

## WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 May 2020 at 7.00pm using Zoom virtual meeting platform

### 20/1 THOSE PRESENT/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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

### 20/2 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public had joined the meeting

### 20/3 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

### 20/4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the Council meeting on 3 March 2020 were approved and will be signed as a true record of the meeting.

**In favour: 12 Abstentions: 2**

The minutes of the Council meeting on 20 March 2020 were approved and will be signed as a true record of the meeting.

**In favour: 8 Abstentions: 4**

### 20/5 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR UPDATES

County Cllr Bradnam reported the following:

- Household waste recycling centres were opening on 11 May. Green bin collections would also recommence then. Whilst residents were encouraged to leave the green bins out each fortnight. They will be emptied at least once per month owing to resource levels – residents were encouraged to leave out each fortnight in case an extra pick-up was possible. In the current circumstances each team would consist of two operatives rather than three, so residents are encouraged to bunch bins up and also to combine where possible.
- County Highways teams are out repairing various potholes.

County Cllr Bradnam left the meeting at 7.30 as she had another PC meeting to join.

The Clerk had submitted a written report. In discussion the following points were raised:

- Car park update – the contractor had encountered delays in collecting material so the planned start date had been put back to 18 May
- Grass cutting. Urban and Civic had kindly agreed to give the village green a cut while the groundsman was off. The Clerk had thanked them and asked for an invoice. The Clerk had encountered an individual mowing small sections of the Recreation Ground who had explained why they were doing this. However she was instructed to write asking them to desist.
- Cycle racks – it was suggested that VAT rules may allow the PC to recover VAT for cycle racks funded from SCDC grant awarded to Waterbeach Cycling Campaign. The Clerk will need to check if so and what conditions might apply.
- Tillage Hall cycle racks – while everyone agreed it was a good idea to relocate them, there were a range of view on where they could go. The Clerk would follow up with the Chair and Tillage Hall representatives in the first instance
- Councillor resignation – by a vote of 12 in favour and 2 Abstentions the Clerk was asked to convey the thanks of the Parish Council to Alan Shipp for his many years of service.

- New cemetery trees – members conveyed their thanks to the daughter of one of the Councillors who had been watering the trees. The Clerk would ask the groundsman on his return to action this.

The District Cllrs had submitted a written report. D Cllr Smith also referred to the SCDC grants for businesses and urged members to draw them to the attention to eligible businesses in case they had not already applied. Details were on the [financial support for businesses](#) page of the SCDC website.

The Library Officer (Cllr Grant) reported that libraries remain closed albeit the County Library service was endeavouring to offer various events on line.

The Tree Officer (Cllr Grant) expressed concern about the condition of the willow trees along Clayhythe Road, some of which had already had problems which members of the public had dealt with. Members also added that two other locations were causing concerns, namely the trees along Car Dyke Road and those at the far end of Burgess Road which were narrowing the width of the road space. Cllr Smith would relay this to County Cllr Bradman.

The Chair reported that a number of options regarding new items of play equipment for older children had been collected. This would be tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

**20/6 CO-OPTION POLICY**

The draft co-option policy for casual vacancies that had been tabled was **AGREED**.

**In favour: 14 - unanimous**

**20/7 MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS – STANDING ITEM**

Standing item

a. RLW Outline Planning permission for land East of the Barracks [S/2075/18/OL](#)

The Admin Clerk was in touch with RLW with a view to fixing up a Zoom briefing to go over concerns raised at the last Community Forum in February.

b. Urban and Civic planning application [S/0559/17/OL](#).

Cllr J Williams was concerned that the current unusual set of circumstances should not compromise the rigour with which the District Council would scrutinise applications and monitor conditions. She asked that this was included on the agenda for the next Planning Committee.

c. [S3372/17/CW](#) Energy from Waste Plant (Incinerator) )

d. [S/0791/18//FL](#) Relocated Railway Station )nothing to report on these items

e. potential relocation of the Water Treatment Plant )

**20/8 MONTHLY PAYMENTS**

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

**In favour: 12 Abstentions: 2**

The bank reconciliation for March 2020 was noted.

**20/9 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The following issues were raised:

- The Clerk had not made any headway on exploring the scope for more durable solutions for the broken bus shelter panels on Denny End Road. Cllr Gilzean said he may be able to provide a useful contact and would get in touch with her subsequently.
- Large potholes on Denny End Road on opposite sides of the road needed urgent attention – Cllr Seemarks would alert County Cllr Bradman.
- Copies of the Rospa playground reports would be circulated to Councillors along with a commentary note when available.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm