

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Mr John Attwood, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mr Trevor Dell, Dr Ray Gambell, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor)  
Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor) joined the meeting at 8.20 p.m.**

**Public Participation.** There was no public participation.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr James Hockney
- 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 3 March 2008 were agreed and signed.
- 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
There was no declaration of interest.
- 4 CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Village Guide** Distribution took place in March 2008 with the Parish Magazine. The wrong email for the Clerk was on the back page. It was agreed to put an article in the April Parish Magazine correcting this.

**Village Hall Loop System** The loop system was now working although it was felt that it needed to be upgraded with microphones around the room. The Village Hall had asked for a contribution towards this and it was felt that the Parish Council had already contributed a substantial amount of money towards the running of the Village Hall.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that Mr Wyatt would ask the Lynn Landbeach Fund if they would be willing to fund the upgrade of the system.

It was also suggested that the Widows Fund might be willing to contribute towards the upgrading.

**Landbeach Village Pond** It was reported that restoring the Village Pond would cost in the region of £2,500. SCDC would meet half of this through

an Enhancement Fund but it was felt that this could be carried out at a more modest cost.

It was agreed that Mr Wyatt would arrange a meeting with Donarbon and Rob Mongovan (SCDC) to look at the possibility of lining it with clay as the lining appeared to be one of the most expensive things to do.

**ROSPA** They would be carrying out their annual inspection in April 2008.

**Pocket Park** There was nothing further to report.

**Annual Parish Meeting 21 April 2008** The speaker would be Sian Reid, Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth at Cambridge City Council and the meeting would start at 7.15 p.m.

**Parish Action Plan Version 2** It was agreed to update this and table it at the APM on 21 April 2008.

**WS Atkins - A14 Ellington to Fen Drayton scheme** A request had been received asking if the Parish Council would like to meet members of the team to provide an update on scheme progress and take any opinions and views that may be expressed by the Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk would explore possibilities for a meeting together with Milton and Waterbeach Parish Councils.

**SCDC** Standards Committee seeks nominations to fill Parish Council member vacancy. There was no interest shown in this.

**SCDC** - Audit Commission follow up inspection report. The Audit Commission have no plans to re-inspect the council and will not be referring the council to the Secretary of State. It was noted that SCDC should take on board their promise of having more interaction with Parish Councils.

**Fen Edge Twinning Association** invited members of Landbeach Parish Council to join French guests visiting Fen Edge on Sunday 11 May at Landbeach Village Hall for a cream tea to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the link between Avrillé and Fen Edge. It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr Wyatt would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

- 5 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** A letter had been received from John Dadge, Barker Storey Matthews informing the Parish Council that proposals for Walnut Farm were progressing and asking for a meeting to go through the draft proposals.

This was discussed and it was agreed to hold a meeting on 17 April 2007 in the Village Hall.

- 6 RECREATION GROUND** It was reported that the purchase of the Recreation Ground was going ahead and an advertisement had been placed in the Cambridge Evening News asking if there were any objections to the Parish Council purchasing the Recreation Ground.

The reason for purchasing the Recreation Ground was to protect it from being developed on in the future.

**7 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

NATS - Proposed changes to Airspace link on website  
[www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation](http://www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation)  
 Cambridgeshire ACRE - Local Network Fund Brochure  
 WAY First 'WAY' Newsletter and CD short film produced by Landbeach young people  
 CCC - Cambridgeshire's Registered Trader Scheme  
 PS Consultants - The future for Council Housing in South Cambridgeshire  
 Cambridgeshire ACRE - Community Action Spring 2008  
 Wickstead - Xerscape fitness equipment ages from 12 to the over 60s  
 CCC - Copy of the Council's Integrated Plan for 2008  
 The Local Channel - Website services for local councils  
 CCC - Post office closures in Cambridgeshire  
 COPE - Newsletter No 43 - April 2008

The following documents were put on the Village notice board:

Cambridge Oxfam Walk - 11 May 2008 starting at Wimpole Hall  
 SCDC - District Council Election 1 May 2008 Waterbeach Ward

## 8 FINANCE

Draft Income and Expenditure Report was distributed to Councillors for approval. There were no comments made on the report.

