

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Mr Alan Wyatt, Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor) joined the meeting at 9 p.m.

Public Participation. There was no public participation.

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from
Mr Trevor Dell and Mr James Hockney
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 7 April 2008 were agreed and signed.
- 3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
Mr Hinkins declared an interest in Planning Application No S/0150/08/F.
- 4 **COUNCILLOR'S RESIGNATION**

Mrs Hale read a letter from Mr Attwood tendering his resignation from the Parish Council. It was with regret that the Parish Council accepted his resignation.

5 **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Village Hall Loop System A new microphone has been purchased at a cost of £150, and paid for by the Lynn Landbeach Fund, but the Parish Council felt that this was not sufficient to meet the needs of people who have difficulty hearing. It was agreed that Mr Hinkins would report back to the Village Hall Committee and ask them to look into the possibility of upgrading the system further to meet the criteria for the Disability Discrimination Act.

Landbeach Village Pond It was felt that the cost of £2,500 to restore the village pond was not justified, although there might be a case for SCDC checking on whether any action needed to be taken in respect of the Crested Newts as they are a protected species.

A questionnaire had been received from Cambridge and Peterborough Biological Records Centre asking for information on ponds in Landbeach Village. Mrs Hale agreed to complete the details on the Landbeach Village Pond.

Spaldings Lane The question of the road being in disrepair was discussed and it was felt that as this is an historical part of the village, it would be difficult to put footways in without spoiling this aspect.

Landbeach Busytots and Playgroup A letter was tabled from Landbeach Busytots and Playgroup saying that they are unlikely to continue to operate beyond the end of this academic year. This was discussed and members of the Parish Council were very sad to receive this news, but felt that with new Government legislation it was very difficult for groups like this to continue to function.

Kerbside plastic recycling A letter from Peter White addressed to James Paice was tabled in connection with plastic recycling. This was discussed and it was felt that when Donarbon have their new mechanical biological unit in operation they will float their plastic. This means that the plastic will float at the top and can then be recycled.

Basketball Nets SCDC had confirmed that they would fund 50% of the cost of basketball nets if the criteria can be met. This would mean that the Parish Council would contribute and the young people involved would be expected to do some fund-raising.

This was discussed and it was agreed to invite SCDC to visit the site to see if it was suitable as they had said it needed to be 100m from the nearest gardens and properties. It was also agreed to ask Adventure Playgrounds to quote for this.

It was also suggested that if there were any funds left from the Busytots and Playgroup, they might be prepared to donate it to a scheme where young people would benefit from it.

- 6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING** It was reported that progress had been made with the plans for more affordable housing in Landbeach. A meeting had taken place with John Dadge of Barker Storey Matthews and Roger Wilson from Hundred Houses Society who had shown provisional plans for this development at Walnut Farm and Worts Farm, Landbeach.

Councillors said that they would not be happy to endorse a scheme that didn't provide sufficient safety for children by having pavements and also that the car parking provision was inadequate.

- 7 RECREATION GROUND** It was reported that the advert of the public notice of transfer of Landbeach Recreation Ground appeared in the Cambridge Evening News on 4 and 11 April 2008 with a period of 28 days for any objections. This expired on 12 May. A copy of the Draft Transfer and supporting documentation will now be sent to the Parish Council Solicitors, King and Co.

The reason for purchasing the Recreation Ground is to protect it from future development.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

SCDC - Proposed Wind Turbine Development on land northwest of Chittering
Cambridgeshire Green Vision - Green Vision News
East of England Regional Assembly - Planning for gypsy and traveller
accommodation in the East of England
CALC - Proposed Constitutional Changes
COPE Newsletter
SCDC - Parish Council Monthly update (May 2008)

9 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
483	Inland Revenue	£63.58		£63.58
484	BT - telephone account	£66.15	£9.18	£66.15
485	Geoff Setchell - April caretaking	£60.00		£60.00
485	Geoff Setchell - cleaning play equipment and crossroads signpost	£80.00		£80.00
486	Bill Watts - renovating Village Sign	£26.60		£26.60
487	Landbeach Village Hall - hire of Village Hall for PC meetings	£188.75		£188.75
488	Maria Sylvester - salary 7April-12 May 2008	£298.22		
488	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet – April 2008	£10.00	£1.49	£10.00
488	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for ink cartridges	£36.24	£5.40	£36.24
489	Truelink Ltd - Grass cutting in March	£169.08	£25.18	£169.08
490	Robert Armstrong - March and April landscape maintenance, All Saints Church	£156.00		£156.00
491	Fen Edge Community Association	£15.00		£15.00

Income - Half-year Precept from SCDC - £7,250

10 PLANNING

New Application:

S/0542/08/F - Garage, 76 High Street, Landbeach, Mr and Mrs Ward

Approved

Amendments:

S/0150/08/F - Extension, Conservatory and Balcony/Railings, Limes Farmhouse, 75 High Street, Landbeach, Mr and Mrs R Macfarlane

Revised elevation plans for conservatory **No recommendation**

Decisions:

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

S/0125/08/F - 2 dwellings (1 Private and 1 affordable), Land between 60 and 70 High Street, Landbeach (for Ely Diocesan Board of Finance)

Approved

S/0091/08/F - Change of Use from B1 and B8 to B2, Former Connolly Refrigeration Premises, Ely Road, Landbeach

Approved

S/0384/08/F Garage, 53 High Street, Landbeach, Mr F T Poole
Refused

Tree Works:

C/11/40/093 - Removal of fruit trees from rear of property, 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, JAN

It was also agreed to ask the Tree Warden to inspect and report on this application and to contact SCDC to carry out a survey on the wild life and habitat in the orchard.

11 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr Wyatt reported on the French visit on Sunday 11 May 2008 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the link between Avrille and Fen Edge. There were around 100 people there and Mr Wyatt signed on behalf of the Chairman. An invitation for a return visit had been received from Avrille in September 2008.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

A bolt had snapped on the gate to the Play Area and he agreed to repair this.

A litter bin was full of water and he would ask Mr Setchell to deal with this.

There is an encroachment of trees going out towards Milton and Waterbeach Road. It was agreed that this was the responsibility of the farmer who lives in Fulbourn.

Councillor Williamson reported on the following:

He had spoken to County Farms in relation to removing the blue Nitram fertiliser bags, but it was confirmed that these bags were still there. He will contact County Farms again.

Referring to Page 81 Minutes dated 7 April 2008 **Waste Water Treatment Works** - this should read 'The County Council do not have any power unless Anglian Water apply for planning permission then they can enforce them to improve the situation' and not 'The County Council will use their power to force Anglian Water to improve the situation'.

Cambridge County Council had elected a new leader, Jill Tuck, Conservative Group and her background is Children's services.

Matt Bradney has taken over Highways operations.

John Reynolds was questioned about the possibility of building 30,000 more houses than had been envisaged. Developers will only build to make a profit. There needs to be an infrastructure in place. Cambridgeshire Horizons are visiting the issues.

In relation to Spaldings Lane, the Parish Council could apply for a footway. The scoring system has changed and this type of work is favoured and more likely to get approved.

12 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2 June 2008

7 July 2008

1 September 2008

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed Dated