

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 June 2020 at 7.00pm

20/10 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 Cllrs Rippeth and Smith

20/11 OPEN FORUM

A representative from the Waterbeach Cycling Campaign explained the background to its request for permission to install cycle racks at three locations on WPC land and urged Council to look favourably on the request.

A member of the public drew attention to a recent DfT initiative with highway authorities to instal quick win measures to promote more cycling and walking. In connection with this, Cllrs Gilzean, B Williams and Rabbett reported back from a recent Camscycle zoom meeting organised by Camscycle to discuss a proposal to close Claythither bridge to motor traffic. WPC had not been made aware of the initiative and the Clerk was asked to contact CCC as the highways authority urgently to ask that no such proposal was signed off without the required level of consultation.

20/12 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

20/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting on 5 May 2020 were **AGREED** and will be signed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Williamson Seconded: Cllr Johnson Unanimous

20/14 OFFICER & COUNCILLOR UPDATES

i) The Clerk had submitted a written report. She also mentioned the following:

- The professional bodies for football and cricket had issued guidance about training which now permitted limited activity. She had been in contact with each representative groups about this and also to reiterate that the pavilions remained out of bounds.
- There had been a complaint about two tennis coaches monopolising two of the three courts one evening last week. She would be asking coaches to make themselves known to so she could find out more about this.
- There had been some derogatory remarks on Waterbeach Babble about the quality of the groundwork. She asked Cllrs to help spread the message that complaints should be sent to the Parish Office and to do what they could to discourage unfounded and speculative posts on social media.

ii) The County Cllr had submitted a written report. She also added that:

- The DfT active cycling. /walking initiative referred to in the Open Forum was moving extremely quickly and without the normal levels of consultation as Milton PC had discovered when cycle lanes appeared without warning on High Street. She was trying to pull together a list of suggestions.
- Bluebell Woods – she had supported concerns raised about the certificate of lawful development that had been granted (S/2681/19/LD). The approval went back many

years and it was strange that the Highways Authority had not been consulted when the conditions had changed so much in the intervening time. She had asked SCDC joined head of planning to look into it. It was also pointed out this was the scene of the recent fatality on the road.

iii) The District Councillors had submitted a written report. The following issues were also discussed:

- Councils had had a duty to provide shelter for homeless people during the Covid 19 pandemic. SCDC and Cambridge City both had done this.
- Fewes Lane consortium legal challenge - Cllr H Smith clarified that SCDC had conceded the first point raised in the challenge. The whole issue of planning delegations were to be reviewed by the Planning Advisory Service.

The Library Officer reported that the County Council were understood to be planning a service in some form in July or August. Guidance was awaited. It was hoped that some sort of summer reading challenge would still be organised.

The Chair conveyed the sincere thanks of a grateful resident to the Waterbeach Mutual Aid Covid 19 group for their tremendous support at this difficult time.

20/15 SCDC PLANNING PROCESSES

Cllrs reiterated their concern that local members may have local knowledge that SCDC officers lacked and felt they should be given an opportunity to comment following submissions from other statutory bodies.

20/16 MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS – STANDING ITEM

a. RLW Outline Planning permission for land East of the Barracks S/2075/18/OL

The meeting noted the issues raised during a discussion with RLW on drainage which would be put onto the next Planning Committee agenda.

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

The Clerk said she had not yet received any feedback on items Cllrs wished to raise with U&C Cllr Grant said a site visit would be very useful once practicable.

It was agreed that Cllrs B Williams and Gilzean would continue to represent the PC at a feedback presentation from the designer working for U&C on transport mitigation.

The Clerk reiterated her request for members to feed in issues/questions and concerns they would like to raise with SCDC planners.

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

d. S/0791/18//FL Relocated Railway Station) not discussed

e. potential relocation of the Water Treatment Plant)

20/17 MONTHLY PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

The accounts were approved for payment.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr P Johnson In favour 13 Abstentions 2

The bank reconciliation for April 2020 was noted

It was **AGREED** to transfer £30,000 from the Unity Trust current account to the S106 account held with CCLA (in order to keep current account holdings within the FSCS bank protection limit).

Proposed: Cllr J Wright Seconded: Cllr Rabbett Unanimous

20/18 GRANT APPLICATION

It was **AGREED** to approve the request for a grant payment of £250 to the Cogwheel Trust.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Wright In favour 14 Abstentions 1

20/19 WPC RISK REGISTER

It was concluded that it would be preferable to review the register in sections owing to its size and the time available in any one meeting. The Clerk was asked to schedule this in to future meetings.

20/20 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Play areas. The Clerk updated on actions in hand following the receipt of the Rospa reports on the play areas. Playgrounds remained closed owing to the Covid 19 lockdown.

Chattering fence and gate. The Clerk explained she had approached the identified contractor for the fence and gates at Chattering asked them to propose a different fixing for the gate posts in the light of the Rospa recommendation. The posts would now be fixed in concrete for an additional cost of £100 which she would be accepting. The company had been on lockdown and she would find out when the work was likely to be done.

20/21 USE OF PARISH LAND/PROPERTY

a. Cycle racks

To discuss request from Waterbeach Cycling Campaign (WCC) for permission to place cycle racks :Outside the One Stop, Outside JB's hair salon and On the corner of the village green opposite Londis (Village Store)

Councillors were in favour in principle but before committing funds the Clerk was asked to double check no planning permissions were needed after which the WCC would be asked to supply a costed proposal.

Relocation of the Tillage Hall cycle racks currently at the Tillage Hall rear

In discussion it was requested that relocations should not reduce the size of the hardstanding in front of the Tillage Hall. In addition to the two sites already identified it was suggested that the area of rough scrub to the rear of the Sports Pavilion may be a good location. The Clerk would pursue with the Project Manager.

b. Creation of a mini library in the old Fire Engine house

Councillors considered the request carefully but raised a number of concerns including:

- The unsuitability the structure for this purpose given the likely damage to stock
- The recurrence of anti-social behaviour that had caused gates to be fitted some time ago to prevent incidents
- The lack of information on operational and financial costs involved, as well as risk mitigation measures

The Clerk was asked to relay these to the proposer as they would need to be addressed before the matter could be considered.

c. Outdoor Table tennis

A lot of information had been provided including an offer from Cambridge City Council to meet its table tennis officer to discuss options before taking final decisions on siting and type. The Clerk was asked to take up this offer and report back.