

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Landbeach Village Hall**

**Present: Mrs. M. Hale (in the Chair), Mr. J. Attwood, Dr. R. Gambell, Ms. J. Gregg, Mr. G. Hinkins, Mr. J. Hockney, Mr. A. Wyatt and Mrs. A. Hinkins (clerk)**

No members of the public were present

- 1 **Ian May from Milton Parish Council** - and Chairman of Milton Colts Football Club told Councillors that Milton Parish Council was still waiting to hear from CCC on the valuation of the land for the proposed football pitches, following the planning inspectorate granting permission. They have 178 boys and girls under 8's to under 17's currently registered with the club. Four of their teams at present play out of Milton two at Landbeach and two at Impington. It is very early days with the development of this project. They would require the Football Association's financial support with the purchase of the land. Mr. May said he would feedback the Councillors concerns to Milton Parish Council regarding children crossing the A10 and parking on the highway due to limited parking spaces being provided. He hoped we could work together with this project and would keep Landbeach Parish Council informed of their progress.
- 2 **Scott Evans, PCSO** introduced himself to the Councillors. Reported that crime was low in Landbeach, he divides his time between his area and hoped to do a street patrol on foot or bike on a regular basis. Speed checks would continue. Councillors felt a discreet police presence would be nice to see within the village.
- 3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** apologies for absence were received from Mr. T. Dell, Mr. P. Johnson (District Councillor) and Mr. M. Williamson (County Councillor)
- 4 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** dated 5<sup>th</sup> February were agreed and signed.
- 5 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
Mr. Hockney declared a prejudicial interest in item 7 Parish Plan as a District Councillor Portfolio Holder. Mr. Wyatt a personal interest in item 14 planning application S/0216/07/F
- 6 **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**Mobile Library** – number of mobile libraries to be reduced from 8 to 6, consultation of revised routes to take place in June, with changes effective in January 2008. A letter had been sent to Lesley Noblett of CCC outlining our concerns.

**Bus Service** – Sunday bus service is being reduced at not withdrawn as first indicated. New timetable to be notified.

**Web-site** – Jeff Bronks has added a Parish Council page to the [www.landbeach.org.uk](http://www.landbeach.org.uk) web-site to include dates of meetings, contacts details and minutes of meetings. Parishioners to be informed of this in the next Parish Magazine.

**Milton Country Park** – letter received from Vicky Ford, District Councillor, thanking us for our support. Progress is being made to find the best long-term solution for the park.

**Granary/Walnut Farm** – Sara Thomas to attend April's Parish Council meeting to discuss the Granary and Walnut Farm.

**Grass Cutting Contract** – letter of acceptance had been sent to Truelink Ltd.

**Graffiti removal service** – now available free in South Cambs offered by the Probation Service.

**External Auditor** – Moore Stephens have been appointed as external auditors

**Village Verge Cutting** – CCC rate to remain the same as last year - £742.55

**Beche Residents Group** – at a recent meeting they discussed making additional parking in Green End where the mound is located, together with a one-way system in Spaldings Lane and speed restrictions. Steve Thurlborn of Highways is to attend their next meeting to discuss these issues. The Parish Council felt they should be kept fully informed of any highway concerns as we have in the past investigated additional parking in Green End and informed by Highways it would be too dangerous. We should work together on these issues. The Clerk is liaising with Rebecca Gane, the new housing officer, to ensure we are provided with their minutes on a consistent basis.

**Traffic Management** – waiting to hear back from Highways

**CALC Courses** – agreed Chairman to attend workshop on Planning Process and Clerk to attend workshop on archiving documents

**Parish Councillor** – we have received no applications for the vacancy of Parish Councillor. A further notice to be placed in Parish Magazine.

## 7 PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that only 18 reply slips had been received. Parish Plan to be included on the agenda for the APM

## 8 MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Following on from Mr. May's visit, Councillors would like encourage a close liaison with Milton if the proposed development of football pitches goes ahead. The opportunity to discuss with Ian May the concerns we have for this development and for him to feed them back to Milton Parish Council was welcomed.

## 9 MILTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

A letter has been received from Milton Colts regarding the goalposts they use on the recreation ground during the season. These will become illegal next season and they are asking whether Landbeach Parish Council would be willing to purchase new goalposts for their use and users of the recreation ground. A

possible 50% grant from the football foundation could be applied for. Councillors felt that due to budget constraints and ongoing projects we have planned, we could not justify this expenditure, in the coming financial year.

#### 10 NEW PLAY AREA

Sara Noel gave a presentation together with a written document on the proposed new play area for pre-school children. She outlined the background, consultation process, research, costs, funding, presented three schemes and quotations and put forward a recommendation that the support group of village mums would like to propose. She asked if the Parish Council would fund the third party 10% of the SCDC Community Facility Grant application, being £600.00, this was unanimously agreed. The VAT element for this project is recoverable if the applicant is registered, as the Parish Council is the applicant, it was agreed to underwrite the VAT element approximately £3,600.00 from the date of payment of the invoice until reclaim. Funding would now be applied for.

#### 11 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was suggested that we invite a Planning Officer from SCDC to be the speaker at the APM, to speak on the planning system, affordable housing etc. Mr. Hockney to arrange this.

#### 12 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was circulated:-

Communities and Local Government – revised Model Code of Conduct

SCDC Protocol for consultation on housing issues

SCDC – public consultation at Feb 2007

SCDC – draft lettings policy and the CBL process

DEFRA – Review of the Quality Town and parish Council Scheme

CCC – Countryside Access issues

Cambs ACRE – Community Life Awards 2007

COPE – newsletter

Bruno Peek – St. Georges Day celebrations

#### 13 FINANCE

The following payments were approved:-

Chq no.	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
393	Truelink Ltd.	400.00	70.00	470.00
394	Mr. G. Setchell – Feb Care taking £42.00 clearing branches and wood from rec. £18.00	60.00		60.00
395	Mrs. A. Hinkins – Clerk's Feb salary	282.60		282.60
396	Dr. R. Gambell – advertising in parish Magazine and parish plan leaflet	28.00		28.00
	Total	770.60	70.00	840.60

It was agreed to appoint Mr. Steve Wilson as the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2006/07 at a charge of £25.00 per hour plus 40p per mile travel.

**14 PLANNING****Decisions:-**

**S/0626/06/F** – Hinkins Partnership, 18-20 Waterbeach Road, two dwellings following demolition of existing – **approved**

**S/2445/06/F** – Mr. J.M. Weaver, 16A High Street, extension – **approved**

**New Applications:-**

**S/0216/07/F** – Mr. & Mrs. T. Andrews, 6 Matthew Parker Close, extension – **approve**

**S/0269/07/F** – Donarbon Ltd, Ely Road, Waterbeach – office extension incorporating 5 offices, 2 toilets and a meeting room – **no recommendation**

**15 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Mr. Williamson sent a written report in his absence. County budget was approved with mobile libraries and highways having a reduced budget. No extra funds for youth. Consideration of Park and Ride postponed until March.

Mr. Johnson sent a written report in his absence. Cambridge Sports Lakes had been given permission, but he had made known Landbeach's and Waterbeach's issues with the Slap-up junction, increased traffic, parking problems, drainage etc. He attended the Beche Residents meeting where, as minuted above, Highways issues were raised.

Mr. Hockney reported he would attend the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Following the Government Inspectors report on SCDC he felt their criticisms could be addressed and a turn around would take place. A working group had been set up to sort out problems connected to the Cambridge Sport Lakes project.

Mr. Hinkins reported the car park light was not coming on. He would inspect the clock to see if it needed adjusting. The clock is quite old, if it could not be mended, then a new one would have to be installed. It was agreed any costs incurred to be met by the Parish Council. He also asked if we should request a price from Geoff to cut round edge of car park, clear gully and generally tidy it up, as he had done last year. Also weed the boules area. Councillors agreed.

The Chairman said the daffodils looked lovely again this year. The new planting seemed to be going well. She was pleased to see the Church extension and heating had been completed and had enjoyed the Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving to mark its completion.

**16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.