

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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, Mr. M. Williamson (part) (County Councillor) and Mrs. A. Hinkins (Clerk)

No members of the public were present

- 1     **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr. T. Dell and Mr. P. Johnson (District Councillor)
- 2     **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** dated 4<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and signed.
- 3     **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
Dr. Gambell declared an interest in item 4, churchyard grass cutting as Church Warden.
- 4     **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**Refuse Collection** – the Clerk reported a reply has been received from the Environmental Services Department at SCDC in response to the Parish Council's request for the wheelie bins to be replaced from where they are taken when emptying. They say the crews empty 800 to 1000 bins per day and do not have time to place them in exactly the same position and wherever possible footway obstruction should be avoided. If there are locations where this is happening let them know and they will investigate. Mr. Hockney said he would contact the Environmental Services as it is happening in various locations around the village to see if they can improve this service.  
**New Play Area** – The Clerk reported the funding form had been submitted to Evolve EB (Donarbon). A decision on the application should be received in July.  
**Recreation Ground** – Mr. Jenny Clark, the Lands Officer at SCDC has acknowledged our request to purchase Landbeach Recreation Ground. She is seeking approval from the District Council and, if approval is given, a formal offer will be made. We would have to appoint a solicitor to act on our behalf. A letter has been received from the Lynn Trust Fund who would be pleased to financially support the purchase of the Recreation Ground.  
**Milton Colts Football Club** – have indicated they would like to use the recreation ground on Sundays for the coming season and asked if any dates were prohibited. The 30<sup>th</sup> September is booked for the harvest festival and should be avoided if possible. The pitch fees have remained at £8.00 per match for three years which includes the use of the recreation ground on a Thursday evening for training. Due to the ever-increasing costs of maintenance it was voted to request an increase in the cost to £10.00 per match (vote:- 5 for, 1 against and 1 abstention).

**Traffic calming** – a letter has been received from a parishioner suggesting a way of conducting more speed checks would be to borrow from the police a data radar speed check gun and ask for volunteer parishioners to carry out our own speed checks as he understood other villages have done. Mr. Hockney would speak to Paul Ormerod to see if this is possible. We have had a reasonable response so far to the traffic calming questionnaires that have been delivered throughout the village.

**Churchyard grass cutting** – a reply to a letter sent last October has been received from Mr. R. Stripe, Treasurer of All Saint's Church, regarding a written record of the contribution to the church grass cutting being one tenth of the annual precept. He has been unable to locate such a record and concluded that the contribution was set at £700.00, which happened to be one-tenth of the precept for that year. The Church has been asked to supply us with this year's maintenance costs at the end of the year, when it will be discussed again.

**Mobile Library** – we have received notification that as from January 2008 the mobile library will visit Landbeach fortnightly on a Wednesday stopping outside Mrs. Pullan's from 15.20 to 16.10 p.m. Clerk to make response by 27<sup>th</sup> August. Councillors were pleased to note there would be no loss of service and hoped the day change would not be too disruptive for parishioners.

**Parish Councillor** – Mrs. Tracey Hutchinson has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Clerk will ask her to make a formal written application.

**Liaison Meeting with SCDC** – The Chairman had attended and reported that these meetings will continue to take place every 6 months, felt they were useful in bringing organisations together to discuss common problems and weaknesses.

**Hedge – Cock Fen Lane/High Street** – following the laying of some of the hedge around the pocket park, there seems to be a lot of weed growing from it and hampering new growth, not only in front of it but also smothering the hedge itself. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak with Truelink to see what thoughts he has for eliminating the weeds and the cost involved. Spraying was one suggestion put forward by Mr. Wyatt.

## 5 **VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK**

Following the advertisement placed in the Cambridge Evening News and on the village noticeboards we have received five applications for the Clerk's position. After some discussion it was agreed to invite all applicants for an interview on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 7.00 p.m. at half an hour intervals in the Village Hall lounge. Clerk to write to applicants offering them an interview.

## 6 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Councillors had met with John Dadge, of Barker Storey Matthews, the agent appointed by CCC on 28<sup>th</sup> June. With the Worts Farm Barn becoming surplus to CCC requirements it was suggested that the number of private houses required by CCC in order for them to release land for affordable housing could incorporate the development of Worts Farm Barn/Granary with Walnut Farm in the ratio of private and affordable housing planning requirement. Mr. Dadge would speak with Stephen Conrad on the many issues raised by the Councillors and hope progress can be made.

