

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th December 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

PRESENT

Councillor B Bull, Chairman

Councillors W. Bullivant, J. Rabbett, B. Johnson, P. Johnson, J. Cornwell, A. Wright, C Smith, N Kay and K. Grant

IN ATTENDANCE

E Jones, Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

43/13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 November 2013 were confirmed as correct.

44/13 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillors declared interests as follows: -

Cllr Smith – item 3 (11 High Street)

Cllr Bull – item 3 (11 High Street)

Cllr P. Johnson as District Councillor for South Cambridgeshire District Council.

45/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications

Members considered the following applications for planning permission, as a result of which it was:

RESOLVED

- i) S/2092/13/OL Land to the East of Cody Road & North of Bannold Road, Waterbeach, CB25 9LS – Outline application: Residential Development of up to 36 dwellings and formation of accesses
 - that the Parish Council objects to the above application for the following reasons:

1. Possible flood risk as existing drainage ditch is not maintained
2. Overdevelopment of the site
3. It is in the green belt under the new local plan
4. Parking and access for service vehicles (fire, ambulance, refuse) would be problematic along Cody Road which is not a wide road.
5. It is not in accordance with the proposed SCDC development plan
6. It impacts the green field buffer zone between the village and the former military housing
7. Not needed as there are potentially up to 900 houses on the barracks site
8. Overloading of the IDB drainage system which will cause backups elsewhere.
9. Another balancing pond might be needed.
10. It will change the rural nature of this part of the village, currently used by many residents for walking.
11. Noise and disturbance to wildlife
12. The archaeology is unknown as no sample pits have been dug in the immediate area

- ii) S/2053/13/FL Land adjacent to 41 Denny End Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9PB - the construction of 34 new dwellings including 32 affordable and 2 market sale properties, as well as associated vehicular access and external works.

- that the Parish Council objects to the above application for the following reasons:

1. It is in the green belt
2. It is outside the village framework
3. It is on high grade agricultural land
4. The density of housing is higher than first discussed (17 properties as opposed to the application for 32 affordable properties and 2 market sale properties, not in the spirit for such exception sites which are typically 8 or fewer dwellings.
5. There are now potentially up to 900 houses on the barracks site which were not vacant when this was first discussed
6. This land currently acts as a buffer between the industrial estate and the village
7. There is no allowance for pedestrian access between the proposed development and Winfold Road/Clare Close
8. There are already traffic problems on Denny End Road and the 50mph sign is immediately adjacent to the proposed access

- iii) S/2459/13/FL 11 High Street, Waterbeach, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB25 9HN – Installation of ATM with associated signage.

[Councillors Bull and Smith left the room during this discussion]

- that the Parish Council has no objection to the above planning application

- iv) C/11/40/093 39 Station Road, Waterbeach - Application to undertake work on trees situated within a conservation area.

- that the Parish Council has no objection to the above application.

(b) Determinations

The committee noted that the South Cambridgeshire District Council had determined the following applications:-

- (i) S/2364/13/DC 17 Robson Court, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9LE – discharge of conditions of planning permission reference S/2064/12/FL

46/13 CAMLOCKS

Nothing new to report.

47/13 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Cllr Johnson reported that

1. The Lock farmhouse has now been demolished
2. No breach of conditions had been found at 7 Chesham Walk

48/13 LOCAL PLAN

South Cambs District council had acknowledged representations but members commented that it was hard to find comments about Waterbeach online as it is very difficult to search the database if you do not know the names of the respondents.

Councillor Bull proposed to call SCDC and ask them to talk her through the process so that we can discuss it next month at the planning meeting.

It was also commented that it was very undemocratic that the information was not available to residents who did not have access to the web

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman