

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 5 November 2007 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Landbeach Village Hall**

**Present: Mr G Hinkins (in the Chair), Dr R Gambell, Mrs T Hutchison, Mr John Attwood, Mr A Wyatt, and Mrs M Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor) joined the meeting later in the evening**

**The Clerk reported that as the Chairman and Deputy Chairman were not able to attend the meeting, a stand-in Chair would have to be nominated. Mr Wyatt proposed that Mr G Hinkins should take the Chair. This was seconded by Dr Gambell.**

**Public Participation.**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mrs Melanie Hale, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mr James Hockney, Mr Trevor Dell and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor)
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 1 October 2007 were agreed and signed.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
Mrs T Hutchison declared a prejudicial interest and invoked paragraph 12(2) Code of Conduct.
4. **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**New Play Area** – The Clerk reported that there were a few teething problems and Adventure Playgrounds were sorting them out. The request for SCDC funding is being processed by them and will be sent to Landbeach Parish Council. The funding from Donarbon will be processed by Mondegreen when a cheque is sent from the Lynn Fund to cover the 10% of their grant at the end of this week, with the relevant forms.

The Event Committee has offered a donation of £70 towards the cost of a plaque listing the sponsorship of the play area. Depending on its construction and wording the cost may well be above this figure. They asked if the Parish Council would be willing to pay for any additional cost? Mrs Hutchison agreed to ask the Play Group if they would be willing to contribute to this as well. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would pay an additional cost, but it was felt that the cost would not be much higher than £70.

The mums would like to thank the Parish Council for supporting and making the opening of the play area an enjoyable social event. It was nice to see so many parishioners, of all age groups, take the time to celebrate the occasion on 27 October when Joanne Thompson officially opened it. Allianz Insurance has insured the equipment for £125.29.

The Working Party of Mums felt it would be a good idea for something to be put in the Parish Magazine and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to pay for this. The cost is £5 per page. It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet this cost.

Village Guide - Clerk to confirm with Mr Hockney that he will be able to do the Village Guide this year.

**Bus Service** – Stagecoach have erected new signage at each bus stop, but it was felt that these were not very clear. Councillors to inspect them and report back.

Donarbon - There was nothing further to report.

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 other village organisations as well as the Parish Council should use it.

Litter-pick - It was agreed to carry out a litter-pick in the village on 24 November 2007 with as many volunteers as possible between 10-12 a.m.

The Chairman reported that the Social Club had agreed to purchase some daffodil bulbs and Mr Neville Diver had said that he would be happy to put some bulbs in.

Village Hall - Contribution towards cost of security camera and car park light. A letter had been received from Mrs J Townsend, Treasurer of Village Hall Committee in response to the Parish Council's offer of £30 as a contribution to these costs. The Village Hall Committee think the offer is less than generous as they were paid £25 eight years ago for the car park light alone. It costs at least £1 per week to power this light. The insurance on the camera has cost £87 this year alone. If the insurance cover on the camera is reduced to £500 this will cost around £18 per annum. On top of this the cleaner is paid an hour a week to change the tapes each day, 7 days a week at a total cost per annum of £338. This makes a total cost of £408. They feel the cost should be shared and the Parish Council should pay a contribution of £204. They want the Parish Council to respond in writing.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would make a one-off payment of £50 this year with further discussions next year regarding a contribution. The Parish Council felt that these charges should be incorporated into rental charges of the Village Hall.

Discussion took place on the trees inside and outside the Village Hall boundary fence and it was agreed to ask Truelink to confirm in writing exactly what is required to thin these and what the cost would be.

It had been reported that the poplars in the Play Area were unsafe. Discussion took place and it was agreed to ask Truelink to confirm in writing what is required in order to make these safe and what the cost would be.

Mereham - The Clerk reported that Mrs Hale had attended the Public Inquiry on 23 October to hear Michael Williamson, Jane Coston and Hazel Smith speak.

Michael Williamson had mentioned the possible problems for Waterbeach and Landbeach if the scheme went ahead, in particular that Landbeach - a village with no traffic calming - would get more Rat Running from traffic coming down Twenty Pence Road then cutting back to the A10. Jane Coston and Hazel Smith were more focused on the considerable effects on Milton (eg. the developer has crazy plans to replace the Jane Coston cycle bridge with one that takes buses as well, meaning buses going slowly through Milton rather than going down the A10).

There was also an excellent representation from Bill Hunt (County Councillor and East Cambs District Councillor) who said Mereham is 'Not Deliverable' (some of the landowners – 250+ acres – say No), 'Not Sustainable' and (if it succeeds) makes a mockery of the democratic process (County and Districts and 13+ Parish Councils say No) – Gareth Wilson (SCDC and Haddenham PC) and Shirley Fieldhouse (CPRE).

People are very much against this proposed development.

Beche Way - The Chairman and Clerk had visited Beche Way, Spalding Lane and Reubens Road on a Monday morning when there did not appear to be many cars parked. Some of the gardens were in need of a tidy-up and the Clerk contacted SCDC who said they would remove some rubbish from one garden and was in the process of tidying up another.

SCDC Asset Management Team had confirmed that the earth build is not public highway hence they are unable to change it and because of the

current financial situation, there would be no prospect of funding for conversion of the Mound to parking bays. This to be followed up.

**5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

There was nothing new to report on Affordable Housing.

**6 TRAFFIC CALMING**

The Chairman tabled Mrs Hale's report analysing and summarising what residents had said in their questionnaires and recommended the following:

Pursuing the installation of interactive signs plus extra road markings and some signs. Exact position of signs to be agreed with Highways.

