

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 4 February 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Mr John Attwood, Dr Ray Gambell, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor) who joined the meeting at 8 p.m.

Public Participation. Drawings and information were shown to the Council in relation to the proposed extension to the Village Hall. This was as a result of presenting a proposal to the Architect on 26 April 2007. The proposed cost would be in the region of £344,752 including VAT.

A request was put to the Parish Council to allow the extension to be built on land owned by the Parish Council and the Parish Council were asked to submit the application to SCDC once the plan was approved, as it will be cheaper. The Parish Council were asked to support the whole building project as a whole. Also there might be a possibility of reclaiming the VAT if the project goes through the Parish Council.

To raise funds to carry out this project, it was proposed to apply for lottery funding, the Lynn Fund and raising income in other ways to be decided.

There is also a business plan to try and generate more income from use of the Village Hall.

There was a question raised on how much land the Parish Council owned and confirmation is to be obtained from the District Council.

It was requested that people who use the recreational facilities should be allowed to use the facilities in the Village Hall.

- 1** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr James Hockney, Mr Trevor Dell and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2** **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 7 January 2008 were agreed and signed.

3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Mr Gerald Hinkins and Mr Alan Wyatt declared an interest in the proposed extension of the Village Hall.

Mr Hinkins declared a (prejudicial) interest in the planning application S/0150/08/F (Item 9 on the Agenda)

4 **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Village Guide - It was reported that the Village Guide would be going out in March with the Parish Magazine.

Mereham - It was reported that the final decision on Mereham would not be until 9 September 2008.

Pocket Park - Victoria Mitchell had reported that the gates in the Pocket Park closed satisfactorily. She was going to request a contractor to price for the fence between the two gates which needed replacing.

Canalbs Ltd - Intermediary audit. CALC had confirmed that the Parish Council needs to be registered with the Inland Revenue and staff appraisals need to be carried out annually.

Precept Sally Smart (SCDC) had confirmed that a precept requirement of £14,500 had been included for Landbeach Parish Council.

Asset Register This was tabled and adopted.

Waterbeach Eco Town - It was reported that there were 50 proposals for this type of development with a hot list of 10. This was proposed to be situated north of Waterbeach between the Railway Station and the A10. The minimum number of dwellings has been stated as 10,000.

SCDC - Listed Buildings - It was agreed that the Clerk should circulate the list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in Landbeach to all Councillors.

ROSPA - It was reported that the play equipment was due for inspection in April 2008. The Clerk to look into whether the new Play Area was still covered by the Adventure Playground guarantee.

Annual Parish Meeting - It was agreed to invite Craig Drury Planning (SCDC) to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on 28 April 2008.

Clerk - Contract of Employment The Clerk's formal contract of employment was agreed and signed.

Village Pond - SCDC has confirmed that there are funds available through the Wildlife Enhancement Scheme to carry out improvements to the Village Pond. Clerk to follow this up.

Lloyds Bank letter A letter had been received saying that there was money in an account set up in the 1970s to finance the Landbeach Recreation Ground. Clerk to follow this up.

Confirmation from the Audit Commission has been received confirming that they are appointing Moore Stephens as external auditor to Landbeach Parish Council.

Landbeach Event Committee - It was reported that the date for the 'Party in the Park' had been changed to 19 July instead of 5 July 2008 and permission was requested from the Parish Council to use the recreation ground on this day. This was agreed.

Village Hall The plans for the extension to the Village Hall were discussed and it was felt that the cost was excessive, although normally the Architect allows for every possible cost that might occur.

It was also agreed that it was an ambitious plan and a lot of fund raising would have to be carried out. The Lynn Fund had also been asked to contribute to the financing. It was felt that there is substantial funding available and also the possibility of lottery funding.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would give moral support to this enterprise, assuming that South Cambs would hand the land over to the Parish Council.

- 5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING** It was reported that R H Partnership of Cambridge had been appointed to work up detailed planning applications for Walnut Farm and Worts Farm, Landbeach. The Council's architects will be working up a scheme with the Hundred Houses Society who will be delivering the social housing on the Walnut site.

6 RECREATION GROUND

There was nothing further to report on the purchase of the Recreation Ground.

It was reported that the playing fields should be secured for the future so that they cannot be developed. This should be incorporated into the Village Hall plans. Clerk to follow this up.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

- CPRE - Planning Application Workshops
 Department for Communities and Local Government
 - Consultation on orders and regulations
 relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England
 Web link: www.communities.gov.uk
- Andrew Martin Associates - Representations on behalf of Countryside
 Properties in relation to the proposed expansion of Cambourne to the east
- MHB Services Ltd - Street lighting installation and
 maintenance work
- SCDC - The future for Council Housing in
 South Cambridgeshire
- COPE - Events 2008
 Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch
 - Annual General Meeting 7 February
- CALC - January 2008 Bulletin
- The Archbishop's Council - Table of Parochial Fees from 1/1/2008

8 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
470	Geoff Setchell - Caretaking January	£48.00		£48.00
471	Maria Sylvester - January 2008 salary	£289.44		£289.00
471	Maria Sylvester – Increase backdated to 10/9/07	£21.60		£21.60
471	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet in January 2008	£9.97	£1.74	£9.97
472	Dr R Gambell – advertising in Parish Magazine	£23.50		£23.50
473	BT	£69.06	£9.61	£69.06

9 PLANNING

New Applications

S/0125/08/F - 2 dwellings (1 Private and 1 Affordable)
Land between 60 and 70 High Street, Landbeach. Ely Diocesan Board of Finance. **Access on the South East corner from High Street would be difficult - the shape shown on the plan is misleading.**

S/0150/08/F - Extension, Conservatory and Balcony/ Railings
Limes Farmhouse, 75 High Street, Landbeach
Mr and Mrs R Macfarlane **No recommendation**

Decisions

S/2187/07/F - Conversion of Former Stable Block to Offices with addition of new pitched roof, M Dickerson Ltd, Landbeach Pits, Ely Road, Landbeach **Approved**

Tree works

C/11/17/58/01 - Fell trees, Manor House, Waterbeach Road, Landbeach
No comment

10 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mrs Hutchison reported that there is now a charge of £2 to drive into Waterbeach Station to drop children off.

This is a road safety issue and Councillor Williamson agreed to take the matter up with the Council and the Waterbeach Parish Clerk.

Councillor Williamson reported on the Waterbeach Eco Town and reported that the County is formally against this as is the City. Also the Portfolio Holder and County Council Executive are against it.

The Army in Waterbeach have been expanding in recent months and do not want to move unless the developers are prepared to fund this. The site is low-lying and floods. The Waterbeach Eco Town developers claim that they are going to dual the A10 which is an impossible task.

Councillor Williamson reported that he had attended a TIF (Transport Innovation Fund) meeting in relation to congestion charging and this is ongoing.

Councillor Williamson reported that budgets were still tight and the Rowing Lake project would not start for at least 18 months.

Councillor Williamson reported that both Landbeach and Waterbeach are without a Police presence at present as our PCSO, Scott Evans, has been assigned to Impington.

Mr Hinkins reported that the Village Hall had asked that the Parish Council continue to pay the £25/year maintenance for the light in the car park This was agreed.

Mr Hinkins enquired whether there was any further development about the footpath repair work in Landbeach which had never been carried out. Money had been allocated to Landbeach for this work. Councillor Williamson to chase the Highways Department in relation to this.

11 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

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 9.25 p.m.

Signed Dated