

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 5 January 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Ms Helen Boysen, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk) and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor)

Public Participation. There was no public participation.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Mr Trevor Dell and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 1 December 2008 were agreed and signed with a revision to page 127, paragraph two 'Mr Wyatt said that the Lynn Fund would be willing to consider this'.
- 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
There was no declaration of interest.
- 4 MATTERS ARISING**

Landbeach Village Pond Mr Hinkins reported that he had had a meeting with Rob Mongovan from SCDC to inspect the pond and advise the Parish Council on the best way to pile it. Rob Mongovan had said to pile the logs in pyramids, five then four then three and put wire over the top and peg it. He recommended putting one in the sun and one in the shade, which provides a sanctuary for the Crested Newts.

It was reported that the Willow tree near the pond needs to be removed. Clerk to contact Truelink for advice on this.

Basketball Nets These would be erected in the Spring.

Cambridge Building Society - It was reported that all the necessary forms had been completed in order to bring these accounts up to date.

Affordable Housing - There is a Panel Meeting at SCDC on 15 January 2009 in connection with the erection of 8 Affordable Dwellings and 4 Market Homes at Walnut Farm Yard, High Street, Landbeach. Mr Hinkins agreed to attend this meeting.

Banworth Lane - It was reported that the erection of a fence blocking access in Banworth Lane had been reported to Countryside Access, Highways SCDC and County Farms.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Signs for car park - It was agreed that Mr Hinkins, Mrs Hale and the Clerk would meet and agree colour and size of signs needed.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator - It was reported that no one had come forward for the position of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

SCDC Parish Precepts - It was confirmed that any further comments about Parish Precepts should be submitted to SCDC by 9 January 2009.

SLCC/CPALC - Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting on 12 December 2009 when a report of CPALC activities was given. This was tabled at the meeting.

The Human Resources Advisor from SLCC was also in attendance and spoke about policies that Councils should have in place, particularly 'Dignity at Work, Bullying, Lone Working' and 'Recruitment and Complaints Procedures'.

CPALC - Cambridgeshire County Training Partnership Councillors to attend training courses. This was discussed and it was agreed that there was a need for Councillors to attend training courses, preferably before the 2010 Elections. Clerk to contact neighbouring villages with a view to combining training sessions using the County Training Partnership.

Canalbs Ltd - Courses are being offered by Canalbs. This was discussed and it was agreed to use CPALC for courses if possible.

Proposed Parish Council dates for 2009 - This was tabled and agreed. It was also agreed to hold the January 2010 meeting on the second Monday of January.

A speaker for the APM on 11 May 2009 was discussed and it was agreed to invite someone from Donarbon.

Mrs Hale reported that she had attended a Local Liaison Group at Donarbon on 4 December 2008. They gave an update on the MBT Plant and the contractors did an interesting presentation showing the works in progress. There were also some aerial photographs. November 2009 is the switch-on time.

It was also reported that the Chairman is appointed at the AGM on 27 April 2009 and Councillors were asked to give some thought as to whether they would be interested in standing for Chairman or Vice Chairman.

SCDC Register of Electors 2008-09 - The Clerk reported that the updated Register of Electors had been received from SCDC.

Anglia Support Partnership - Classification of Landbeach - Village Classification Proforma Form This was discussed and it was agreed that it was not relevant to Landbeach. Clerk to complete Proforma.

CCC - Parish Paths Partnership (P3) 2009/10 - This was discussed and it was agreed that as Landbeach did not have Rights of Ways networks and only one permissive path, it was not something to get involved in.

Highways - It was reported that Keith Fauch SCDC had agreed to meet with members of the Parish Council to walk around Landbeach and identify what work is required in relation to highway issues. The new budget for highways work is done in April. It was agreed to arrange a meeting on 13 January 2009.

SCDC - Bulletin had been received saying that there have been bogus door-to-door collectors claiming to be collecting on behalf of Sue Ryder Care. Sue Ryder Care has confirmed that they do not engage in door-to-door or street collections under any circumstances, neither do they engage in such activities via a third party.

Safer Cycling and Pedestrian links from Landbeach - It was reported that there is no provision for cycle and pedestrian paths between Landbeach and surrounding villages. Landbeach also has elderly residents who use mobility scooters to travel between the villages. This is very dangerous on the road.

It was decided to put forward a proposal to SCDC outlining Landbeach Parish Council's concerns. In particular, there is a need for a safe off-road route for cyclists and pedestrians (and mobility scooters) travelling from Landbeach to Milton. Additionally, Waterbeach Road pavement could be designated as a dual use pavement.

Landbeach is an infill village and every opportunity should be used to get funding. A cycle and pedestrian path to Milton is particularly relevant because of the proposed development at Walnut Farm. Every effort should be made to try to get funding through S106 for this. Also the Council should be thinking ahead about transport links.

Mr Williamson said that there is an organisation called Cambridge Cycling City who might be willing to support this and agreed to contact them.

