

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 3 December 2007 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Mr Trevor Dell, Dr R Gambell, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr James Hockney, Mrs T Hutchison, Mr A Wyatt, and Mrs M Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor) joined the meeting later in the evening

Public Participation. There were no members of the public present.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Ms Jackie Gregg
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 5 November 2007 The Minutes were agreed and signed with two alterations. Dr Gambell reported that the donation to Way should be £150 not £250 (Minute 12, second paragraph).

Mr Hinkins reported that the Neighbourhood Watch needs to be more active (delete it doesn't appear that the Neighbourhood Watch is functioning well) (Minute 12 paragraph 10)

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
Dr Gambell declared an interest in the Churchyard Grass Cutting (Item 10 on the Agenda)
- 4 **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

New Play Area – Invoices had been received for the New Play Area as shown in Finance (Minute 11). The Parish Council had agreed to pay £600 towards this and also the VAT element until the end of the year when the VAT could be reclaimed. Income from Mondegreen, SCDC and The Event Committe had also been received and banked (Minute 11).

All the minor repairs reported had been carried out to the Play Area.

Village Guide - Mr Hockney confirmed that the Village Guide would be going out in February 2008.

Donarbon - There was nothing further to report.

Letterhead - a village logo for the letterhead was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would consult Ted Gazely who held the copyright for this. It was felt other village organisations as well as the Parish Council should use it.

Trees around Village Hall - A quotation had been received to raise and thin crown the trees (2 field Maple) that stand beside the Village Hall for approximately £250 plus VAT. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall for a contribution towards this work.

A quotation to pollard the 3 poplar trees in the Play area had been received. This work needed to be done on safety grounds and the cost would be approximately £450 plus VAT.

It was agreed to obtain two more quotations for this work.

Mereham (revised A10 proposals) - There had been a meeting with Craig Drury (the person who has been putting the County Council's case against the development on Highways grounds) on 22 November 2007 with Waterbeach and Landbeach Parish Council representatives and the report was tabled.

All strongly oppose the plans for the changes to the A10 between Stretham and the A14 interchange.

The chairman had then met with the Waterbeach Parish Council chairman and a Chittering resident and a list of issues was drawn up.

It had been decided that each Parish Council would send in a response, covering Parish specific issues followed by general issues relating to the A10 and common to both parishes. The Landbeach Parish Council representation was discussed and suggestions noted and it was agreed for the chairman to post the finalised Landbeach response by special delivery to arrive before 6 December 2007. A copy to be sent to James Paice, MP South East Cambridgeshire.

Pocket Park - An email from a local resident was tabled outlining that there was no problem gaining access to the Pocket Park. It was felt that the gates should be made more secure. The Clerk to contact County Farms and report back to the next meeting.

Granary - Correspondence from Stephen Conrad was tabled in relation to the Granary, which he claimed had been used rent-free since the end of the lease. He asked the Parish Council to pay the rates for the interim period up to 31 October 2007. This was discussed and it was agreed that

the Parish Council had had no benefit from the Granary over this period and was under no obligation to contribute to the rates.

Mr Wyatt wanted it minuted that he had returned two sets of keys for the Granary from the Landbeach Society.

Litter-pick - It was reported that the litter-pick had taken place on 24 November 2007 and 12/13 bags of rubbish had been collected. Mr Dell agreed to collect some additional rubbish from the Landbeach Road.

Letter Pouch - It was reported that an email had been received from Royal Mail stating that the Letter Pouch could not be sited in the Village Hall car park because of security problems. They had also said that the post was not the responsibility of the Parish Council and they would endeavour to find a suitable location for it.

Bus Signage - it was agreed that this signage was still unclear as to which side of the road to wait for the bus. The Clerk to follow this up.

It was also agreed to make it clear in the next Village Guide.

Beche Way - There had been a telephone call from a resident in Beche Way thanking the Parish Council for their assistance in removing rubbish and garden debris from Beche Way.

Christmas Tree - Mrs Hutchison agreed to get a Christmas Tree to be erected outside Village Hall. Mr Hinkins would collect and decorate it.

5 Consider Proposed Budget for Precept 2008/2009

The proposed budget for the Precept was tabled. It was felt that there might need to be an increase of around £1,000 as there was no provision for any unexpected expenses such as tree felling etc. This would bring the Precept up to £15,000. This was discussed in length and it was agreed that Councillors would look at the budget and consider whether there were areas where it could be reduced.

After debate it was agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting.

6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

It was agreed to consult again with Stephen Conrad about affordable housing. Another site suggested was Green End. It was felt that other available options should be considered such as Chapman's Close and Waterbeach Road.

7 TRAFFIC CALMING

It was discussed whether traffic calming costs which would be around £30,000 should be incorporated into the Precept budget but it was felt that this would not be acceptable to villagers. An increase in the Precept for traffic calming would mean a massive increase to villagers.

Mr Dell enquired about the Lynn Fund and what it provides for. Mr Wyatt said that it is for youth and amenities in the village. At present it is looking at contributing to the cost of improvements to the Village Hall.

It was agreed that if the Mereham proposal went ahead, the Developers should be responsible for installing traffic calming in Landbeach as traffic rat running would be greatly increased.

