

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on Monday 25 April 2013 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chairman), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr John Halfpenny (Parish Councillor), Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr James Hockney (District Councillor), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor), Mr Michael Williamson, (County Councillor), and 19 members of the public.

1 Apologies for absence – were received from Mr Dave Grant, Dr Stephen Montgomery, Mr Andrew Stevens (Parish Councillors), Mrs Maggie Robertson, Mr Robert Stripe, Mrs Grace Brooks, Mr Alan Wyatt and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).

2 Minutes – of the APM held on 19 April 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3 Matters arising – there were no matters arising.

4 Guest Speakers

Sarah Clover, AmeyCespa outlined the background of Ameycespa up to the present day.

Siobhan Mellon, SCDC outlined the support SPEP gives to Parish Councils and community groups to make their parishes more sustainable. It was set up in 2009 by SCDC.

SCDC also have a thermal imaging camera which uses light in the infrared spectrum to produce pictures which represent different temperatures with a range of colours. This means it can be used to take pictures in homes and other buildings which show where heat is escaping. Members of Landbeach can borrow it.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Mrs. Melanie Hale read out her annual report (a copy of which is on the web-site www.landbeach.org.uk, a printed copy is attached to the official minutes).

6 Accounts

The Clerk presented the draft accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013 (copies of which were circulated). Parishioners had no comments in relation to the accounts.

7 Village Reports

Reports were given by the following organisations (copies are attached to the official minutes and can be viewed by Parishioners on request)

- Village Hall – Colleen Dell
- Landbeach Women's Institute – Joanne Farrant
- Landbeach Society – Margaret Steine on behalf of Robert Stripe
- Landbeach Carpet Bowls Club - Written report read out

- Landbeach Luncheon Club – Gill Diver
- Village Teas - Written report read out
- Landbeach Sports and Social Club – Gerald Hinkins
- Landbeach Mums, Baby and Toddler Coffee Group - No report
- Widows' Trust – Ray Gambell
- Helpline – Ray Gambell reported that the Helpline does not exist because of the problems of CRC checks. It is informal neighbour contact and Margaret Patterson is happy to be co-ordinator.
- Landbeach Mums, Baby and Toddler Coffee Group - No report
- Events Committee – Written report read out
- FOWM (Friends of Worts Meadow) – Francis Dipper
- Waterbeach School – Written report read out
- Neighbourhood Watch – Written report read out

8 Report from District Councillors

Mr Johnson reported the following:

The last year has seen good improvements for Landbeach with the transformation of the Village Hall.

Walnut Close has been another success for Landbeach. The next step is to identify land that could be developed with the same intention.

Planning permission was granted to Stantiques, the first new business in Landbeach.

The old goods yard at Waterbeach station has been closed due to planning issues and we are trying to find a solution to using the yard as a car park.

The recycling procedures have all been embraced and we are now seeing some of the best recycling rates in the UK.

Mr Hockney said that it remains a real privilege to be District Councillor and he will endeavour to support the Parish Council for the next year.

9 Report from County Councillor

Mr Williamson reported the following:

This year's Council budget shows some significant changes in direction from previous years.

The first phase of the removal of bus subsidies took place, but then the Council was forced to stop because of a threat of judicial review from someone in Milton. The development owned by the County Council at Walnut Close is complete. The County Council is keen to enter into dialogue with local residents to see what might be feasible to improve the supply of affordable housing.

Discussion has taken place with representatives of the County Council cycling team about enhanced links for cyclists. The Council has made a bid to the government for funding from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, and if successful, this could see enhanced facilities for cyclists in the Ely-Cambridge corridor.

The Bollywood Spice junction continues to be a black spot. Milton, Waterbeach and Landbeach Parish Councils agreed to support a speed limit from Denny End

junction to the A14 junction. This includes the junction with Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Car Dyke Road and Waterbeach.

Waterbeach Barracks is not strictly a County Council issue, but those responsible for roads and transport have major concerns given the current state of the A10. Waterbeach School is also concerned as a third of their children are Army children

(Copies of these reports are held by Clerk).

10 Election of Pinder – Mr Wyatt proposed Mr Diver, this was seconded by Mr Halfpenny.

11 Election of Town Crier – Dr Gambell proposed Mrs Hutchison, this was seconded by Mr Halfpenny.

12 Election of Flag Officer – Mrs Hale proposed Dr Gambell and this was seconded by Mr Montgomery.

13 Any Other Business

The question of Pleasant View was raised and Mr Johnson assured all those present that this is being monitored, but the plan is for them to knock the existing house down and build another one further back and screen it.

Mr Pauley asked about the old Enterprise and Mr Johnson confirmed that this was now for sale.

Mrs Patterson confirmed that she will be retiring from Helpline. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Mrs Patterson asked about the possibility of improving the junction at Bollywood Spice. The Parish Council is putting pressure to try and get something done at this junction.

Mr Pauley asked about the possibility of a cycle/pedestrian path from Landbeach to Milton. This has been raised at Parish Council meetings, but there is no money available to do this at present.

Mrs Lant asked about signage at the bend near the church as crossing is difficult. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Parishioners were informed that if they have a strong view about anything, to contact the Clerk.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.

Signed: Date: