

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 3 March 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Mr John Attwood, Mr Trevor Dell, Dr Ray Gambell, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor)

Public Participation. There was no public participation.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr James Hockney, Mr Alan Wyatt and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 4 February 2008 were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
There was no declaration of interest declared.

4 CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Budget Control Statement distributed to Councillors. It was reported that the expenditure for the new Play Area should be shown on the statement in the expenditure column.

Village Guide Distribution in March 2008 possibly by hand as it had not been printed in time to go out with March Parish Magazine.

Development Plans around Cambridge

Mereham - A decision will be made in September 2008.

Waterbeach Eco Town - There is now a possibility that there will be more than 10 of these towns. A decision will be made later this month. James Hockney has been in touch with James Paice and the Portfolio Officer at SCDC.

www.waterbeach.org.uk/pcnews

Northstowe going ahead

Marshalls Airport This scheme will go ahead subject to Marshalls moving somewhere else.

Pocket Park

SCDC have replaced the stretch of fence between the Pocket Park and the woodland as this was in such a poor condition.

SCDC intend to replace the footbridge located on the permissive path to the west of the village. It can be reached by walking all the way past Rectory Farm to the site of an old beet pad and it is on your right hand side. The new bridge will be of a much stronger design and wider to allow for people in wheelchairs or mobility scooters to get across.

This was discussed and it was not sure where the exact position of the footbridge was. Clerk to follow this up.

The Granary - Keys have been handed back to CCC. It was reported that the post was still being delivered to The Granary with permission from Stephen Conrad. The Post Office had not decided where a pouch would be sited for the post.

Annual Parish Meeting 21 April 2008 The speaker would be Sian Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth at Cambridge City Council. It was agreed to try and start the meeting at 7.15 instead of 7 p.m., and to advertise the meeting in the Parish Magazine. The deadline for entries in the Parish Magazine is 25 March 2008.

Village Pond - SCDC have confirmed that there are funds available through the Wildlife Enhancement Scheme to carry out improvements to the Village Pond. It was reported that Rob Mongovan had requested digital photographs of the pond. It was agreed to get a report from Rob Mongovan and decide the best way forward. Clerk to follow this up.

It was also reported that Anna McArthur had agreed to be involved in the restoration of the pond, but would have to charge for her time.

At present there is no water in the pond. The last time the pond was 'restored' they broke through the seal at the base. There is also no longer a natural fill.

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.

Truelink Ltd had asked if the Parish Council would agree a three-year contract for grass cutting. This was discussed and it was agreed to approve a one-year contract as before.

Parish Action Plan – Version 2 It was reported that progress had been made since Version 1 of the Landbeach Action Plan had been produced. In particular the new play area for younger children was opened in October 2007.

Discussion took place and it was agreed to table Landbeach Action Plan Version 2 at the APM as it was felt that it was the responsibility of Parishioners to suggest and implement new projects within the Village with the support of the Parish Council.

It was reported that in the latest issue of South Cambs Magazine there was an article about funds being available for a range of activities in villages such as play areas, village hall and other amenities.

- 5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING** It was reported that R H Partnership of Cambridge had been appointed to produce detailed plans for Walnut Farm and Worts Farm, Landbeach, in collaboration with Hundred Houses Society who will be delivering the social housing on the Walnut Farm site.

6 RECREATION GROUND

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

7 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation

SCDC - Getting Involved - Tenant Participation Agreement

SCDC - Public consultations (position at February 2008)

NALC - 'The Parish partnership' Model for an effective community anchor

CCC - Countryside Access Issues

Enjoy England - Celebrate St George's Day 23 April 2008

Atkins - A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton, Stakeholder Meetings following Contract Award

CCC - Milton Park and Ride - February 2008 Briefing Note

COPE - Newsletter No 42, COPEing with Housing in and around Cambridge

Letter in relation to Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust

www.cambridgeshirepet.nhs.uk

WRVS - Would LPC consider supporting WRVS' Emergency Services

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not support this service at present.

SCDC - Parish Tree Warden Scheme (This was given to the Tree Warden)

8 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
474	Truelink Ltd - Hedge Trimming	226.07	£33.67	£226.07
475	Maria Sylvester - February 2008 salary	£289.44		£289.00
475	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet in February 2008	£9.97	£1.74	£9.97
476	Geoff Setchell - Caretaking in February 2008	£48.00		£48.00

9 PLANNING

New Application:

S/0275/08/F - Conservatory, 109 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach,
Dr Margaret Steane **Approve**

S/0301/08/F - Conservatory, 10 Matthew Parker Close, Landbeach
Mr and Mrs Park **Approve**

Revised Application:

S/0125/08/F - 2 dwellings (1 Private and 1 Affordable)
Land between 60 and 70 High Street, Landbeach.

Ely Diocesan Board of Finance Revised plan location **Approve**
Revised Block and floor plans **No Recommendation**

S/00226/08/CW - Revision of existing site layout, provision of new organic waste
reception building and revised surface water drainage scheme, Cambridge Waste
Management Park, Ely Road, Waterbeach

No Comments

Decisions:

S/0083/06/F - Conversion of Barn into dwelling and ancillary accommodation and
use of adjacent land as Paddock, Oldfield Farm Akeman Street, Landbeach for
Cambridgeshire County Council. Roof changed from thatch to natural slates **For
information only**

S/2313/07/F - Conservatory, 13 Cosy Nook Caravan Park, Ely Road, Landbeach, Mr
and Mrs D. Thorne **Approved**

Refused

S/2165/07/F - 38 Light Industrial Units (offering a Mix of B1, B2 and B8 use
classes) with associated parking and site works after demolition of existing workshop
and office, Former Duffields Volvo Site, A10 Ely Road, Landbeach.

Tree Work:

Remove Willow tree, Rear Garden of 27 High Street, Landbeach, Mr Burns
Tree Warden to inspect and report.

10 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Dr Gambell reported that there was a pot-hole in Spaldings Lane, about 50 yds from
the Village Hall. This to be included in the highways work to be carried out.

Dr Gambell confirmed that the lead on the Church roof had been replaced and the
windows had been fixed.

It was reported that a request had been received from Landbeach Sports and Social
Club for two picnic tables to be placed directly outside the club on the green
alongside the existing picnic tables. This was agreed on condition that they obtain
approval on the siting and material of the tables before they are erected.

It was reported that there was rubbish dumped on the Waterbeach Road.
Clerk to report this to SCDC.

Mr Johnson reported that there are new ticket machines installed at Waterbeach Station on the Northbound platform.

Mr Johnson reported that with the revision of the rowing lake, there should be incorporated a cycle lane that links Landbeach and Waterbeach, a footbridge across the A10.

Mr Attwood reported that in Banworth Lane a ditch has been left with temporary netting put up by the builders after they damaged the original fence. This is an ‘unadopted’ lane.

It was agreed that in the first instance the Clerk would contact SCDC to enquire what was the best way forward in dealing with this.

Mr Hinkins reported that the Village Sign was having maintenance work done on it.

Mr Hinkins reported that there was a new Highways Officer, Keith Faunch, who had agreed to follow-up on the highways work in Landbeach that had not been completed. The first phase of work had been carried out but there was still a lot of outstanding work.

It was agreed to contact Keith Faunch to arrange a meeting with Mr Hinkins in order that the second phase of the work could be completed.

Mr Hinkins reported that the old Play Area had a lot of green algae on the equipment. It was agreed that Mr Hinkins would ask Mr Setchell to clean the equipment.

11 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- 7 April 2008
- 21 April 2008 APM (Speaker Sian Reid)
- 12 May 2008 AGM (Chairman appointed)

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed Dated