

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 2 November 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Ms Nicola Boak, Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Dave Grant, Mr John Halfpenny, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor), Mr James Hockney (District Councillor), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor) and Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk).

**Public Participation:** Representatives from SCDC – Juliette Wilson and Jane Green, Members of Tithe Barn Trust Group – Gemma O’Shea and Christine Taylor. Mr Hockney confirmed that SCDC had intended disposing of the Tithe Barn if no action was taken. They are confident now that the Tithe Barn Trust can take over now that there is a Business Plan. The first thing is to negotiate the lease. They have also said that they will help with the areas the Group are not familiar with.

The Trust is a small group and needs more volunteers to go forward, it is a challenge. It is a major achievement to negotiate lease. The District Council paid for the topping on the Barn. The Parish Council need to put out messages to the community for volunteers.

The Procurement Officer will attend the meetings and feed information to the Group.

Jane Green said that it is breaking it down into manageable tasks, possibly 3-4 stages and decide ultimate usages. There are various ways to procure the work.

Christine Taylor confirmed that there is £60K in pledges. There is £1,500 in the bank. It has been registered on the Charity Commission website. They cannot formally become a Charity until lease document is complete. She has used Grant Grabber which showed a lot of options to get grants. We need to demonstrate that there is a demand and interest in saving the building. There needs to be a vision of what we need to need to do.

Diane Docherty, Emmaus reported the following:  
The slab where the companions had congregated had been removed to encourage them to reduce their drinking.  
Emmaus has two houses in Landbeach, The Farmhouse which has four rooms and 55 High Street which has three rooms.  
There will be a Planning application submitted to build an additional ten rooms on their site. They are looking to have fifty companions. They are going to do infill in courtyard. In terms of doing this they can increase their business and the expectation for next year is £1M.

They want to be self-sufficient in 2017. Cambridge could survive without housing benefits. They would like to start an eBay shop and they could claim gift aid.  
There are seven Trustees and they would like to have 11.

She asked if the Parish Council would be willing to nominate a Trustee. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Gerald Hinkins.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 12 October 2015 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** Dr Gambell and Mrs Hale declared an interest in Item 4 Tithe Barn.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

**New Councillor** – There was nothing to report.

**Worts Meadow** – There was nothing to report.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - Mr Stevens reported that people should be aware that there are heating oil thefts. It was agreed to put this in ‘What’s On’.

**Footpath from car park to multi-sports area** – It was reported that this work has been carried out by Paul Ferguson.

**Affordable Housing** – It was reported that one Parishioner had showed an interest in Affordable Housing.

**Tithe Barn** – This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

**Spaldings Lane** – It was reported that Mr Hinkins had spoken to Dave Attle regarding the ditch in Spaldings Lane and will contact Mr Halfpenny to arrange a meeting.

Dr Gambell reported that the Water Board had found and repaired a leak at the top of Spalding Lane.

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

**Frith Fen Drove** – SCDC have produced an Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing use or operation or activity including those in breach of a planning condition. This will be looked at in Item 10 Planning.

**Enterprise Nursery** – It was reported that the Appeal has been dismissed.

**Akeman Street potholes** - It was reported that the pothole had not been repaired in Akeman Street.

**Litter Pick** – It was agreed that a litter pick will be take place in the early part of 2016.

**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. This would be early 2016.

**Banworth Lane** - Mr Johnson reported that SCDC have agreed to do remedial work in Banworth Lane.

**Village Guide** – Mr Hockney has agreed to do the Village Guide early in 2016.

**Trees Waterbeach Road** – Mr Halfpenny reported that he had spoken to Mr Hatley who would deal with the overgrown trees in Waterbeach Road.

**Road markings A14 Roundabout, Milton** – Highways have confirmed that they have met with their contractors and are currently trying to work out the traffic management and need to discuss the works with Highways England so that the work can be programmed in.

