

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Dave Grant, Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor, 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.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2 November 2015 were approved.

3 **Declaration of Interest** There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 **Matters Arising**

New Councillor – There was nothing to report.

Worts Meadow – There was nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch - There was nothing to report.

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

Affordable Housing – There was nothing to report.

Tithe Barn – Dr Gambell reported that the Trustee group is active. The last Liaison meeting with SCDC was positive. There is a further meeting on 11 December 2015.

Spaldings Lane – It was agreed that the road surface is very poor and the Parish Council should arrange for Dave Attle to look at the ditch on the east side as a matter of urgency. Mr Hinkins to arrange this.

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

Frith Fen Drove – There was nothing to report.

Enterprise Nursery – There was nothing to report.

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. It was also reported that the road sign is broken. Clerk to contact SCDC.

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 look at the overgrown trees in Waterbeach Road and deal with the problem if it was his responsibility.

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 – It was reported that Barbara Le Gallez had put information on the website in relation to the War Memorial.

Jeff Bronks would like photos of the village to go on the home page.

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 – It was reported that Milton Parish Council are not going ahead with the application for Interactive Speed Signs this year but may consider it another time.

Speedwatch – Mr Johnson reported that he has the Speedwatch kit in his garage after training in Waterbeach.

Dog Fouling – It was reported that a request had been put in ‘What’s On’ asking parishioners to pick up their dog foul and not take dogs on the Recreation Ground.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

SCDC Precept 2016 – It was reported that SCDC have confirmed that the Council tax base for Landbeach 2016/17 is 373.9. The proposed budget for next year will be considered at the Parish Council meeting in January when the Precept will be set.

Christmas Tree – It was agreed Mr Hinkins would purchase a Christmas Tree to be put outside the Village Hall.

Aeration of Recreation Ground – Truelink have offered to aerate the Recreation Ground for £240 plus VAT. It was agreed that this was not necessary as there are no football matches being played on it. Mr Hinkins will look at the grass to see if it requires another cut because of the warm weather.

The Local Government Boundary Commission - It was reported that the Commission have decided to undertake a further period of limited consultation prior to publication of its final recommendations.

SLCC – Renewal of SLCC Membership – It was agreed to renew the membership of SLCC. The cost is £118 per annum.

Parking in High Street – A parishioner had reported that Fisher Refrigeration vans are often parked at the Banworth Lane junction, reducing visibility on exit; this could cause an accident.

Lumos Electrical Contractor Ltd – Quotation for floodlight above Defibrillator – This was discussed and it was agreed to accept the quote, the cost is £90.

Emmaus – It was reported that Emmaus would like the Parish Council to appoint a Trustee to join the Emmaus Board. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Diane Docherty to discuss this further.

NALC – The Transparency Fund for Smaller Local Councils – This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would look into what is actually available.

6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning – Mr Halfpenny reported and Urban and Civic would like to attend a Parish Council meeting to update their latest plans. They are working in conjunction with RLW.

Mr Leeke said they are talking with the development of Ely. On the RLW front they need to work with Urban and Civic. On the plan it is mentioned as one development.

7 'What's On' Newsletter - It was agreed to put the following in December 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:
SLCC - The Clerk November 2015
SLCC - Information

9 Finance

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1094 Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary November 2015	£549.42
1094 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet November 2015	£7.00
1095 Inland Revenue – PAYE November 2015	£189.60
1096 Neville Diver – Maintenance November 2015	£80.00
1097 Cottenham Village College – October 2015	£67.32
1098 TC Cooke Minibus Refresher Course for 2 drivers	£252.00

10 Planning

New Applications

S/2523/15/FL - Change of use of agricultural reservoir to fishing lake and part of existing stable building to ancillary toilet and shower facilities and the creation of 6 ancillary car parking spaces and access, New Farm, Green End, Mr and Mrs Matthews.

No Objections

S/2557/15/DC – The erection of B1(a) offices and/or B1(b) research and development, Land at Cambridge Research Park, Plot W1, Beach Drive, Waterbeach, Kier Property Developments Ltd **No Objections**

S/2604/15/RM – Reserved matters for Plot W for 9 units, Cambridge Research Park, Beach Drive, Cambridge Research Park Ltd. **No Objections**

Tree Work

C/11/40/058 – Jasmine Cottage, 79 Green End, Dr Alexander. **Approved**

11 Councillors Reports

Mr Leeke reported on the proposed County Council cuts: There will be a comprehensive spending review. An extra 2% for personal care for adults appears to mean Council tax can go up to 4% instead of 2%. Mobile Library, road gritting and road maintenance will also be affected.

Dr Gambell reported the following:

He would like the salt spreader to be removed from his garage as he needs the space.

Mrs Hutchison to look at the possibility of storing it at her house.

Waterbeach Survey Patient Participation Group would be interested in attending the First Aid and Defibrillator Course when he is arranged.

Mr Johnson reported the following:

In connection with the station at Waterbeach, Network Rail and the County Council have not turned up for meetings.

Dr Gambell reported that the brickwork on the Pound needs attention. Clerk to contact Paul Ferguson.

Mr Hinkins reported that the paths and pavements have deteriorated, one Parishioner has had a fall.

Mr Stevens reported that buses are not coming through the village. Bus drivers are going straight along the A10 when buses are already full. There is concern about the early bus not turning up and Parishioners missing connecting buses and hospital appointments. Clerk to contact Andy Campbell at Stagecoach about this and the possibility of getting interactive bus signs.

It was reported that Mr Diver will not be able to work at some time over the next few months. He will confirm when this will be.

12 Date of Future Meetings

11 January 2016

1 February 2016

7 March 2016

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.

Signed:

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