

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on Monday 22nd May 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

in Landbeach Village Hall

Present: Mrs. M. Hale (Chairman), Mr. J. Attwood, Dr. R. Gambell, Mr. G. Hinkins, Mr. A. Wyatt (Parish Councillors), Mr. J. Hockney (District Councillor and Parish Councillor), Mr. P. Johnson (District Councillor), Mr. M. Williamson (County Councillor), Mrs. A. Hinkins (Clerk) and 10 members of the public

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** - were received from Mrs. J. Neeves, Mrs. G. Brookes, Mrs. A. Bullman, Ms. J. Gregg, Mrs. H. Fisher, Mrs. J. Ward, Mrs. M. Patterson, Mrs. B. Shook, Mr. T. Dell and Mrs. S. Varty.

- 2 **Minutes** - of the APM held on Thursday, 19th May were approved and signed as a correct record.

- 3 **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.

- 4 **Guest Speaker**
Mr. Richard Preston, Head of Network Management at Cambridgeshire County Council, gave the meeting an insight into how the money is allocated to fund traffic improvements to our roads.
Landbeach was not included in the funding the government allocated to villages in close proximity to the A14 corridor for traffic calming measures to reduce rat-running. He outlined various traffic calming measures and their effectiveness. Speed cameras are most effective. Interactive flashing signs are initially effective but become less effective after a period of time. Speed humps are not a popular option for various reasons, i.e. road noise and pollution. Mr. Preston stated that the most effective means of traffic calming is a combination of pinch points, interactive signs and road humps along with speed cameras if funding permits. To secure funding for any road improvement scheme requires accident statistics that have been logged by the Police. Low accident statistics recorded in a village restricts the potential for funding.
He also stated that the Highways budget had been reduced for this financial year, meaning fewer funds available for any traffic calming measures in Cambridgeshire.
A network of cycleways for short trips are being created for improved links into Cambridge City.
The Chairman thanked Mr. Preston for attending the meeting.

- 5 **Chairman's Report**
The Chairman, Mrs. Melanie Hale read out her annual report (a copy attached to the official minutes).

- 6 **Accounts**
The Clerk presented the draft accounts for the year ended 31st March 2006 (copies of which were circulated)

7 Village Reports

Reports were given by a representative from the following organisations, or a written report was read out (copies of which are attached to the official minutes): -

- a) Village Hall – written report read out
- b) Landbeach Women’s Institute – written report read out
- c) Landbeach Society – Alan Wyatt
- d) Landbeach Bowls Club – written report read out
- e) Landbeach Luncheon Club – Gill Diver
- f) Village Teas – written report read out
- g) Miniature Group – written report read out
- h) Landbeach Sports and Social Club – Graham Bilton
- i) Landbeach Busytots and Playgroup – Claire Petchell
- j) Waterbeach School – Michael Williamson
- k) Neighbourhood Watch – James Hockney
- l) Helpline – Rowland Patterson on behalf of Margaret Patterson
- m) Widow’s Trust – written report read out
- n) Granary – Melanie Hale
- o) Lynn Landbeach Village Trust Fund – Alan Wyatt
- p) Village Fete Committee – Colleen Dell

8 District Councillors

Councillor James Hockney said he felt privileged to have been a District Councillor for the last two years. An application for the Rowing Lake is likely to go to South Cambs Planning Committee in July or August, opinion is split on various issues but he will continue to listen carefully to residents’ views. A proposal to develop football pitches on 24 acres of green belt land off Landbeach Road has been rejected by SCDC. He will endeavour to work with the Parish Council to keep Landbeach a rural village. Road Safety continues to be a major concern, pressure must be placed on Highways for action.

Councillor Peter Johnson, who had recently been elected, introduced himself and was looking forward to serving Landbeach, Waterbeach and Chittering as a District Councillor.

9 County Councillor

Councillor Michael Williamson, who has been a County Councillor for just over a year, explained his role within the day-to-day running of the County Council and also his role in the community, with matters relating to traffic issues, crime, low-cost housing. Two major issues that will affect all three villages is the relocation of the Cowley Road Park and Ride and the construction of the Cambridge Sports Lakes, the related traffic issues are bound to affect us all and it is crucial we all keep a close eye on developments.

10 Election of Pinder – Mr. Geoff Setchell

11 Election of Town Crier – Mr. Gareth Hayward

12 Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.