DEAD SLOW on road just before Black Bull (18 High Street) coming from the Milton direction. 'Horses' warning sign somewhere in this area. This corner is very dangerous and access from No 18 completely blind.

Additional markings on road before Church bend - both directions.

Obtain costing from Highways for 3 Interactive 30 signs at the 3 entrances to the village.

Investigate possible sources of funding.

This was discussed and it was agreed to defer making a decision until the next meeting when Mrs Hale would report further on it.

**7 RECREATION GROUND**

The Clerk reported that SCDC had instructed David Lord, Senior Lawyer from their Legal Office who is dealing with the purchase of the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk also reported that King and Co had been appointed as the Parish Council's independent solicitor.

**8 THE GRANARY**

The Clerk reported that there had been no response from Stephen Conrad in relation to the Granary. A working party had cleared all the Parish Council papers and cabinets from the Granary and they would be based at the Clerk's house for the time being.

Mr Wyatt reported that all the Landbeach Society archives had been moved to his barn with the tables and benches going to Cheffins to be auctioned.

It was also reported that the District Council would be looking at business rates for the last three years on the Granary and may need to meet with the Parish Council to discuss this.

The Chairman reported that as the post cannot be delivered to the Granary now, it had been suggested that a Pouch be erected near the container in the Landbeach Village Hall car park.

There were a few concerns raised about security but in principle it was agreed that the Clerk would look into the possibility of having this done as soon as possible.

## 9 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

SCDC - The Naming or Renaming of streets within the District

SCDC - Litter and Dog Bins - Result of Consultation

SCDC - Consultation on the North West Cambridge Area Action Plan Preferred Options

SCDC - Minor Highway Improvement Schemes - 2208/09 Bids

SCDC - Housing Futures

COPE - Newsletter No 39

DEFRA - Ways to tackle climate change

Georgina Dunlop Phillips Profile - re advertising in Parish Magazine

## 10 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
447	Geoff Setchell - care taking duties during October 2007 and clearing path on Recreation Ground	£90.00		£90.00
448	Mrs A Hinkins – Reimbursement for flowers and consumables for Opening of Play Area	£12.68	£2.21	£12.68
449	BT - installation of new phone line and telephone account	£126.38	£18.15	£126.38
450	Mr J Hockney - Neighbourhood Watch signs	£160.00		£160.00
451	Allianz Insurance Co - Insurance for Play equipment	£125.29		£125.29
452	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary for October 2007 plus reimbursement for internet, mileage and leaving present for Mrs Hinkins	£356.79	£10.50	£356.79

It was agreed to subscribe to the following:

Victim Support - £25.00

Cottenham Village College Swimming Pool - £50.00

## 11 PLANNING

### **Decisions:**

S/1554/07/F - Philip Law, 30/32 High Street, Landbeach

Garage/Garden Store **Approved**

S/1615/07/F - Mr and Mrs T Knight, 50A High Street, Landbeach

Extension **Approved**

### **New Applications:**

S/1960/07/F - Mr G and Mrs T Hutchison, 82 Green End, Landbeach

Erection of External Staircase **Approved**

### **Amendments:**

S/02438/06/CW - Facility for the mechanical and biological treatment of 'black bin waste' at Waste Management Park, Ely Road, Waterbeach

**Approved**

### **Tree Works**

C/11/40/058 - Mr Edward Graham, 86 High Street, Landbeach

Removal of pine tree to the side of the garden and two tree stumps in the centre in a conservation area.

It was agreed to ask the Tree Officer to inspect the proposed tree works before making a decision.

## 12 Councillors' Reports

Mr Hinkins tabled a letter from the Landbeach Event Committee asking the Parish Council for permission to use the recreation ground for 'Party in the Park' on 5 July 2008. This was discussed and agreed.

Dr Gambell tabled a letter and Annual Report from Susanaa Kay from WAY (Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth) who do extremely good work for young people and have 12 Landbeach young people on their books. She had made a request to Landbeach Parish Council for a donation to help support WAY. It was agreed to propose a donation of £250 to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Attwood asked about the drainage in Spaldings Lane as it floods. This was discussed and it was felt that this might be the responsibility of the landowners. Mr. Hinkins to follow this up.

Mr Attwood reported that posts had been erected in The Pocket Park which did not allow anyone to get through to the wooded area. It was agreed to consult County Farms about this.

Councillor Williamson reported on the following:

Mereham - confirmed Mrs Hale’s report on the meeting held on 23 October.

He had spoken to Stephen Conrad about Affordable Housing and Mr Conrad had confirmed that an application had been submitted for Worts Farm and Walnut Farm. Councillors confirmed that Landbeach were still in support of this plan.

Waterbeach Primary School had been judged as outstanding in their Ofsted Report.

Congestion charging - This is tentative at the moment and funding has been applied for from TIFF. If it goes ahead it will have a big impact on Milton and it is going to include the Science Park.

The County Council Chief Executive is no longer in office and they are looking at cutting 20% in the corporate services department.

Mr Hinkins reported that there had been three break-ins in the village and a villager had found someone in their home. It doesn’t appear that the Neighbour Watch is functioning well and it needs to be more active.

It was agreed that Mr Hinkins would speak to Mr Hockney about this.

Dr Gambell reported that lead had been taken from the Church windows.

Mr Hinkins reported that the Village Sign was in need of maintenance. There is money in the Jubilee Fund with interest to be added which could be used for this. Mr Hinkins to consult Mr Watts for an estimate of what the maintenance cost would be.

Mr Hinkins read a ‘Thank You’ card from Mrs Hinkins for her leaving present and good wishes.

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 3 December 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.

Signed ..... Dated .....