

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.30 p.m.**

**in Landbeach Village Hall**

**Present: Mrs. M. Hale (in the chair), Mr. J. Attwood, Mr. T. Dell, Dr. R. Gambell, Ms. J. Gregg, Mr. G. Hinkins, Mr. A. Wyatt, Mr. M. Williamson (County Councillor) (part meeting) and Mrs. A. Hinkins (clerk)**

- 1     **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Hockney and Mr. P. Johnson (District Councillor)
  
- 2     **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** dated 8<sup>th</sup> January were agreed and signed with an amendment to declaration of interests to include the wording (via the Clerk), Mr. Dell offered a verbal apology via the Clerk on his .....
  
- 3     **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  
 Mr. Dell declared a prejudicial interest in item 11 planning application no. S/0062/07/F, Mr. & Mrs. C. Brown. Mrs. Hale declared a prejudicial interest in item 11 planning application no. S/2445/06/F, Mr. J.M. Weaver. Mr. Hinkins declared a personal interest in item 5, Clerk's job description.
  
4.    **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**Donarbon Liaison Meeting** – The Chairman reported on the meeting at which the planning application for the mechanical and biological treatment of waste was explained and discussed.  
**Granary/Affordable Housing** – Clerk reported that Stephen Conrad had extended his sabbatical and would be returning to CCC on 12<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed to write, inviting him to a Parish Council Meeting, to discuss the Granary and Affordable Housing  
**Traffic Management** – awaiting response  
**Parish Council website** – email received from justdigital offering service to set up website. Council agreed to obtain costs for this service. Councillors to look at existing village websites, Chairman and Clerk to discuss with those responsible for them to see if Parish Council matters could be added. To be discussed at next meeting.

**Good Councillors Guide** – ten had been ordered from CALC, free publication, postage was £7.09.

**Milton Parish Council** – had been asked to attend tonight's meeting to give an up-date on the proposed football pitches at Landbeach Road. They are awaiting valuation of the land from CCC and suggested they attend next month's meeting when they should have a better idea if they are going to proceed.

**PCSO** – Scott Evans the new PCSO has been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting three dates have been given to him, awaiting his reply.

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**ROSPA** – yearly inspection of the play areas has been booked for April. It was agreed to ask Geoff to carry out a weekly maintenance checklist of the play areas.

**Proposed Play Area** – the sub-committee hope to be able to present to Councillors their proposals and costs at the next meeting.

**Mobile Library** – The Chairman had received a letter from a concerned parishioner regarding the imminent threat to our fortnightly mobile library service. Users of the service felt it had increased recently due to the change of hours enabling school children to visit it after school. Obviously the library service have the usage figures. It was agreed to write a letter to Lesley Noblett at Cambridgeshire County Council stressing the importance of this service to our community

## 5 **GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

Clerk reported that Truelink could not give a fixed price three year contract, it would increase in line with inflation. After further discussion it was unanimously voted to give Truelink the contract for one year as per their quotation dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006, on file with Clerk. Clerk to confirm in writing to Truelink

## 6 **PARISH PLAN**

Clerk reported she had received 15 replies from parishioners who thought a plan would be a good idea, 9 of these would like to know more and of these 3 were willing to help develop the plan. One resident felt only larger villages benefited from a plan. The Council agreed the current response was not enough to proceed, it was suggested that a Parish Plan should be discussed at the APM.

**7 MILTON COUNTRY PARK**

The Council agreed to write to Councillor Vicky Ford, the portfolio holder, who is responsible for the Park. To give our strong support for this well used facility to remain open, as this is only public amenity of this type in immediate area.

**8 CLERK’S JOB DESCRIPTION**

An addendum to the Clerk’s Conditions of Employment was agreed and signed to increase the Clerk’s hours from 6 to 9 backdated to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

**9 CORRESPONDENCE**

South Cambs Youth Bank – grants for young people, circulated  
Postwatch – post office network consultation, circulated  
Cambs and Peterborough Fire authority precept for 07/08, circulated  
Cambs Countryside Watch AGM – 15<sup>th</sup> February – circulated  
RECAP – Waste Consultation Event – various dates, circulated  
SCDC – Adoption of Core Strategy Development Plan – circulated  
Go-East – proposed changes to East of England Plan - circulated

**10 FINANCE**

The following payments were approved

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| Chq no. | Name   | Amount  | VAT    | Total   |
|---------|--|---------|--------|---------|
| 386     | Victim Support donation (sect. 137)                          | £40.00  |        | £40.00  |
| 387     | Cambridgeshire Acre membership (sect. 137)                   | £25.00  |        | £25.00  |
| 388     | CALC postage   | £7.09   |        | £7.09   |
| 389     | BT telephone bill  | £60.04  | £10.50 | £70.54  |
| 390     | Mrs. A. Hinkins, internet stationery                         | £40.81  | £2.96  | £43.77  |
| 391     | Mrs. A. Hinkins Jan. salary plus backdated pay as per item 8 | £494.55 |        | £494.55 |
| 392     | Mr. G. Setchell, Jan. Care taking                            | £52.50  |        | £52.50  |
|         | Total  | £719.99 | £13.46 | £733.45 |

Income: Milton Colts F.C. use of pitch from Sept. to Dec. 12 matches at £8.00 per match  
£96.00

It was agreed that Mrs. Melanie Hale should be an additional signatory for the Landbeach Parish Council current account.

