

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 1 October 2007 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs. M. Hale (in the Chair), Dr. R. Gambell, Mr. G. Hinkins, Mrs. T. Hutchison, Mr John Attwood, Mr A. Wyatt, Mr P. Johnson (District Councillor) and Mrs. M. Sylvester (Clerk)

Public Participation

Members of the public in Beche Way and Reubens Way said that they had written to SCDC about untidy gardens and the parking problem. There is no space for an emergency vehicle to enter if it was needed. They have received conflicting letters on who is responsible for the Mound.

The Chairman and Clerk are to inspect the problems and report findings to SCDC Officers on their behalf.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Ms Jackie Gregg, Mr James Hockney and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor)
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 3 September 2007 were agreed and signed.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
There was no Declaration of Interest.
4. **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
New Play Area – Mr Hinkins reported that the contractors would be finished work by the end of the week. The harris fencing would be taken down. There has to be a sign erected stating that children over 8 are not allowed on the Play Area and children under 4 need to be supervised. The sign would cost around £60-£70 and needs to be erected in a prominent position. A request was made to the Parish Council to meet this cost. Mr Attwood said that the Fete Committee might pay for the sign. A request will be put to them but in the meantime the Parish Council will pay for the sign.

An invoice from the contractors will be submitted when the work is complete and the Parish Council has received the funding. Councillors were reminded that the Parish Council had agreed to underwrite the VAT element, until it can be claimed back at the end of the financial year, this money would come from the reserve account.

A request had been made for insurance cover and a reply is awaited. The Public Liability Insurance covers the Recreation Ground, but not the new equipment. The official opening will be during half-term week beginning 22 October 2007 preferably with a child connection. There are some suggestions being considered, but if the Parish Council have any ideas, please inform the Play Area members. The date will be put on the notice board.

Report from Bob Howard, Highways – up-date on highways matters that are ongoing;

- a) Waterbeach Road/Car Dyke Road - all resurfacing work on the A10 including white lines is now complete.
- b) High Street footways - inspection has been made with the Area Maintenance Engineer and a bid has been put to the Head of Network for some resurfacing.
- c) Waterbeach Road - overgrown footway from opposite No 40 to the Manor - order has been placed to remove vegetation.
- d) Beche Way - a request has been received from SCDC to have a look at the footways as they may be in need of repair.
- e) Ely Road - various rusted/damaged road signs and posts have been replaced.

Councillors noted that the hedge by the letterbox needs cutting back. They also commented that the hedge at the Waterbeach Road/High Street corner had been cut well back and both road signs were clearly visible.

It was reported that road signs in Chapman Close and Cock Fen Road had been damaged. It was agreed to ask SCDC to look at these.

Bus Service – Stagecoach have agreed to erect new signage at each bus stop in the village explaining the two routes and which side of the road to stand for each service. An article in relation to this was in the Parish Magazine to ensure parishioners are aware of the two services.

Daffodils - it was agreed to purchase daffodil bulbs at a cost of £30 and these to be put particularly in Waterbeach Road.

BT - it was agreed to pay the BT bill by Direct Debit.

Village Guide - Clerk to consult Mr Hockney about the Village Guide.

Finance Clerk - It was unanimously adopted that the Clerk would act as the Responsible Finance Officer for the coming year.

Bus Shelter Painting - Mr Hinkins to speak to Geoff Setchell about this.

Geoff Setchell had reported that the bark under the climbing frame needed digging out and new wood put in. It should be 1 metre wider than the climbing

frame and rail sleepers would be the most suitable for this. Mr Hinkins to speak to Geoff Setchell about this also.

Mr Hinkins said that this has been governed by the old rules drawn up by ROSPA. It was agreed to leave this until next April and inspect it again.

Donarbon - The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting and local residents were complaining about smells over the summer. People in Chittering cannot have BBQs. The green bin waste is a problem as the tonnage for composting has greatly increased. Donarbon are tackling the problem with bugs and deodorising and are also investing in an improved maturation area to reduce anaerobic.

The new MBT (mechanical biological treatment) plant for black bin waste can go ahead subject to 32 planning conditions including landscaping and local air monitoring. Interestingly, the Archaeologists had found some Roman rubbish at the site.

Letterhead - a village logo for the letterhead was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would consult Ted Gazely who held the copyright for this. It was felt it should be used by other village organisations as well as the Parish Council.

Councillors said that there had been a Jubilee Fund in order to maintain the Village sign.

It was agreed to bring suggestions for the logo to the next meeting.

Fly tipping - The Chairman reported that one load of builders' rubbish, plastic and waste and another of large tree cuttings had been dumped in the field about 400 yards past Beach Babies Nursery. Rubbish had also been dumped at the bottom of Cock Fen Road. The Clerk to report this to SCDC.

5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

There was nothing new to report on Affordable Housing.

6 TRAFFIC CALMING

It was agreed that the Chairman would analyse and summarise what residents had said in their questionnaires.

It was emphasised that the budget was only £30,000 and having traffic calming would depend on funds. It was agreed to approach Evolve and the Lynn Foundation to ask for funding and to arrange events such as jumble sales to raise money.