Mr. Hockney, as our District Councillor, has received correspondence from the Cottage Housing Association, who owns the land just south of the Rectory in Green End. They are investigating the possibility of three small affordable houses on this land.

## 7 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the New Code of conduct to include Paragraph 12 (2) at the last Parish Council meeting and have agreed that it will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007. Rules for the operation of Council meetings with regard to the public having the opportunity to speak during the council meeting will be presented at a future meeting then forwarded to CALC as requested. CALC has asked if we would like to advertise Landbeach Parish Council's adoption of the New Code of Conduct. This would be a block advertisement in a local newspaper at the cost of £24.00. They would also notify both the Standards Board and the Monitoring Officer. Councillors agreed this. Clerk to complete and return form to CALC.

## 8 WAY PROJECT

A letter has been received from the WAY Project outlining a new project to work to build on the self-confidence and self-esteem of the young ladies especially those who often feel excluded from group activities and sports. They hope to embark on this project providing funding is available. It was agreed to make a donation of £100.00.

## 9 CORRESPONDENCE

SCDC. LDF – public consultation on site-specific policies DPD Objection Sites 2 - circulated  
 SCDC – South Cambridgeshire Housing Futures - circulated  
 SCDC – Standard Committee Newsletter, June 2007 – circulated  
 Public Consultation, June 2007 – circulated  
 Communique, Northstowe consultation – circulated  
 SC Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, anti-social behaviour and Envirocrime Conference, 25<sup>th</sup> September – circulated  
 Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch, membership renewal £25.00 – agreed  
 Fen Edge Community Assoc. membership renewal £15.00 - agreed

## 10 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payments

Chq no.	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
419	Cambridge Newspapers Ltd.	74.00	12.95	86.96
420	E-On Energy	13.72	0.65	13.72
421	Mr. G. Setchell – June caretaking, £48.00 Painting swings £36.00	84.00		84.00
422	Mrs. A. Hinkins – Clerk's June salary	282.60		282.60
423	Truelink Ltd.	483.20	84.57	567.77
424	Mrs. A. Hinkins – Stationery, stamps etc	38.53	5.20	43.73
425	Ray Gambell – adverts in parish magazine	24.00		24.00
426	Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch –	25.00		25.00

	membership renewal			
427	Fen Edge Community Assoc. – membership renewal	15.00		15.00
428	Robert Armstrong – June’s churchyard grass cutting	101.50		101.50
429	WAY Project - donation	100.00		100.00
	Total	1216.55	103.37	1344.28

**11 PLANNING**

New Applications:-

**S/1026/07/F** – Ely Diocesan Board of Finance, land between 60 and 70 High Street, dwelling – **approve.**

**S/1072/07/F** – Mr. & Mrs. Hancey, 84 High Street, extension – **approve**

**S/1073/07/F** – Mr. Graham & Ms, Bhola, 86 High Street, extension – **approve**

**12 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Mr. Wyatt, reported that the Bin Rota had run out. He offered to empty the bin at the end of Matthew Parker Close. Mr. Hinkins offered to empty the one outside 76 High Street and Dr. Gambell offered to empty the one outside Ravensdale all on a permanent basis.

District Councillor James Hockney reported that 106 agreements are still waiting to be finalised on the Sports Lake planning application. There are three interested parties that have come forward to take over the running of the Milton Country Park, they are, the Sports Lake Trust, National Trust and Cambridge Preservation Society, a decision is to be made by 31<sup>st</sup> August. He reported that there are three areas not covered by Neighbourhood Watch, Beche Way, Reubens Road, Spaldings Lane and Chapmans Close.

Mr. Johnson, District Councillor sent a written report which covered what Mr. Hockney had mentioned regarding the Sports Lakes and Milton Country Park.

Mr. Hinkins reported that he had a quotation from Grays Surfacing for tarmac on the strip that runs along the length of the multi-sports area to the gate for £180.00 plus VAT. This work was agreed to be carried out.

County Councillor, Michael Williamson, reported that Waterbeach School is full for the new reception intake in September. As previously discussed he would try and find out if there are any further developments on the relocation of the sewerage farm on Milton Road.

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....