the ground level strategy remains the same raising the land by 1m
- the Design Code is predicated on those levels, and WPC was concerned that this would impact unacceptably on visual amenity and has accordingly raised an objection to SCDC in this respect.
- Given the standing objection to the Design code, and the fact that the Delivery Plan is predicated on a number of aspects of the Design Code, WPC therefore reiterate the standing objection pending resolution of the above.

Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Cllr P Johnson In favour:11 Abstention: 1

d. S3372/17/CW Energy from Waste Plant (Incinerator) Not discussed

e. Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Not discussed

f) Arrangements for meetings

The Clerk had been asked to arrange a standalone meeting with RLW. Members also discussed whether it might be useful to meet with SCDC Planning officers and were asked to forward potential items for discussion to the Clerk.

19/230 SCDC POLICY ON PLANNING DELEGATIONS

It was noted that this would be on the agenda for the SCDC Parishes Liaison Meeting on Monday 30 March. Cllrs were asked to notify the Clerk if they were able to attend.

19/231 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Clerk had submitted a written report. She also added the following:

- Stagecoach changes coming into effect on 15 March would mean that the Milton P&R ride service would no longer serve the Grafton Centre. Passengers would have to change at Drummer Street and pick up the Newmarket Road P&R service (same ticket would be valid).
- CCC had notified parishes at the next round of Local Highway Improvement bids may open as early as April. The Highways Committee would be convened on 12 March to start the discussion process on what could be included in next year's bid.
- WPC had been advised that the school Travel and Transport group had invited WPC to attend its meeting on 9 March. Cllrs Gilzean and J Williams said that they were planning to attend.

The County Cllr had submitted a written report. She also reported that the Greater Cambridge Partnership who had been due to attend, had withdrawn from public meetings as result of the Combined Authority(CA) Mayor wanting to take control of transport projects. A CA meeting on 6 March should make the overall position somewhat clearer regarding what was happening with transport projects.

The District Cllrs report had been circulated.

It was agreed to extend the meeting by 15 minutes

Proposed: Cllr Bull seconded Cllr J Williamson Unanimous

Cllr Grant as Library officer reported the library was still operating under difficult conditions. Although there was no firm date yet, it was expected that the outer gate would be removed soon, albeit with further disruption at some point in the future when tarmacking work would need to be done outside.

Cllr Grant thanked the Brownies and their families who had helped plant the trees WPC had obtained with the SCDC Free Trees voucher. Thanks were also due to Cllrs Seamarks, Shipp and Wright who participated. Cllr Wright advised that the Brownies had kindly offered to help plant snowdrops bulbs in Cowhollow Wood.

The Chair reported that the SCDC Environmental Health officer had reported that pest control measures at the barn on the Car Dyke site appeared to be working. The grain had now gone and the barn would be pest proofed.

19/232 MEMORIAL BENCH POLICY

This item was deferred owing to a lack of time.

19/233 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This would be on Thursday 23rd April 2020 at the Baptist Church. Prior to the meeting at 7pm there would be a drop in event for people to give their views on the ideas for the older children.

19/234 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Further serious concerns were raised about the state of the Chapel Street pedestrian crossing. Despite further approaches to CCC there was as yet still no firm date for the repainting works to take place.

19/235 ACTIONS LOG

This was noted. Where Cllrs had agreed to progress items this should also reflected in the log.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Unapproved