

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 7 September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Landbeach Village Hall

- 1** Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Ms Helen Boysen, Mr Trevor Dell, Dr Ray Gambell, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr Brian Marshall, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor)

**Public Participation** There was no public participation.

**Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr James Hockney.

- 2** **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 6 July 2009 were agreed and signed.

- 3** **Declaration of Interest**  
There was no declaration of interest.

- 4** **Matters Arising**

**Play Area for Older Children** - Tracy Brown has confirmed that she has not been able to get a team together to get this project up and running. She has not got the time to devote to it and is looking for volunteers.

**Security Camera** - It was confirmed that the Security Camera has been installed at a cost of £2,600. £1,000 had been donated by the Lynn Landbeach Trust for which the Parish Council is very grateful. Another £1,000 has been received from the South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership.

**Training** – The first training Session (Code of Conduct and Standards Committee) will take place on 23 September at Milton. The Chairman, Clerk and Ms Boysen will attend. Mr Hinkins will attend Session 3.

**Signs for car park** - It was confirmed that the signs had been erected. It was reported that two signs had been damaged and one needed to be replaced. It was agreed to replace the sign saying ‘No skateboards or bicycles’.

**Cycle/Pedestrian Path** - Mike Davies CCC has confirmed that the scheme is formally sitting on a list of other schemes on the South Cambs area list and is a reserve scheme for the cycling town programme.

Much of the adjacent land is owned by the County Council which means that if land is needed to build a path of decent width then we

shouldn't run into the usual land negotiation problems that can be encountered.

Milton Parish Council have said that having a path from Landbeach to Milton would help their case for recreation land at Landbeach Road, Milton (behind Stanton Farm). This application is to be renewed in December. Landbeach Parish Council had opposed this.

It was felt that in terms of electorate, Landbeach should be considered to be further up the list than some of the surrounding villages.

**Microphone** - It was confirmed that a new microphone box is in the process of being made so that the microphone can be left in the Village Hall.

**Signage Butt Lane** - There was nothing further to report.

**Bark under climbing frame** - It was agreed to order 1 ton of normal BS standard bark to go under the climbing frame.

**Speedwatch** - It was reported that the scheme is going well and there are several villages involved in it. The kit is going to Willingham next.

**Landbeach Housing Survey** - Catherine Shilton from Cambridgeshire Acre was not able to attend the meeting to give an update.

Stephen Conrad had confirmed that they are in discussions with Hill Residential regarding a planning application for the 8 affordable units and two private units at Walnut Farm. If these are concluded successfully, then they would anticipate that a planning application might be submitted by Christmas.

As regards Worts Farm, the County would hope to submit a planning application for reuse of the Granary as a self-contained office in due course.

It was felt that the Parish Council should keep pushing for these schemes to happen and be kept informed of developments.

**Widow's Trust** - Mr Marshall confirmed that the five Trustees had had a meeting and he was trying to sort out signatories for the various accounts held by the Trust. Dr Gambell was the representative from the Parish Council.

**Lynn Landbeach Village Trust Fund** - It was decided to put the request for £5,000 from the Lynn Landbeach Village Trust Fund towards the Parish Council Office on hold until developments for the Village Hall were finalised. The Village Hall have to identify which

elements of the building will be identified as energy conscious before they will be given grants. The grants will be from Donarbon, Wren and SCDC.

**Village Guide** - Mr Hockney has confirmed that he is doing the Village Guide and it will be distributed with the Parish Magazine in September.

**War Memorial** - Dr Gambell confirmed that the lettering has been completed and Matthew Beazley is going to clean the whole surface.

**Wind Turbine** - It was confirmed that negotiations had reached the point where the proposal had been withdrawn. An announcement would be put the next Parish Magazine.

## 5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

**CCC** - It was confirmed that the records of Landbeach Parish Council had been deposited for safe keeping at Shire Hall.

