

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 6 April 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

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

Public Participation. Mrs Hale welcomed Claire Whiteman PCSO for Landbeach, Milton and Waterbeach who introduced herself to the Parish Council.

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Mr Trevor Dell, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mr Alan Wyatt and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor)
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 2 March 2009 were agreed and signed.
- 3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
There was no Declaration of Interest.
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING**

Landbeach Village Pond Quotations to top and fell the Willow tree near the pond had been received:

Truelink Ltd £210 + VAT
Acacia Tree Surgery Ltd £210 + VAT

Mrs Hale proposed accepting Truelink Ltd to carry out this work. This was seconded by Mr Hinkins.

Basketball Nets A quotation had been received from Dexter Bullman for £65 to remove damaged rings and carry out repairs and refit the rings. It was agreed to accept this and ask him to replace the backboards with plywood.

Banworth Lane - It was reported that Highways had delivered planings to be put down in the potholes in Banworth Lane and this work had been carried out.

Spaldings Lane It was reported that Highways have confirmed that they will erect bollards on the corner of Spaldings Lane to prevent large vehicles from going on the verges.

Signs for car park - It was reported that the new signs for the car park would be arriving towards the end of April.

Landbeach Proposed Action Plan (tabled) - This will be distributed for comments and discussion at the APM on 27 April 2009.

Parishioners' Questionnaire responses (tabled) - This would be analysed and distributed for comments and discussion at the APM on 27 April 2009.

Fly-tipping near Stanton Farm - It was reported that Milton Parish Council have written to CCC as they own this land and they have asked them to contact their tenant farmer to remove this rubbish.

Aggregate - Field in Green End - It was reported that SCDC have confirmed that they have visited the site and informed the owner that they need planning permission for the works going on at the site as they are unauthorised.

Litter Pick - 18 April 2009 - It was agreed to meet at 10 a.m., in the Village Hall Car Park.

Graffiti on Bus Shelter - It was confirmed that this had been reported to SCDC.

Village Guide 2009 - It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Hockney to see if he had a set format for the Village Guide.

Railhead at Waterbeach - Mr Williamson reported that Network Rail had withdrawn this application. A new application has been submitted from Savills on behalf of Anglian Water for Land North of Chesterton Sidings as a Railhead for aggregates (including crushed rock) and potentially waste, with ancillary uses, e.g. ready mixed concrete plant, asphalt plant.

Speedwatch - It was agreed to ask for volunteers at the APM to take part in this. They would be trained by the police to use the equipment which shows a vehicle's speed. Those exceeding the limit will receive a warning letter from the police.

Frames in Village Hall - These had been put up in The Village Hall by Mr Bullman, and looked very impressive.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - It was reported that there had been no applications for this vacancy. It was agreed to ask parishioners at the APM if they would be interested in joining the Parish Council.

5 CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cycle/Pedestrian Lane - It was reported that CCC have confirmed that to construct an off-road path to contemporary standards between Landbeach and Milton would cost around £200K. This is based on recent comparables and is not a quotation from any contractor.

This was discussed and it was agreed that this was very expensive, and to report back to CCC that the Parish Council were not thinking of having a tarmac path but something similar to towpath and without lighting.

EACH - East Anglia's Children Hospices - They had requested a donation from the Parish Council. This was discussed and it was felt that individuals contribute to this and the Parish Council would not give support on this occasion.

CPALC - Affiliation Fees for 2009-2010 - It was agreed to renew the subscription to CPALC for £229.32, although it was felt that the Parish Council have not been totally happy with the service being provided but CPALC are useful for any legal problems and also for training purposes.

SCDC Community Facilities Audit in South Cambs Villages
SCDC have commissioned consultants Strategic Leisure to complete an audit of village halls and community facilities across the district.

CPALC - Councillor Training - This will take place in September, October and November, possibly in Milton with CPALC providing the training.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 27 April 2009 - It was agreed to produce an A3 sheet, possibly with Agenda, Chairman's Report, Financial Report and Action Plan for discussion at the APM.

Fed Edge Community Association - It was agreed to renew the membership for this, the cost being £15.

SLCC Meeting 20 March 2009. This was attended by The Clerk but was found not to be very informative.

Landbeach Village Hall - AGM 20 April 2009 7.30 p.m. It was agreed that Ms Helen Boysen would represent the Parish Council at Village Hall meetings.

