

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 12 October 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Landbeach Village Hall

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

**Public Participation** Mr Iain Webb, Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust.

Mr Webb reported that although Landbeach is extremely good for Great Crested Newts, funds were not available at present to improve the pond (off Spaldings Lane, at north of recreation ground) sufficiently to cope with breeding Great Crested Newts. Froglife had received a grant to carry out work in relation to Great Crested Newts in the area, but at present Landbeach was not considered as a priority for this funding as more exploration work needs to be done to find out if there was any chance of improving the situation at a later date. At the present time, Iain thought it would make more sense to improve the existing habitats in Worts Meadow.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Trevor Dell, Mr James Hockney (District Councillor) and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 7 September 2009 were agreed and signed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest**  
Dr Gambell declared an interest in Item 5, CPRE Hedgerows Course.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Mr Wyatt reported that he had contacted Stephen Conrad in relation to Banworth Lane which has been fenced off which means that any future development in this area would not have a pedestrian or cycle access to the centre of the village. County Farms are investigating what the rights are and Stephen Conrad will inform the Parish Council of developments.

**Play Area for Older Children** - A parishioner has said that she would support the addition of play equipment for older children especially skateboard and in-line skating. This was discussed and it was agreed to consult Milton Parish Council for their views on this venture.

**Security Camera** - It was agreed to ask Dent Security to come and adjust the security camera so that the full picture can be seen on it.

**Training** – The first training session at Milton proved to be very useful as there were other local Clerks and Councillors attending. The next session is at Horningsea on 14 October and the Clerk will attend this. It is on Statutory Powers: Budgets and Accounts.

**Signs** - It was agreed to replace the sign that was damaged: ‘No skateboards or bicycles’.

**Cycle/Pedestrian Path** - Mike Davies CCC confirmed that there is no further progress. CCC have recently consulted on 6 other cycleways, and would hope to get these progressed before others can be considered.

These are some of the possible cycleways proposed:  
Horningsea-Fen Ditton; Milton-Impington; Cottenham-Histon; Histon-A14 roundabout.

Mr Williamson said that if the Milton-Impington scheme did not go ahead, he would endeavour to persuade the County Council to consider the Landbeach alternative; Landbeach-Milton.

**Microphone** - It was confirmed that the microphone would be kept in the Village Hall and the Clerk and Mr Wyatt were given keys to the cabinet.

**Signage Butt Lane** - Mr Williamson agreed to follow this up.

**Bark under climbing frame** - It was reported that a quotation had been received from Madingley Mulch for £295.20 for the bark. It was agreed to obtain another quotation and to go ahead with the cheapest.

**Speedwatch** - It was reported that another parishioner is keen to be trained. Mr Gambell to follow this up. The kit is in Willingham at present.

**Landbeach Housing Survey** - Catherine Shilton from Cambridgeshire Acre has agreed to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 2 November 2009 to give an update.

**Widows Trust** - Mr Marshall confirmed that all the trustees have been put on the website and the papers have been sent to Barclays Bank.

Dr Gambell reported that a parishioner had requested work to be done through the Widow's Trust and a second estimate is being obtained.

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

**Pond** - It was disappointing to discover from Iain Webb at the beginning of the meeting that there is insufficient money available to restore the pond.

**Litter Pick** - It was reported that this event was very successful with several members of the Rotary Club in attendance, although there were no members from the village other than the Chairman. Most of the rubbish collected was from outside the village envelope.

**Car park markings** - A quotation has been received from Camline for £325 + VAT. It was agreed to accept this quotation as there is no one else who can do the markings.

## 5 **Clerk/Chairman's Report**

**Neighbourhood Watch** - A parishioner from Reubens Close has volunteered to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed to invite her to a Parish Council meeting to put forward her ideas on taking this forward.

**Victim Support** - A letter has been received from Victim Support asking the Parish Council to consider making a contribution towards the ongoing development of the scheme. As Landbeach is only a small Council, It was agreed to make a donation of £25.

**CPRE - Hedgerows Course 7/8 November 2009** - It was agreed to advertise this event on the Village notice board.

**SCDC - Voluntary Fayre 26 November 2009** It was agreed to ask SCDC for a list of stallholders attending this event.

**Highways Agency - A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton** - Draft Orders together with plans, public notices and the Explanatory Statement are held by the Clerk.

**Community Capital Grants Programme** - Grants are available through this scheme but the programme is already over-subscribed for 2009/10. This is why the Village Hall application has been put on hold.

**SCDC - Parish Forum** - This was attended by The Chairman on 23 September 2009 and most of it (changing role of parish councils, new power of wellbeing, planning issues, code of conduct etc) was very informative and helpful. However, the Chairman felt the final presentation (data protection and freedom of information) was one too many and could have been summarised.

**Village Hall Risk Assessment** - A risk assessment was tabled at the request of the Village Hall Committee. There was nothing further to add to it.

## 6 **Recreation Ground - Deed of Declaration**

This was discussed and the possible concern is the plan to let the Village Hall have a small piece of land when it is extended. Everything must be under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. The Clause says prior consent has to be obtained from NPFA. Clerk to clarify this.