It was felt that further discussion on traffic calming should be put to a vote of parishioners at the AGM.

8 RECREATION GROUND

There was nothing further to report.

9 GRASS CUTTING 2008

It was agreed to get three quotations for grass cutting as in previous years.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

CCC - Consultation on the introduction of the National Standard Planning Application Form

SCDC - November 2007 Housing Futures

Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services - Availability of mobile ICT Training Unit and Multimedia Van

Local Councils Update

South Cambs Magazine

SCDC - Public Consultations

SCDC - SCDC Parish Plan Statement

Cambridgeshire ACRE - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Rural Services Survey 2007-11-24 Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum

Local Access Forum meetings and activities

SCDC - Parish Council Toolkit

Robert Stripe: Parish of All Saints - Churchyard Grass Cutting

Dr Gambell agreed to speak to Mr Stripe about the Churchyard grass cutting.

SCDC - Milestones and Mileposts Dr Gambell also agreed to respond to SCDC as there are four milestones in the parish on the A10.

11 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
453	Geoff Setchell - Caretaking November 2007	£48.00		£48.00
454	WAY - donation	£150.00		£150.00
455	Maria Sylvester - November salary	£284.04		£284.04
455	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet	£9.97	£1.74	£9.97
456	Truelink Ltd - Grass Cutting November 2007	£467.18	£69.58	£467.18
457	Cottenham Village College Swimming Pool - donation	£50.00		£50.00
458	Victim Support - donation	£25.00		£25.00
459	Village Hall Committee - contribution towards the running of the car park light and security camera	£50.00		£50.00
460	Adventure Playgrounds - Play equipment	£23,498.83	£3,499.83	£23,498.83
460	Adventure Playgrounds - Seat for Play Area	£346.63	£51.63	£346.63
461	Dr R Gambell - advertising in Parish Magazine	£16.00		£16.00
462	SignArt - Sign for Play Area	£70.50	£10.50	£70.50
463	Mr G Hinkins - daffodil bulbs	£12.00	£2.00	£12.00

Income

The Lynn Landbeach Trust Fund (support funding for the
new Children's' Play Area) sent to Mondegreen

EB (Donarbon) with the Grant Claim forms	£913.00
Event Committee - Seat in Play Area	£295.00
Mondegreen (Donarbon)	£9,134.00
SCDC (Play Area)	£10,265.00

It was agreed that money would have to be transferred from the Reserve account to cover the VAT element on the New Play Area invoices.

Mr Dell enquired if the Widow's Trust could be used to fund daffodils, amenities or perhaps a seat for old people in the village.

Dr Gambell confirmed that it was available for people in need and the terms of the Trust were very tight.

12 PLANNING

New Applications:

S/2074/07/F Rear extension and change of use of garage to living accommodation

131 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach **Approved**

S/2091/07/F - Erection of double garage, boat shed and garden shed, following demolition of existing garage and shed

21 High Street, Landbeach - Mr L J Garratt **No recommendation**

S/2165/07/F 38 light industrial units with associated parking and site works after demolition of existing workshop and office

Former Duffields Volvo Site A10 Ely Road, Landbeach - Glenmore Commercial Estates Ltd **Serious concerns about traffic because of over-development of the site and traffic movement on A10. It completely changes the nature of what was there previously.**

S/2187/07/F Conversion of former stable block to offices with addition of new pitched roof

M Dickerson Ltd, Landbeach Pits, Ely Road, Landbeach - Mrs D Dickerson **Approved**

Tree Works

C/11/40/58 Leylandi Cypress trees on right-hand side of driveway - fell Laurel on right-hand side of driveway - prune to previous pruning points Jasmine Cottage, 79 Green End, Landbeach **Approved**

13 Councillors Reports

Councillor Williamson reported on the following:

Bob Howard from the Highways Department had resigned.

Sewage Works - He had spoken to David Atkinson who is in charge of the County and they are looking at the local development framework. If it is deemed to be business sewage, the site will stay where it is. If it is housing sewage, it will have to move. Cambridge Horizons are doing additional studies for location of the sewage works.

TIF (Transport Innovation Fund) are holding a workshop for Parish Councils in January or February to which the Parish Council will be invited.

Mereham - If this development goes ahead, conditions should be placed on the planning application to provide a suitable traffic-calming scheme in

Landbeach (approved by the Parish Council) and substantial improvements at the Slap-Up junction. These schemes to be funded by the developer.

Affordable Housing - Councillor Williamson agreed to speak to Stephen Conrad about this.

Mr Wyatt asked about the recognised name for 'Flint House'. Councillor Williamson said that this should be recognised as 'Flint Cottages' as shown on drawing on website.

Mr Dell reported that rubbish had been dumped in a field near Stanton Farm and it has hazardous waste in it. Clerk to report this to SCDC.

Mr Hinkins reported that he had looked at the grips in Spaldings Lane and there were a couple of grips out which are the responsibility of SCDC, but there doesn't seem to be a problem with drainage.

Mr Hinkins said that a microphone was needed in the Village Hall, which would either hang from the ceiling or stand erect, as the loop used at present is unsatisfactory. Mr Hinkins agreed to ask the Village Hall to look into this.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 7 January 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Signed Dated