Following the resignation of our internal auditor, a new one will have to be appointed. A list of recommended internal auditors had been obtained from CALC, their rates are double the previous auditor. Clerk to liaise with Milton PC to see if we could co-ordinate the time of both audits to try and reduce costs.

## 11 PLANNING

### Decisions:-

**S/2101/06/F** – Mr. P. Law, 26 & 28 High Street, porch, railings two storey extension – **approved**

**S/2161/06/F** – Mr. & Mrs. Vara, Ash Vaugh, Ely Road, extension - **refused**

Reason: siting, size and design would result in loss of light and overbearing impact on neighbouring dwellings.

**S/2150/06/F** – Mr. & Mrs. Hancey, 84 High Street, extension – **refused.**

Reason: size, scale and design would be detrimental to street scene and adversely impact a conservation area and would not be subservient to the main dwelling.

**S/2151/06/F** – Mr. & Mrs. Graham, 86 High Street, extension – **refused.**

Reason: size, scale and design would be detrimental to street scene and adversely impact a conservation area and would not be subservient to the main dwelling.  
Loss of light and visually overbearing to neighbouring dwelling.

### New applications:-

**S/2445/06/F** – Mr. J.M. Weaver, 16A High Street, extension – **approve** (Mrs. Hale left the meeting for this application)

**S/2462/06/F** – Cambridge Research Park Ltd. Plot 5100 CRP, Ely Road, generator compound – **no recommendation**

**S/0062/07/F** – Mr. & Mrs. C. Brown, Silver Cloud, High Street, extension **no recommendation** (Mr. Dell left the meeting for this application)

**S/0157/07/LB** – Mr. & Mrs. I. Baggaley, land and building adjoining, 1 Ravensdale Manor Farm, Green End, internal and external alterations to farm building to form a 2 bedroomed independent annexe.

**S/0158/07/F** – Mr. & Mrs. I. Baggaley, Change of use of farm building to residential annexe and land to garden for 1 RavensdaleA site visit was requested at the meeting

which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> February with the following comments:- **no recommendation**, but would like any planning approval to carry a section 106 agreement stating that the annexe can only be sold in conjunction with 1 Ravensdale Manor Farm as an annexe. Not sold as a separate dwelling, due to the siting, as the only access point is through 1 Ravensdale or a side pedestrian access. The need for additional parking spaces could cause a problem for the surrounding properties, as there is no provision for additional car parking spaces in the planning application. 1 Ravensdale is a 4/5 bed roomed property and four properties already use this entrance therefore their access could become congested. If ownership of this property should change in the future a need for further parking spaces could be necessary.

**S/0243/06/CW** – Donarbon, Ely Road, Waterbeach, facility for the mechanical and biological treatment of waste – comments to CCC:- Although the planning document states the traffic increase will be minimal when the new facility is up and running the Parish Council would like an assurance that heavy good vehicle movements through the village would be limited or even restricted due to the problems they cause for local residents and their properties. A suggestion was made that if Donarbon was granted planning permission for, what is an enormous investment, perhaps they may consider contributing to any traffic calming scheme that might transpire in Landbeach.

**Consultation** – Cambridge Sports Lakes, summary of habitat, ecology, landscape and transportation – comments to SCDC – The Parish Council feels improvements to the A10 slap-up junction are essential and are agreed before the commencement of the work, by a possible 106 agreement, to accommodate the extra flow of traffic. We would have severe concerns regarding street parking along our village road networks. If, as indicated, on event days the spectators and general public will be asked to use a shuttle bus from the park and ride as the 750 space will be closed except to competitors. People who drive direct to the lakes would then park where they could along the highways.

## 12 COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Williamson is very concerned regarding the on-street parking and disruption to village traffic if the Cambridge Sport Lakes gets approval. He feels strongly that improvements to the slap-up junction are essential for safety and additional increased traffic flow especially given the accident statistics that already exist at the junction. He suggested that if the existing Sunday bus service is withdrawn, had we thought to enquire if the City 2 bus, that runs from Milton to Addenbrookes, could incorporate Landbeach on a Sunday and Bank Holidays. Enquiries to be made if this is possible by Clerk.

Councillor Johnson sent a written report stating that talks are being held with interested parties to resolve the issue to keep Milton Country Park open. He thought outline

planning permission would be given to Cambridge Sport Lakes at planning committee on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. At the last Beche Way residents meeting it was suggested that Spaldings Lane was made into a one way system, a member from Highways will look at this idea and report back with the findings.

Mr. Hinkins reported that he along with, Mr. Attwood, Mr. Dell, Ms. Gregg and two parishioners, Mr. Diver and Mr. Gallego had picked up in excess of 24 black bags of rubbish from village verges and felt this may have to be carried out on a regular basis as more and more rubbish gets discarded along our verges.

He also suggested, if there was a small rack somewhere in the village for leaflets, the Clerk could place extra copies in the rack, that are sent to the Parish Council for parishioners to read and take if they wish. It was considered the Village Hall entrance might be suitable. Mr. Hinkins to ask the Village Hall Committee if this would be possible.

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Signed .....

Dated .....