It was also decided that a letter should be sent to Mrs Bullman requesting that the microphone be left in the Village Hall at all times and should have spare batteries.

- 6 Landbeach Housing Survey** - Cambridgeshire Acre have reported that there had been a good response from Landbeach. There is a lot of support for affordable housing in the village with hardly any negative

comments. 11 households have indicated a need for affordable houses, quite a lot for the size of the village.

7 Security Camera - Quotations have been received from the following:

Thompson Electrical (Cambridge) Ltd £3,682.50 + VAT

Isaccson Electrical £2,540.72 + VAT

Dent Security Systems Ltd £2,151.00 + VAT

These quotations are for complete systems with several cameras. It was agreed to get a quotation to phase this scheme in and to ask the Village Hall Committee if they would contribute towards this project. For Phase 1 the Parish Council would apply for a grant of £1,000 to South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership, and the additional cost would have to be met by the Village Hall.

Worts Meadow - It was confirmed that there had been a meeting with Members of the Parish Council, Landbeach Society and Phil Clark (Countryside Manager), Charlotte Lowry (Greenspaces Officer) and John Macmillan (Head of County Farms) on 24 March 2009.

They took on board the criticisms about the lack of tidying up after the work. It was agreed to inform them of concerns raised about the bridge and also the hedge near the bus shelter that has brambles in it.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum - Forthcoming Local Access Forum meetings and its activities

SCDC - Housing Futures DVD

CCC - Additional Consultation on the Inspectors Larger Site Option for the North West Cambridge Area Action Plan –

www.cambridge.jdi-consult.net/Idf/

Glasdon - New Metal Chieftain

Cambridgeshire Acre - Community Action

The Standards Board for England - Issue 4 February 2009-04-10
 SCDC The Future for Council Housing Issue 7 February 2009-04-10
 SCDC South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework
www.scambs.gov.uk/Idf
 COPE Newsletter No 53 March 2009-04-10 National Trust's Wicken
 Fen Vision - February 2009-04-10 SCDC South Cambs Magazine
 Spring 2009 www.scambs.gov.uk
 SCDC - Parish Council Monthly Update (April 2009)
www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingsupply/ecotowns/
 CCC - Cambridgeshire Play Pathfinder - Funding available for Play
 Spaces

10 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
550	G Setchell-Caretaking March 2009	£80.00		£80.00
551	Maria Sylvester March 2009 salary	£547.80		£547.80
551	Maria Sylvester Reimbursement for Internet March 2009	£10.00	£1.49	£10.00
552	Landbeach Village Hall - Hire of Hall	£203.75		£203.75
553	King and Co - Recreation Ground	£1,520.23	£45.00	£1,520.23
554	Landbeach Village Hall - Contribution towards the car park light and security camera	£40.00		£40.00
555	Robert Armstrong - Maintenance All Saints Church - March 2009	£135.00		£135.00

Income

The Lynn Landbeach Village Trust Fund - Contribution towards
 legal costs for purchase of Recreation Ground. £1,000

Draft Income and Expenditure Report for the year ending 31 March 2009
 presented to Councillors. There were no comments made and the accounts
 were approved.

11 PLANNING

There were no planning matters to report.

12 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr Williamson reported that there is a review of the Regional Spatial Strategy going on at the moment and as Waterbeach came second in 2001 after Northstowe as a site for a new settlement is being quoted as a factor in favour of development. There is a meeting on 7 April 2009 to discuss this further.

Mr Hinkins reported that lights are always on at the Park and Ride in Milton. Mr Williamson agreed to look into this.

Dr Gambell reported that SCDC has asked for other quotes for restoring the milestones as they thought the estimate from Matthew Beazley for £280/day was too high.

Mr Hinkins reported that the Village Hall was going to apply for funding for the extension proposed and SCDC had agreed to offer some funding. There is now a clear indication of costs that will be in the region of £270K.

The Parish Council agreed to send a letter to the Village Hall supporting the outline plans, and providing the land and contributing to the purchase of the security camera.

A letter had been received from the Landbeach Event Committee asking the Parish Council's permission to hold a dog obedience obstacle course as one of their events at the Village Fete on 18 July 2009, and also to bring small farm animals which would be penned in. This was agreed.

13 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

27 April 2009 (APM)
 11 May AGM (Chairman Appointed)
 1 June 2009
 6 July 2009

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

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