**Parish Council Office** - There is a new address and telephone number for the Parish Council Office which would be inserted in the Parish Magazine and on the website - 30 Lee Close, Cottenham CB24 8AG, 01954 252400.

**Litter picking** - The Parish Council are hoping that together with local residents, CPRE and Cambridge Rotary Club members they would set an example of community effort in litter-picking on Sunday, 13 September 2009, meeting at 11 a.m., in Village Hall car park.

**Landbeach Village Pond** - It was reported that Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust will visit the pond on Monday 14 September at 3 p.m., with a view to re-establishing it. It was also thought that Donarbon might provide the clay needed for it. The age of the pond is in a rental of 1458 describing part of the Rector's garden, and possibly also in another reference a century earlier.

**Annual staff appraisals** - It was reported that these were due to take place in October 2009.

**Carillion WSSP** - It was reported that major resurfacing work would be carried out on the A14 Cambridge Northern Bypass starting on 7 September and completed by 10 October 2009.

**Cambridgeshire Football Association** - There is an event on 16 September 2009 to offer opportunities to network with Guest Speakers representing Statutory Agencies from the Police, Social Care Cambridge and South Cambs Children's Team.

**Canalbs Ltd** - Training sessions were discussed and it was agreed to attend CPALC training sessions.

**Cambridgeshire Acre** - AGM 29 September 2009 5.30 p.m., St Ivo Leisure Centre. This is an opportunity to discuss what achievements have been made and plans for ensuring vibrant community health and social care services for many years to come.

**Cambridgeshire Community Services** - AGM 22 September 2009 6.30 p.m., Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely to discuss Cambridgeshire Community Services: providing a lifetime of care. The Chairman will attend this event.

**SLCC** Freedom of Information training seminar 18 September 2009 Peterborough.

**Cambridgeshire Acre** - August 2009 issue of Cambridgeshire Together is available on [www.cambstogether.org.uk](http://www.cambstogether.org.uk).

**SCDC** - There are new arrangements for indemnity agreements for the transfer of open space contributions under the Section 106 agreement. This requires two signatories and it was agreed that Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins would be the signatories.

**SCDC** - Audit of Parish Councillors' Register of Interests - It was reported that all the Parish Councillors Register of Interests are updated annually.

**Allianz Insurance** - it was reported that the insurance has been upgraded to include the Security Camera.

**CCC** It was reported that there will be further improvements on Mere Way byway.

**SLCC** - It was reported that the Regional Conference for the East of England will take place on 24 September 2009.

**CCC** - Position Statement - Children's Centres Development in Cambridgeshire.

**Cambridgeshire Acre** - There is a new grant scheme available to farmers, small businesses, tourism operators and organisations providing basic services, which reside within certain parishes of the Cambridgeshire and West Norfolk Fens.

**Comberton Parish Council** - Letter from Comberton Parish Council was tabled outlining their concerns over Chairman's Delegation Procedure (Planning). They felt that planning applications were being considered by the Case Officer who often didn't put them through a Chairman's Delegation.

It was agreed to write a letter saying Landbeach Parish Council supported their case.

- 6 Recreation Ground - Deed of Declaration** - This was discussed and the question of future recreational facilities was raised and concern was voiced about restricting the abilities of the Parish Council to do what they want on the Recreation Ground. Everything must be under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.
- 7 Worts Meadow** - Concern was raised about the hedge that had been coppiced, as it didn't seem to be growing very well.
- 8 Correspondence** - The following correspondence was put into circulation:

