

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 7 September 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

Present: Dr Ray Gambell (Vice Chair), Mr Dave Grant, Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Gerald Hinkin, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor) and Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk).

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Nicola Boak, Mrs Melanie Hale, Mr Andrew Stevens and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 1 June 2015 and Planning Meeting held on 18 August 2015 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There was no Declaration of Interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

New Councillor – There was nothing to report.

Worts Meadow – It was reported Worts Meadow is well cared for by The Friends. There has been pond dipping and moth trapping in the last month. There is also a proposal to dredge the moat.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens had sent a report saying he had reported the camper van on the verge just before Walnut Tree Close to the PCSO as he had had several complaints about this.

Footpath from car park to multi-sports area – There was nothing to report.

Affordable Housing – There was nothing to report.

Tithe Barn – It was reported that there is a Portfolio meeting on 9 September 2015. SCDC is drawing up a lease, and making arrangements to put a tarpaulin over the roof.

Finger Board – It was reported that Clive Brown who did the original Finger Board had updated it. A vote of thanks was given to him for his excellent work.

Spaldings Lane – It was reported that an email had been received from CCC saying work needs to be carried out on this site. It was agreed to ask for a site meeting with the official concerned.

Phone Box – Mr Hinkins will replace the missing glass panels.

Frith Fen Drove – SCDC have reported that the LDC application will be submitted on 9 September 2015.

Enterprise Nursery – There was nothing to report.

Akeman Street potholes – Mr Halfpenny agreed to inspect the condition of the road.

Defibrillator – It was reported that the Defibrillator Course will take place on 1 October 2015 in The Village Hall. It was agreed to send an email to all Village Groups inviting them to attend.

Litter Pick – It was reported that fly tipping has taken place between Beach Babies Nursery and Stanton Farm. Clerk to report to SCDC.

Refresher First Aid Course – Mrs Hale will contact Sarah Eyres in relation to a Refresher First Aid Course which will include training to use the Defibrillator.

Banworth Lane – It was agreed to ask Mr Johnson for an update on the road maintenance. Mr Leeke reported that the County Council are planning to put a gate at the end of Banworth Lane to secure access to the agricultural land and confirm ownership.

Village Guide – Mr Hockney has agreed to do the Village Guide this year, but has not yet asked for contributions from organisations.

Trees Waterbeach Road – Mr Halfpenny agreed to look at the overgrown trees on Waterbeach Road.

Road markings between Landbeach and Milton – Highways have reported that they will inspect the lining in Landbeach and at the A10/A14 Roundabout.

Annual Return – Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been sent to the Internal Auditor on 3 June 2015.

Website – There was nothing to report.

Lucy Frazer MP - It was agreed to invite Lucy Frazer MP to any forthcoming Parish Council meetings.

Cockfen Lane parking – It was reported that the Village Hall are going to erect signs asking people not to park on the verges as more complaints have been received in relation to parking when there is a party in the Village Hall.

It was also reported that the Village Hall had requested the Parish Council to increase the car park.

This was discussed and the conclusion was that this was not a realistic option.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

CAPALC – Invitation to free funding and support event in South Cambs CAPALC have invited Parish Councils and Community Groups to attend one of their funding and support/working in partnership events. There was no one available to attend these.

CCC – Street lighting – Implementation of further energy savings - CCC have advised of their decision to change the operational times for streetlights. It was noted that this would not affect Landbeach.

CCC – Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative 2016/17 – An application form had been received to apply for funds to improve highway issues. It was agreed not to apply at this stage.

SCDC – Consultation on moving to all-out elections - SCDC have asked for views on proposed changes to how they run District Council elections in South Cambridgeshire. It was agreed that the Parish Council does not have a view but individuals can visit the online survey on the SCDC website to state their views.

Mr Leeke reported that the County Council are proposing to reduce their numbers from 63-61. The real issue is that the rules have changed. There will be elections every year and all of the wards would have to have 3 Councillors.

SCDC – Appointment system for the Duty Planning Officer - SCDC have implemented a new appointment system for the Duty Planning Officer. It was agreed that this should improve things.

Cambridgeshire Acre - Cambridgeshire Acres are relocating to 72 Market Street, Ely on 5 October 2015.

Parish Council Insurance - This expires on 30 September 2015. It was agreed to enter a new 3 year agreement (LTA) until 30 September 2018, the premium is £1,064.71.

Party in the Park 2016 - The Event Committee have requested permission to use the Recreation Ground for Party in the Park on 23 July 2016. Also to use it for car parking in the evening. This was agreed.

SLCC – Election of NEC Branch Representative - SLCC have asked for a vote on the Candidates for election of the NEC Branch Representative for Cambridgeshire. It was agreed that the Clerk should do this.

6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning – Mr Leeke reported that Urban and Civic made a presentation to Waterbeach last week. The implication was that they were going to give an earlier application and the development could start on part of the site sooner.

Mr Halfpenny reported that they are talking about 6,000 houses and this would have major implications for Landbeach.

7 **‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in May 2015
‘What’s On’: Defibrillator training.

8 **Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:
BROXAP litter bins and recycling units
SLCC – The Clerk July 2015
Clerks and Councils Direct September 2015

9 **Finance**

The following cheques were approved for payment:

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| 1072 Maria Sylvester - Clerk’s salary July 2015 | £438.42 |
| 1072 Maria Sylvester – Clerk’s salary August 2015 | £556.42 |
| 1072 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet July/August 2015 | £14.00 |
| 1072 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for postage | £8.48 |
| 1073 Inland Revenue – PAYE July 2015 | £159.80 |
| 1073 Inland Revenue – PAYE August 2015 | £189.60 |
| 1074 Neville Diver – Caretaking July 2015 | £72.00 |
| 1074 Neville Diver – Caretaking August 2015 | £88.00 |
| 1075 Cottenham Village Colledge – Minibus July 2015 | £79.20 |
| 1076 Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting July 2015 | £596.70 |
| 1076 Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting August 2015 | £542.16 |
| 1077 Dom Sylvester – Maintenance | £106.00 |
| 1078 TC Cooke – Electricity installation for Defibrillator | £84.00 |
| 1079 Community Heartbeat - Defibrillator Cabinet | £1,164.00 |
| 1080 Robert Armstrong – Churchyard maintenance July/August 2015 | £255.02 |

Income

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| CCC – Verge maintenance 2015/16 | £629.35 |
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10 **Planning**

Approved

S/1209/15/FL – Extension to existing porch, 16 Waterbeach Road, Mrs Vallis.

11 **Councillors Reports**

Mr Leeke reported that the County Council are planning to put a gate at the end of Banworth Lane to secure access to the agricultural land and confirm ownership.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

Concerns have been raised by neighbouring residents about apparent building development at the rear of 110 High Street. Wooden outbuildings on land owned by Mr Tom Poole have been demolished, material stacked in piles creating an eyesore for a number of weeks and potentially harbouring rats, and this week footings have been installed over a much larger area than the original buildings. There is no planning information and the Clerk was asked to contact SCDC.

The apple tree trunk has started to split, boughs need cutting. Clerk to contact Paul Ferguson.

The cycle path lights are covered by vegetation. This is a safety issue. Clerk to contact Highways.

Mr Grant reported that the WI are planning to plant a tree at the front of the Village Hall to commemorate 100 years.

12 Date of Future Meetings

- 12 October 2015
- 2 November 2015
- 7 December 2015

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed:

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