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
477	Geoff Setchell - Caretaking in March 2008	£48.00		£48.00
478	Maria Sylvester - March 2008 salary	£298.22		£298.22
478	Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for internet in March 2008	£9.97	£1.74	£9.97
478	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for stamps	£4.80		£4.80
479	Inland Revenue – February 2008 PAYE	£63.58		£63.58
480	Truelink Tree work around Recreation Ground	£705.00	£105.00	£705.00
480	Truelink Grass cutting Play Areas	£179.78	£26.78	£179.78
481	Supercharge – toner cartridges	£26.91	£4.01	£26.91
482	CALC - Affiliation fee	£214.07		£214.07

## 9 PLANNING

### **New Application:**

S/0091/08/F Change of use from B1 and B8 to B2  
Former Connolly Refrigeration Premises, Ely Road, Waterbeach  
Wheelfit Motorcycles Ltd **No Recommendation**

S/0384/08/F Garage, 53 High Street, Landbeach, F T Poole  
Doubling the size of the existing building is over-development  
**Refuse**

## 10 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Mr Hinkins reported that the Village sign had been cleaned and erected by Mr Watts, who had promised Maurice Lynn that he would clean and maintain it. The cost was £26.60 which would be paid out of the Jubilee Fund.

Mr Hinkins reported that Mr Setchell had quoted that the cost for cleaning the seats and play equipment because of algae would be £75.

This work would be carried out by Mr Setchell and Mr Bloomfield. This was agreed.

Mr Wyatt reported that the field opposite Emmaus is being used as an aggregate store and permission had not been granted for a change of use. Clerk to follow this up with SCDC.

Mr Wyatt reported that the old barn had been burnt in Akeman Street. It is going to be redeveloped.

Mrs Hutchison reported that a TV had been dumped in the field on the Cottenham Road. Mr Dell agreed to pick this up and take it to be recycled.

Ms Gregg reported that her wing mirror had been broken and a key had been scratched along her car on the High Street. It was agreed to inform Mr Hockney, Neighbourhood Watch.

Dr Gambell reported that the Christian Churches are holding HOPE 2008. This is a year-long effort to do things in the community and Waterbeach and Landbeach are taking part. There will be a barbecue on Waterbeach Green on 4 May 2008 and Dr Gambell asked the Parish Council if they would agree to a litter-pick on 3 May 2008 in Landbeach. This was agreed.

Mr Dell raised a number of issues about the land that lies to the south of Waterbeach Road and also to the south of Walnut Farm. This is all County Farms property and is let to a farmer who lives in Fulbourn.

The main issue was the dumping of blue Nitram fertiliser bags to the south of Waterbeach Road, treated seed being left in a barn near Walnut Tree Farm and a major infestation of rats along the ditch to the south of Waterbeach Road.

Councillor Williamson agreed to contact the Landlord about this problem.

Councillor Johnson agreed to report the problem of rats to the Environmental Health.

Mr Dell reported that some footpaths in Landbeach had been resurfaced but Highways said there was not enough funding to do all the work. However a farmer's driveway had been resurfaced by Highways. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of Keith Fauch from Highways.

Councillor Johnson reported that Beche Way residents had asked if nets could be provided for the basketball courts. Adventure Playgrounds had confirmed that nets were a safety hazard. Clerk to contact SCDC to see if there is any funding for this.

Councillor Johnson also agreed to arrange a meeting with Beche Way residents.

Councillor Williamson reported on the following:

**Mereham** A decision will hopefully be made on by June 2008.

**Waterbeach Station** They have security people patrolling as there has been theft in the car park.

**Waste Water Treatment Works** will probably not be moving. There is a report on the County Council website. The Cambridge Development Framework is going to propose that area for industry. The County Council will use their power to force Anglian Water to improve the situation.

**Highways** Keith Fauch Highways Officer would be happy to come and talk to the Parish Council, he has a budget of around £7K to spend on each village.

**Milton Website** has information on the Butt Lane proposed plans and the Rowing Lake [www.miltonvillage.org.uk](http://www.miltonvillage.org.uk).

**11 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

21 April 2008 APM (Speaker Sian Reid)

12 May 2008 AGM followed by Parish Council Meeting (Chairman appointed)

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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