The Clerk had spoken to the Horningsea Parish Clerk who had said that interactive signs were their only option as they were the cheapest. Also they were

not allowed to put humps or bumps because they are a farming village. It was felt this would apply to Landbeach as well.

7 RECREATION GROUND

A formal request had been submitted to Jenny Clerk Lands Officer at SCDC for a quotation of costs associated with the transfer of the freehold of the Recreation Ground to Landbeach Parish Council. She emphasised that this is only an estimate and could go up or down. The whole procedure can take between 6 months to a year to complete.

It was agreed to appoint an independent Solicitor, King and Co in Cottenham who had quoted that the cost would be £400 plus VAT. There is a Land Registry Fee of £40, which is compulsory.

8 THE GRANARY

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Stephen Conrad confirming that all filing cabinets and furniture would be removed from the Granary by the end of October. It was agreed that the Chairman, Clerk and Mrs Hinkins would look through what was in the Granary and discuss how to archive it. Some of the older material could be archived at Shire Hall.

The Village Hall had agreed to archive some of the Parish Council material and they would like to know what space was required.

The plan of the proposed extension for the Village Hall was tabled. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee about the possibility of having an office there where village material could be kept and it could be used by organisations who wanted to work there to carry out any research.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Cambridshire Acre - leaflet 'An introduction to our services'

CareNetwork News September 2007

SCDC - Dates of Neighbourhood Panel Meetings - Landbeach 16 October 2007

CCC - JIGSAW Community Archaeology project

Cambridgeshire Police - Remembrance Parade 11 November 2007

Landbeach do not have a Remembrance Parade but Dr Gambell reported that there were soldiers coming from Waterbeach Barracks who would parade through the village on 11 November 2007.

CCC - County Plan for Older People - Questionnaire to be completed and returned by 10 October 2007 - Dr Gambell agreed to carry this out.

The Chairman reported that she had received a request from Landbeach Village Hall asking the Parish Council to contribute to electricity costs used to light the car park and insurance of the security camera (currently valued at £2,234).

This was discussed and Councillors felt that the security camera would not be worth this amount at present and the Parish Council had already contributed £300 to repair the light in the car park.

It was agreed to ask Landbeach Village Hall what amount of contribution they thought would be appropriate and report at the next meeting.

10 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Chq No.	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
441	CALC - Clerk's 2-day Intensive Course	£75		£75.00
442	Mrs A Hinkins – Clerk's salary plus reimbursement	£161.38	£2.06	£161.38
443	CALC - Code of Conduct Advert	£24.00		£24.00
444	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary for September 2007 plus reimbursement for telephone and mileage	£321.79	£4.36	£321.79
445	Geoff Setchell - caretaking September and digging bark under climbing frame	£54.00		£54.00
446	Truelink Ltd - grass cutting in September 2007	£485.87	£72.37	£485.87

Discussion took place on trying to get a better return on the Reserve Account and it was decided to approach CALC in the first instance to see if they had any suggestions.

11 PLANNING

Decisions:-

S/1518/07/RM - 112 Bedroom Hotel with meeting/Conference Facilities and Associated Parking Plot 6000 Beach Drive Cambridge Research Park, Landbeach
No recommendation

S/1769/07/F - Demolition of existing workshop and Leonard buildings, alterations and construction of new teaching 7 administration building
 The College of West Anglia Milton Campus, Landbeach Road, Milton
No recommendation

Notification has been received from East Cambs District Council re the Public Inquiry into the appeal on the proposed Mereham Development to take place from 9th October at the Arkenstall Centre, 7 Station Road, Haddenham

- 12** Councillor Johnson reported that the smells being noticed in Landbeach were coming from Butt Lane and not Donarbon.

Councillor Johnson said that he had had a meeting with the Beche Way Residents Group who had asked about getting a footpath in Spaldings Lane. He had approached the County Council who had shown no interest in this. It was agreed that a representative from the County Council should be asked to visit this site.

Mr Wyatt said it was nice to be consulted about the planning application for the College of West Anglia Milton Campus. He said it would have been good if there had been consultation about the Nursery sign on the Landbeach Road. This has now been lowered.

Dr Gambell reported on the following:

- 1) He had attended the Cambridge Networking Group in Cottenham.
The reorganisation has a fund-searching network and by working as a network they can approach this site. Parish Councils cannot be part of the organisation but they can direct people who are looking for funds to this site.
- 2) What is happening about cycle access to the new park and ride? Clerk to investigate.
- 3) Three quarters of the lead off the Church roof (south porch) had been stolen last week. James Matthews had put a temporary cover on it.

It was agreed to ask Mr Hockney what neighbourhood watch was in place for Landbeach Church?

Mr. Hinkins reported that the recreation ground needed new signage as a number of dogs had been seen on this area.

Mr Hinkins reported that the path to the multi-sports area has grass growing and it needs trimming back from the tarmac. Mr Hinkins to ask Geoff Setchell about this.

Mr Hinkins reported that the trees around the Village Hall are shading it and making it dark inside. It was agreed to get advice from Truelink Ltd and consult the Tree Officer at SCDC.

Mr Attwood reported that the gates to the Pocket Park were broken and cows were getting through. It was agreed to speak to Victoria Mitchell at the CC about this.

13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 5 November 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Signed Dated