Mr Wyatt said that we should seek the support of Milton Parish Council as there were no cycle pedestrian paths or pavements near the cemetery. Clerk to contact Milton Parish Council.

It was also agreed to contact Sustrans who are the co-ordinators of the hugely popular National Cycle Network offering over 12,000 miles of walking and cycle routes on traffic-free paths to see if they would be willing to support this venture.

6 Recreation Ground

Purchase of Recreation Ground - Draft Deed of Dedication was tabled and it was reported that King and Co were waiting for SCDC to respond when this purchase could be completed.

- 7 **Closure of BT Box** - The Parish Council have submitted an application to Adopt the Kiosk and SCDC will now arrange to remove the telephony service from it.
- 8 **Widow's Trust** - The Clerk reported that she had had a meeting with Gareth Hayward who had handed over all the paperwork in relation to the Widow's Trust.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Dr Gambell would speak to The Revd Lucy Cleland explaining that the Ex-officio Trustee of the Trust is The Rector for the time being of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Landbeach and takes the Chair.

Landbeach Action Plan - This was tabled and discussed. It was decided to add Community Activities and also to include surrounding villages in Cycle and Pedestrian Routes and Consideration of additional bus shelters. This would be sent out with the Parish Magazine in March.

The Draft Parishioners' Questionnaire was tabled and it was agreed to send this out with the February Parish Magazine.

10 Grasscutting 2009

It was reported that grass cutting quotations had been received from the following:

Truelink Ltd
MD Landscapes
Herald Contract Services

The quotations were reviewed and it was agreed to accept the quotation from Truelink Ltd on condition that the swarf is cleared away and the paths are swept after each cut.

11 Budget Control Statement - The budget up to the end of December 2008 was tabled and no comments were made.**12 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Communities and Local Government - Communities in control: Real people, real power: Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity - A consultation www.communities.gov.uk
CCC - Annual Report for the Financial Year 2007-08
SCDC - Winter 2008 Magazine www.scambs.gov.uk
SCDC - Housing Futures Issue 4 housingfutures@scambs.gov.uk
The Wildlife Trusts - Wildlife Training workshops 2009-01-06
Cambridgeshire Acre - Community Action Winter 2008
Country Grounds Maintenance Ltd - Ground maintenance and landscaping
Cambridgeshire Community Services - In Touch Issue 1 Winter 2008

13 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
536	G Setchell - Caretaking December 2008	£80.00		£80.00
537	Maria Sylvester - December 2008 salary	£438.40		£438.40
537	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet – December 2008	£10.00	£1.49	£10.00
537	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for postage stamps	£5.00		£5.00
538	Inland Revenue - PAYE December 2008	109.40		£109.40
539	Truelink - Recreation Ground Hedge Trimming	£229.13	£34.13	£229.13
540	Dr R Gambell - Advertising in Parish Magazine	£24.50		£24.50

11 PLANNING

New Applications

S/2020/0/F Roof extension, 82 High Street, Landbeach

Mr Graham Knightley **No Recommendation**

Applications Approved

S/1694/09/F Fire Pump access (Retrospective), IQ Cambridge, Beach Road, Ely Road, Landbeach – Segro **Approved**

12 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr Wyatt reported that the village needed to have a litter pick.

This is to be carried out when the weather improves.

Mr Wyatt proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Hinkins for erecting the Christmas tree and lights.

Ms Gregg reported that the light is still not working outside No 22 High Street, Landbeach. Clerk to follow this up.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

The car park needs a tidy-up. It was agreed to ask Mr Setchell for a price to carry this out.

The security camera is not working. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would be interested in sharing the cost of a new digital security camera as it was felt that it was very important to have this installed.

Acacia Trees had said there are woodchips available that the Parish Council could use free of charge. This was discussed and it was agreed to ask County Farms Estate's permission to put woodchips in the Pocket Park where some of the areas are in need of repairing.

Dr Gambell reported on the following:

There has been no further response from Speedwatch about the local use of speed cameras. Residents can be trained to use speed cameras to get number plates and then report speeding to the Police. Clerk to follow this up.

Jean Turner who was Clerk in 1970s-80s has died. Her funeral is on 16 January 2009 in All Saints' Church, Landbeach.

Mr Williamson reported that he had attended the CPALC AGM where resolutions had been put forward. CPALC have stopped answering questions over the phone, as this is very time consuming. There is also a problem of the quality of the information; sometimes Clerks misunderstand the information they are given. Hopefully things should improve. CPALC's job is to represent the Council if they get into difficulty. SLCC is for Clerks not the Council. It might be useful to get Ian Dewar from CPALC to talk to the Parish Council and invite neighbouring Parish Councils.

13 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2 February 2009

3 March 2009

6 April 2009

27 April 2009 AGM (Chairman appointed)

11 May 2009 APM (Annual Parish Meeting)

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed.....

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