## 7 **Worts Meadow**

It was reported that work has started on Worts Meadow which include replacing gates, re-doing surfacing underneath gates, improving the cattle trough area, replacing the bridge over the internal drain, constructing a cattle pen next to the moat and cutting an area of grassland near the new pond and the grassland on the island of the moat. This work to be completed by the end of October.

The benches, picnic benches, buying tools and tidying up the fencing in the woods have been put on hold until there is more funding available or another way is found to purchase them.

## 8 Affordable Housing

Stephen Conrad has said that things are moving on slowly. A planning application for the Granary at Worts Farm will be submitted as a change of use to ground floor office or studio. He hopes to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 2 November. The Parish Council have voiced their concerns about car parking at the site.

## 9 Correspondence - The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Anlgian Playground Services - Play equipment and safety surfacing  
 Cambridgeshire Acre - Impact Report 2008/09  
 Cambridgeshire Acre - Community Action Autumn 2009  
 Timberline - Quality play systems and outdoor structures  
 Clerks and Councils Direct - Issue 65 September 2009  
 COPE - No 59 September 2009  
 SLCC - The Clerk - September 2009 Vol 41  
 Wicksteed - Playscapes  
 Monster Play Systems - Play builder and natural play

## 10 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

| Cheque No | Name  | Amount  | VAT    | Total   |
|-----------|---|---------|--------|---------|
| 590       | G Setchell -Caretaking September 2009                     | £80.00  |        | £80.00  |
| 590       | G Setchell-Maintenance September 2009                     | £20.00  |        | £20.00  |
| 591       | Maria Sylvester-September 2009 salary                     | £438.40 |        | £438.40 |
| 591       | Maria Sylvester-Internet September 2000                   | £10.40  | £1.56  | £10.40  |
| 591       | Maria Sylvester-reimbursement for postal redirection      | £26.00  |        | £26.00  |
| 592       | Inland Revenue-PAYE September 2009                        | £109.40 |        | £109.40 |
| 593       | Fairhaven & Woods Ltd-Painting of letters on War Memorial | £224.25 | £33.63 | £224.25 |
| 594       | Supercharge - Colour ink cartridge                        | £14.94  | £2.24  | £14.94  |
| 595       | Truelink Ltd - Grass cutting and verges September 2009    | £557.52 | £83.63 | £557.52 |

**Income**

SCDC - Second half of Precept £7,500.00

Budget Control statement up to 30 September 2009 tabled. Half-yearly figures seem high but it was felt this is due to the additional costs involved in purchasing the security camera and repair of the cradle swings.

Mr Setchell has reported that the bus shelter is in need of redecoration. The cost for this would be £70. It was agreed to have this work carried out.

**11 Planning****Amended applications**

S/1398/06/F - Variation of conditions 1,2,3,4,8,10 1Q Cambridge, Segro Plc **For information only**

S/1310/09/F - Extensions, Nebi Tari, Ely Road, Mr and Mrs Smith

**Approved**

S/1007/09/F 104 High Street, Landbeach Extension **Approved**

S/0834/09/F - Overbrook Farm, Green End, Landbeach - Gates and fencing **Approved**

**Tree works**

C/11/40/058 - 72 High Street, Mr C Bracknall, Removal of two silver birch trees. The Parish Council felt this would detract from the visual landscape within a conservation area and it would be detrimental to remove the trees.

S/1411/08/LDC - Certificate of lawful existing use or development, Overbrook Nursery, Green End, Landbeach

**13 Councillors Reports**

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

Clive Brown has agreed to repair the Village Sign. He will reinforce the brackets and paint it.

Mr Hinkins agreed to repair the posts that have been knocked out in the play area.

The seat in front of the Church has been damaged by the contractor. The concrete has been lifted. Clerk to contact Truelink about this.

Mr Wyatt reported that there is a vehicle for sale parked across the footpath in Green End. Clerk to inform PCSO.

Dr Gambell reported on the following:

He has cut back the tree across the Millennium Yew.

The cleaning of milestones is very expensive and it might be possible to get a team together to clean them. The County Council Conservation people do not have money available for

this. The Landbeach Society has a talk on 21 October 2009 in the Village Hall on milestones.

When the Village Hall is extended, consideration should be given to putting photovoltaic on the roof. This to be reported to the next Village Hall committee meeting.

Mr Williamson reported on Cambridgeshire’s backing to revolutionise transport in the county. There is a meeting on 13 October to discuss pressing ahead with a Transport Innovation Fund (TIF).

Cambridgeshire is asking for confirmation of Government funding for a new railway station in Chesterton, which would be built in 2012, three years earlier than planned.

A second stage will follow at the end of 2010 with a full bid for the remainder of the £500 million package. This will include a trigger point for a congestion charge to be introduced that will need to be agreed by the public, businesses, partner authorities and Government.

**14 Dates of forthcoming meetings**

2 November 2009

7 December 2009

11 January 2010

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

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