

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 7 January 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

**Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Dr R Gambell, Ms Jackie Gregg
Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs T Hutchison, Mr A Wyatt, Mrs M Sylvester
(Clerk), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor) and Mr Michael Williamson
(County Councillor) who joined the meeting at 9 p.m.**

Public Participation. There were no members of the public present.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from
Mr James Hockney
- 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 3 December 2007 The Minutes
were agreed and signed .
- 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
There was no declaration of interest.
- 4 CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Village Guide - The Village Guide would be going out in February 2008.
Mr Hockney to liaise with the relevant people.

Canalbs Ltd - A letter and report was tabled from Canalbs Ltd who had
carried out an Intermediate Internal Audit outlining concerns about certain
areas that needed to be addressed. This was discussed and it was agreed
that the Clerk would consult with CALC on the following issues:

Is Council registered with the Inland Revenue?
Should staff appraisal needs be implemented?
Is it compulsory for AGM to be held in May not April?
Extraordinary meetings not to be held at Councillors' homes and only the
particular item that the meeting was called for to be discussed.

Pocket Park - The problem with the gates closing properly were
discussed and it was agreed to consult SCDC to ask that the posts near
the gates be repaired.

Purchase of Recreation Ground - There was nothing further to report.

SCDC Parish Precepts - A letter from SCDC was tabled asking if the Parish Council had any comments on the consultation document with it. There were no comments.

SCDC - The Clerk reported that the Register of Electors for 2008 had been received.

CCC - The proposed Milton Park and Ride timeline of key events was tabled.

Discussion took place on the possibility of a football stadium being erected in Butt Lane, Milton. It was felt that this would generate a lot of extra traffic and also Landbeach should have been consulted about it through Milton Parish Council.

Asset Register - The updated Fixed Assets Register was tabled with the addition of the New Play Area equipment. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Insurance Company to get advice on the true figure because of depreciation.

5 APPROVE BUDGET FOR PRECEPT 2008/2009

The proposed budget for the Precept was tabled. It was felt that there might need to be an increase as there was no provision for any unexpected expenses such as tree felling, new signs around recreation ground, camera in car park which needs to be updated.

This was discussed and Mr Hinkins proposed an increase of £500 bringing the Precept up to £14,500. A vote was taken and there were 5 Councillors in favour and 2 against. It was agreed to apply for a Precept of £14,500.

6 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2008

The grass cutting quotations for 2008 were tabled and it was agreed to accept Truelink Ltd's quotation which was similar to 2007's quotation, on the understanding that the swarf would be removed as part of the contract.

7 TREES AROUND VILLAGE HALL AND PLAY AREA

Quotations from Truelink Ltd and Acacia Tree Surgery Ltd had been received to carry out this work and Truelink Ltd's quotation was accepted for £600 plus VAT.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Hockney
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils
Cambridgeshire Acre - Community Action Magazine Winter 2007
CareNetwork News December 2007
COPE Newsletter No 40
CCC - Winter Maintenance Leaflets
CALC - Councillor Professional Development Workshops
CCC - Tackling Congestion in Cambridgeshire - Evening Briefing
News from WRG and WREN December 2007 - Mr Hinkins to forward
to Village Hall

9 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
464	Geoff Setchell - Caretaking December 2007	£48.00		£48.00
466	Truelink Ltd - Grass Cutting in November 2007	£93.70	£16.40	£110.10
467	Canalbs Ltd - Intermediate Internal audit	£74.00		£74.00
468	Cambridgeshire ACRE - Renewal of membership	£25.00		£25.00
469	Maria Sylvester - December salary	£284.04		£284.04
469	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for 2 toner cartridges	£25.73	£3.83	£25.73
469	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet in December 2007	£9.97	£1.74	£9.97

It was agreed to consult CALC in relation to whether the Clerk should have an increase in salary backdated to October 2007.

10 PLANNING

New Applications

S/2313/7/F - Mr and Mrs D Thorne, 13 Cosy Nook Caravan Park, Ely Road, Landbeach - Conservatory - **No recommendation**

Decisions

S/1960/07/F - Mr and Mrs T Hutchison, 82 Green End, Landbeach
Erection of External Staircase **Approved**

Amendments

S/2091/07/F - Mr L J Garratt, 21 High Street, Landbeach
Revised roof to garage - **For information only**

11 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr Wyatt proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Hale for all her hard work in putting together the Landbeach response objecting to the Mereham proposal.

Mr Wyatt reported that Stephen Macaulay is looking for support for a bid for lottery funding for archaeological work in advising and informing the Landbeach parishioners what is in the village and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to support this. Mr Wyatt to arrange for the information to be sent to the Parish Council.

Dr Gambell reported that he had followed up the letter from SCDC about milestones and mileposts and had been in touch with the Milestone Society and had obtained photographs of the milestones in Landbeach from the Society. There were three Grade II milestones within the Landbeach Parish. The milestones needed to be cleaned and the Parish Council were sympathetic to cleaning them and Dr Gambell is to look into this further.

Mr Wyatt said that it would be beneficial if the Parish Council had a record of listed buildings and trees in the Landbeach Parish. Clerk to contact SCDC.

Mr Hinkins reported that Mr Watts would carry out the maintenance on the village sign when the weather improves. There is money in the Jubilee Fund specifically for this work to be carried out.

Mr Hinkins asked if the car park for the park and ride system in Butt Lane, Milton would make a difference to whether this proposal was approved or not?

It was reported that Mr Hockney would be putting seven neighbourhood watch signs up in the village.

Councillor Williamson joined the meeting at 9 p.m. and reported the following:

A new Chief Executive has been appointed.
Keith Fauch had temporarily replaced Bo Howard from the Highways Department.
Mereham - The final winding up date is 8 January 2008. The developers change their plans every time they present them. They now want to close the Jane Coston Bridge for nine months.
Football Stadium, Butt Lane, Milton - The representative didn't turn up at the Milton Parish Council Meeting. This development is pure speculation and there is no planning application. It is being marketed to see what the response is.

Mr Hinkins said that money had been allocated to Landbeach for footpath repair work that had never been carried out. Councillor Williamson to chase the Highways Department in relation to this.

12 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 4 February 2008
- 3 March 2008
- 7 April 2008
- 28 April 2008 APM (subject to being able to get a Speaker to attend this)
- 12 May 2008 AGM (Chairman appointed)

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed Dated