**Website** – There was nothing to report.

**Lucy Frazer MP** - It was reported that Lucy Frazer will attend a Parish Council meeting in 2016.

**Cockfen Lane parking** – There was nothing to report.

**Demolition work -108 High Street** – There was nothing to report.

**Speeding in the Village** – Milton Parish Council has confirmed that they are discussing Interactive Speed Signs at their meeting tonight. The date to apply for funds has run out for this year.

**Speedwatch** – It was agreed to ask for volunteers through ‘What's On’.

**Erection of large signs** – There was nothing to report.

## 5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

**Minibus Training** – It was reported that an invoice for £210 + VAT had been received for training two drivers for the minibus. It was agreed that this would have to be paid.

**Use of Recreation Ground for parking** – Colleen Dell has asked for permission to use the area behind the mound on the Recreation Ground for additional parking on 7 November for the Big Breakfast. This was agreed subject to weather conditions.

**Gritting Volunteer** – Neville Diver has suggested getting another volunteer to help with the gritting in Winter. It was agreed to ask for volunteers in 'Whats On'.

**White lining outside houses** – Highways have confirmed that the residents would need to make an application for "Access Protection Markings" found at: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads) and pathways/110/dropped kerbs.

## 6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning – Mr Halfpenny raised concern about the relationship between Urban and Civic and Waterbeach Parish Council. Where do they sit next to RLW?

Mr Leeke reported that no plans have been fixed. The situation is that Urban and Civic are not taking much of a role in the local plan. Urban and Civic are setting up their groups and would welcome input from the Parish Council.

## 7 'What's On' Newsletter - It was agreed to put the following in November 2015 'What's On': First Aid Course, Affordable Housing, Speedwatch, Dog Fouling. Gritting Volunteer, Speeding in the Village

## 8 Correspondence – The following correspondence was put into circulation: Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2015 BROXAP - Litter Bins and recycling units.

## 9 Finance

The following cheques were agreed for payment

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| 1087 Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary October 2015                          | £431.42 |
| 1087 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet October 2015              | £7.00   |
| 1088 Inland Revenue – PAYE October 2015                                     | £159.80 |
| 1089 Neville Diver – Maintenance October 2015                               | £64.00  |
| 1090 Cottenham Village College – September 2015                             | £96.36  |
| 1091 CAPALC – Chairman Catch up Day   | £25.00  |
| 1092 Dent Security Systems – Annual Maintenance Contract on Security Camera | £114.26 |
| 1093 Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting September 2015                            | £667.62 |
| 1094 Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting October 2015                              | £266.16 |

## 10 Planning

### New Applications

S/2474/15/FL – Installation of external wall insulation to front, rear and left side elevation, Osborne House, Ely Road, Mrs Briggs. No Objections.

S/2533/15/FL Proposed roof antennas, external air conditioning louvres and change existing solid door to roller shutter garage door to outbuilding, Building 9000, Cambridge Research Park, Waterbeach, Overbury Plc. **No Objections.**

S/2516/15/AD – Sign, Building 9000, Cambridge Research Park, Waterbeach, Overbury Plc. **No Objections.**

S/2502/15/LD Use of land as residential caravan site for the stationing of 16x caravans, Overbrook Nursery, Green End, Mrs Green. **Concern was raised about the overdevelopment from the original use of the site and also vehicular access on the bend due to increased traffic.**

## 11 Councillors Reports

Mr Hockney reported that 1,300 people had signed the petition in relation to the ‘Action for school road safety’ campaign and Cottenham Village College and parents have said the campaign is making a difference.

Mr Leeke reported on the proposed County Council cuts: Reduction of one third in gritting, Mobile Library, support for vulnerable people. They are looking for communities and families to offer more support. People in the communities need to be aware of family and neighbours who need help.

Dr Gambell reported that the north gatepost at the Parish Pound needs recementing. Clerk to contact Paul Ferguson.

## 12 Date of Future Meetings

7 December 2015

11 January 2016

1 February 2016

The meeting closed at 9.01 p.m.

Signed:

Date: