

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 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 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr. M. Williamson (County Councillor and Mr. P. Johnson (District Councillor)

2 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April were agreed and signed

3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Ms. Gregg declared a personal interest in planning application S/0530/07/F  
Mr. Hockney declared a personal interest in item 5, Parish Plan, as District Council Portfolio Holder

4 **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN REPORT**

**Children's Play Area and Multi-sports area** – A weekly check list is being completed by Mr. Setchell on the children's play area and multi-sports area for any visible defects, in his opinion, to the equipment in these areas. Reporting any problems to the Clerk. He reported that one of the upright legs of the climbing frame had been knocked and dented, noted on 17<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed to write to Truelink, stating that this damage has been noted. As they are the only people who have access to the recreation area with machinery. This may cover us if ROSPA find the damage unacceptable and we have to claim on our insurance.

**Proposed Play Area** – Permission has been received from the Land Officer and the Planning Department of SCDC for the Council to go ahead with the proposed play area. The Lynn Trust Fund has agreed to be the 10% third party funding body for the Evolve funding application. We are waiting for letters of support from Village organisations. The SCDC Community Facility Grant has offered us a grant of £10,265.00. We are now in a position to send the application form to Evolve for funding.

**Model Code of Conduct** – a new code of conduct was received from Communities and Local Government. A letter was then received from CALC advising that a separate code of conduct is being proposed for Parish and Town Council and standing orders may need changing. They would confirm this with Parish Clerks as soon as possible.

**Parish Council Policies** – If standing orders need changing we would wait for clarification from CALC before adopting any new policies.

**Granary** – a decision was agreed at cabinet regarding the future of the granary. When the contents are made public we will be contacted by the County Council.

**Affordable Housing** – the agents working on behalf the County Council have spoken with SCDC Planning Department who are still recommending two units at Walnut Farm in line with current planning policy, together with some affordable housing. The agents are liaising with Hundred Housing and looking at maybe combining a scheme with other areas of village land that the planners would be prepared to consider. They will keep us informed of progress.

**Litter and Dog Bins** – SCDC are consulting Parish Councils on the future of emptying litter and dog bins which have dramatically increased over the last few years impacting on their financial resources. They have provided us with five options. Councillors opted for charging parishes for emptying any new litter and dog bins that are installed. Clerk to reply to SCDC.

**Parish Planning Pack** – a revised Parish Planning Pack can be downloaded from South Cambs website [www.scambs.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/Parish Planning Pack](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/Parish%20Planning%20Pack). Clerk has requested printed version so it can be circulated.

**Community Mini-Bus** – Clerk liaised with CVC regarding the concerns of village residents that losing a driver makes it more onerous on the remaining volunteer drivers. A recently retired man from Cottenham who has taken the minibus test has agreed to volunteer. Joyce Townsend is now in contact with him.

## 5 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Traffic Calming** – it should be made clear at the APM that traffic calming is something that will not be funded by the County Council as Landbeach does not satisfy the necessary accident statistics to prove the need. Any traffic calming would have to be paid from other sources. Chairman to outline the cost involved of various calming measures

**Parish Plan** – feed back the statistics from the reply slips that have been returned on the Parish Plan. Explain what is needed from the village to carry out a Parish Plan and get the views of villagers present.

## 6 SIGNAGE

Mr. Hinkins reported that the sign that was attached to the car park fence and disappeared when new fencing was erected around the electric sub-station should be replaced. Notifying users of the car park their vehicles and contents are left at the owner's risk. It was unanimously agreed to purchase a sign and Mr. Hinkins offered to attach it to the fence.

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted and circulated

SCDC Public consultation position in April

East of England – regional gypsy and traveller public engagement event

Fen Edge Community Assoc – AGM

Vitalise – request for donation

Cambs and Peterborough Association of Local Councils – next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> May

CCC- Waste and Minerals Plan, changes to the timetable for plan preparation

Heavy Commercial Vehicle Route Manager's Newsletter

SCDC – notes from the Traveller Liaison Forum Meeting

CALC – First Liaison Meeting with SCDC – 7<sup>th</sup> June

Mr. Williamson (email)– notification of removal of stops on park and ride service

Letter received from Landbeach Fete Committee asking permission to create a small area for farmyard animals at the Fete, situated in the corner of the rec. There would be facility for washing hands and all mess would be thoroughly cleaned away. Permission is also asked to give pony rides, the lady who has offered to do these is covered by the necessary insurance. They would also like permission for Peter and Rosemary Garner to bring a selection of their classic cars for a static display. These permission requests were agreed.

## 8 FINANCE

The following payments were approved

Chq. No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
403	Mrs. A. Hinkins – Clerk’s April salary	282.60		282.60
404	Mr. G. Setchell – April caretaking	48.00		48.00
405	Brian Langley & Son Ltd., repair car park light	176.70	30.92	207.62
406	Mrs. A. Hinkins. Internet, stamps	29.92		29.92
407	BT plc, telephone bill	57.57	10.07	67.64
	Total	594.79	40.99	635.78

Income:- Half Yearly Precept received and paid into current account - £7,000.00

## 9 PLANNING

**Decision:- S/0269/07/F** - Donarbon Ltd. Ely Road, Waterbeach, office extension incorporating 5 offices, 2 toilets and a meeting room – **approved**

**New Applications:- S/0530/07/F** Mr. P. Law, 30-32 High Street, erection of garage – question the need to incorporate three roof lights in an open sided garage with a window at one end, as roof lights are only normally required for a light source. **no recommendation**

## 10 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Mr. Johnson sent a written report:-

Milton Country Park – talks are still ongoing with interested parties

Sports Lakes – slow-moving, a draft section 106 to be formulated and scrutinised before circulation. At this stage it is hoped to include County Councillors along with Parish Councils.

Mr. Williamson sent a written report:-

Butt Lane P & R – return to Development Control on 9<sup>th</sup> May

Removal of stops from existing P & R as noted under correspondence

Mr. Hinkins reported that stones are continuing to be thrown into the multi-sports area. They are also being used to write on the tarmac surface. Mr. Setchell is getting tired of sweeping them off. A solution would be to tarmac around the sports area. It was agreed the Clerk should obtain quotes for this work.

Mr. Hinkins also suggested we ask Mr. Setchell to paint the large metal swings with Hammerite paint to keep them well-maintained. Mr. Setchell's would charge £6.00 per hour. He also pointed out the new hedge along Green End needed weeding, it was agreed the Clerk should ask Mr. Setchell to carry out both jobs.

Ms. Gregg asked if the tennis net could be erected in the multi-sports area. Mr. Hinkins agreed to do this.

Mr. Wyatt suggested we look into purchasing the recreation ground, to secure it for the village use in years to come. Clerk to find out from SCDC if Parish Councils are still able to purchase them, and approximate cost involved.

Mr. Attwood reported the ditch in Spaldings Lane, where the water seems to have trouble getting away when it is wet, is very silted up and needs cleaning out, which should stop the flooding. Also the ditch running along Cock Fen Lane, where the laying of the hedge was carried out, has a lot of debris remaining which when removed will help the flow of water and stop it getting blocked. Clerk to make enquiries to see if they could be cleaned out.

## **11 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m.

The next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.