JTDM Ltd - IOG Saltext 2009, where outdoor play is fun  
 Cambridgeshire Acre - Fens Adventure  
 SCDC - Standards Committee Newsletter - Summer 2009  
 Donarbon Ltd - Donarbon Newsletter  
 SCDC - Gypsy and Traveller Community Strategy 2009-2012  
 COPE - Newsletter No 58 August 2009  
 WAY - WAY Newsletter  
 CCC - Highway Maintenance  
 Fenland Leisure Products Ltd - Playground spares and repairs  
 Cambridge Housing Society - In-focus Summer 2009  
 SCDC - Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document  
 CCC - YOUR Cambridgeshire Issue 7 July 2009  
 J Parker - Autumn 2009  
 SLCC The Clerk July 2009  
 SLCC - 35<sup>th</sup> National Conference 2009  
 Clerks and Councils Direct - September 2009 Issue 65  
 COPE - September 2009 Newsletter No 59  
 Glasdon - Latest products for Local Councils - Autumn Edition

## 11 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
579	G Setchell - Caretaking July/August 2009	£124.00		£124.00
579	G Setchell - Maintenance August 2009	£8.00		£8.00
580	Maria Sylvester July/August 2009 salary	£789.04		£789.04
589 200	Maria Sylvester - Internet July/August	£20.80	£3.12	£20.80
582	Doxbond - shredding old documents	£63.25	£8.25	£109.40
583	Moore Stephens - Annual Return	£166.00	£21.75	£166.00

584	Inland Revenue - PAYE July/August	197.00		£197.00
586	Truelink Ltd Grasscutting June/July/August 2009	£1,594.08	£207.30	£1,594.08
586	Truelink Ltd - removal of Willow tree	£230.00	£20.00	£230.00
588	Dent Security Ltd - Security Camera	£2,580.60	£336.60	£2,580.60
589	Robert Armstrong - Churchyard maintenance	46.01		£46.01

### **Income**

Allianz Insurance - replacement of basketball nets and boards	£300.00
HM Revenue and Customs - VAT reclaim	£1,025.67
Cambridgeshire County Council - Grass cutting allowance	£799.17
Lynn Landbeach Village Trust - Contribution to Security Camera	£1,000.00

SLCC - Renewal of membership 2009. It was agreed to renew the membership.

Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2009 approved by Moore Stephens and notice displayed on Parish Council Notice Board for 14 days.

Mr Armstrong had invoiced for more than £700. The additional amount would be met by the Church. All future invoices would be paid by the Church.

## **12 Planning**

### **New application**

S/1137/09/F - Variations of conditions, 1,2,3,4,8 and 10 of planning permission S/1398/06/F IQ Cambridge, Segro Plc

S/1198/09/F - Extensions, Nebi-Tari, Ely Road, Waterbeach Mr and Mrs Smith

S/0368/09/F - Extensions, Resite Entrance with Gates, Walls and fence, Nebi-Tari, Ely road, Landbeach Mr and Mrs Smith Refused

## **13 Councillors Reports**

Mr Wyatt reported that Banworth Lane being blocked off had been raised by Parishioners again. He is going to discuss the situation with Stephen Conrad as if it is blocked off, access to the centre of the village would be blocked, it should be available for domestic access if needed in the future.

Mr Marshall reported that the lay-by on A10 still did not have a receptacle for litter. Mr Johnson said that the owner of the trailer parked there was responsible for keeping it clean and if he doesn't he would be in danger of losing his licence.

Dr Gambell reported that the paving repairs had still not be completed. Clerk to report to Keith Faunch.

Ms Gregg reported that a pane of glass had been broken in the telephone box. Mr Dell agreed to remove the glass and Mr Hinkins would arrange for perspex to be fitted.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

Two uprights had been removed from the Crossroads sign. Slats had been broken around the multi-sports area and two are missing. SCDC are withdrawing wardens from their Sheltered housing accommodation. It was agreed to write a letter to SCDC saying that the Parish Council does not support this proposal as elderly people should be allowed to stay where they are.

Mr Johnson reported that he had had a report saying that the pavement was crumbling into a property in 105 Waterbeach Road. Clerk to notify Keith Faunch.

**14 Dates of forthcoming meetings**

- 12 October 2009
- 2 November 2009
- 7 December 2009

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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