

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 2 June 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Mr Alan Wyatt, Mr Trevor Dell, Mr James Hockney, Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor) and Mr Peter John (District Councillor)

Public Participation. There was no public participation.

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from
Ms Jackie Gregg
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 12 May 2008 were agreed and signed.
- 3 **MINUTES OF AGM** 12 May 2008 were agreed and signed.
- 4 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
There was no declaration of interest.
- 5 **CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Village Hall Loop System It was reported that there was a stand to put the microphone on and it was agreed to try this and see if it fulfilled the needs of people who have difficulty hearing.

Landbeach Village Pond This was discussed and it was agreed to consult Rob Mongovan from SCDC to see if there were any minor things that could be done to improve the pond. In general it was felt that it should be left as it is because of the cost involved and also because there was no natural water fill.

Spaldings Lane The question of improving the road situation in Spaldings Lane was discussed and it was reported that Becky Gane from SCDC would forward the minutes of the Residents' Society and arrange a meeting on her return from holiday.

Internal Auditor It was reported that the Internal Auditor would be visiting on 10 June 2008 to sign off the end of year accounts for 2007/2008.

Landbeach Busytots and Playgroup It was reported that at the meeting held on 21 May it was agreed that there was no viable way of keeping the group going. This decision was taken with regret and great sadness. The group had been in Landbeach for 40 years.

The group had asked for the Parish Council's support in keeping the Mums and Toddler's group going. They wanted to donate any money that was left after closure to the Toddler Group. The Parish Council agreed to support the Mums and Toddler's Group.

The question of toys and equipment was raised and it was reported that these would be donated to the Mums and Toddler's Group and the Play Groups where the children who had to leave were transferring to.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - Notice of this vacancy had been put on the notice board for 14 days and if after this period, no election was called the District Council would authorise the Parish Council to co-opt by advertising on village notice board, Website and Parish Magazine.

It was agreed that it would be good to have someone from the Resident's Society on the Parish Council.

ROSPA The annual inspection report was tabled and it was agreed to forward a copy of this to Mr Setchell and ask him to carry out the repairs needed.

In respect of the faults in the new Play Area, it was agreed to ask Adventure Playgrounds to deal with these as it was still under guarantee.

Basketball Nets SCDC have agreed to visit the site as part of their grant process and they would then provide a full application form.

It was reported that Mrs Townsend had given an Allotment record of Landbeach to be kept in the Landbeach archives.

- 6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING** It was reported that John Dadge had met with SCDC Planning, Landscape, Conservation and Housing Officers and presented draft proposals to them for the affordable housing in Landbeach. The response was encouraging and the draft scheme was left with them. It was agreed that the Clerk would consult John Dadge in relation to the concerns raised by the Parish Council that they would not 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** A draft contract was tabled for the purchase of the Recreation Ground had been forwarded from SCDC to King and Co.

This was accepted, but it was agreed to ask SCDC about the possibility of having an extra covenant to ensure that the Recreation Ground remains a Recreation Ground in perpetuity.

8 MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The following Standing Orders were reviewed and adopted. Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, Disability Policy, Grievance Procedures and Publication Scheme.

9 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Register of interests was reviewed and signed by Councillors.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

SCDC - Housing Futures May 2008

NATS - Proposed changes to airspace visit

www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation

Clerks and Councils Direct - Local Councils Update - Issue 103

SCDC - Local Code of Conduct Complaints Process - changes to the complaints procedure

SCDC - South Cambridgeshire Housing Futures

CCC - Consultation on the North West Cambridge Submission Draft Area Action Plan

Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch - Country Watch News

BT - proposal to reduce the number of public payphones - The consultation period will close on 6 September 2008. Clerk to follow this up to try to keep the telephone box in Landbeach.

11 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
492	G Setchell - caretaking in May and general maintenance	£54.00		£54.00
492	Maria Sylvester - May 2008 salary	£231.64		£231.00
492	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet – May 2008	£10.00	£1.49	£10.00
493	Inland Revenue PAYE due for May 2008	£57.80		£57.80
494	ROSPA - Play areas inspection report	£169.20	£25.20	£169.20
495	Truelink Ltd - Grass cutting in April 2008	£588.66	£87.66	£588.66
496	Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch Membership renewal	£30.00		£30.00
497	Robert Armstrong - Churchyard maintenance – May 2008	£183.50		£183.50

Income - Milton Colts There will be two teams playing next season starting second Sunday in September 2008. £100.00

VAT Reclaim - for year ended 31 March 2008 claimed.

Annual Return

Completed Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2008 was signed by Chairman and Clerk to be signed off by Internal Auditor on 10 June 2008 and forwarded to External Auditor.

12 PLANNING

Decisions

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

Approved

Discussion took place on why the Conservation Officer had requested slates to be put on the roof of this garage rather than tiles that would match the building. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Conservation Officer to try and find out why they wanted to go against the Parish Council decision (which approved the application with tiles matching those of the house) and to reiterate the Parish Council view.

S/0150/08/F Extension, conservatory and balustrade railings, Limes Farmhouse, 75 High Street, Landbeach, Mr and Mrs R MacFarlane

Approved

Amendment for information only

S/2091/07/F - Erection of double garage, boat shed and garden shed, following demolition of existing garage and shed, 21 High Street, Landbeach, Mr L J Garratt, windows altered – glazing bars removed

13 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr Wyatt reported that the Landbeach Lynn Fund would meet the legal fees involved in purchasing the Recreation Ground and would make a cheque payable to the Parish Council.

Mrs Hutchison reported that there is a situation in Landbeach, which is causing great concern to neighbours. The Police have been informed on a number of occasions about this. It was agreed that this should be raised at the next Resident's meeting. It was also agreed that Mr Hockney would make the Police Liaison Officer aware of the situation.

Mr Hockney reported on the following:

Milton Country Park had been taken over by Cambridge Sports Lakes Trust.

SCDC are going to have dedicated people to clean the carriageways.

Mr Hockney also added that it was a privilege to be elected Vice Chairman for the coming year.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

Paths had been swept by SCDC.

White lines in car park were no longer visible. It was agreed that Mr Hinkins would look into the possibility of getting these replaced.

Councillor Williamson reported on the following:

An amendment to the minutes dated 12 May 2008.

(Item 11) last but one paragraph should read 30,000 more houses not '30 houses'.

(Item 11) last paragraph should read ' In relation to Spaldings Lane, the Parish Council could apply under the jointly funded scheme' not 'apply for a footway'

Landbeach telephone box is being removed (reference in correspondence above) Clerk to follow this up to check usage rate, why was box repainted if it was going to be removed?

Congestion charging for Cambridge not going ahead.

Milton Waste Water Treatment Works - if this area is not used for housing development, the pressure on other sites becomes much higher.

Mr Dell reported that on the Waterbeach Road the blue nitram fertiliser bags were still left lying around and there is still an infestation of rats.

Mr Williamson said he would contact County Farms again.

Mr Johnson reported that the Environmental people are only concerned if the rats get into houses.

12 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

7 July 2008

1 September 2008

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Signed Dated