

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 1 September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Ms Jackie Gregg, Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Ms Helen Boysen, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mr Trevor Dell, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor) and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor)

Public Participation. There was no public participation.

Mrs Hale proposed Helen Boysen as a new Parish Councillor and this was seconded by Mr Hinkins.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were no apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 7 July 2008 were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Mrs Hale declared an interest in Item 10 Tree Work at Worts Farm, 16 High Street, Landbeach.

4 CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs Hale proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of 'Party in the Park', which was a great success.

Landbeach Village Pond It was reported that SCDC has said that piling log piles into the pond was something, which would provide some terrestrial shelter for the great crested newts.

It was agreed that Mr Hinkins would speak to Mr Setchell about using any logs that were around the village to do this.

Basketball Nets It was reported that two nets had been ordered. Mr Hinkins agreed to erect these and also reported that the backboard of one of the nets would soon need to be replaced.

Cambridge Building Society - It was agreed that Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins would sign for the Helpline and Landbeach Village Sign Accounts held by Cambridge Building Society. Both Councillors have to go into the Building Society with a form of ID.

Bus Shelter - Waterbeach Road - This was discussed and it was reported that a brochure on bus shelters had been requested. This would be discussed at the next meeting at which time it would be decided if this was something which would benefit people in the village. It was also agreed to have a look at the site in question. The question of the possibility of obtaining a grant for this was discussed. Clerk to investigate.

BT Direct Debit Form – The signatures of Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins were approved to pay the telephone bill. This would save around £18 per year.

Allianz Insurance plc - It was reported that the Fidelity Guarantee had been increased to £18,000.

CALC - It was agreed that the Clerk would attend an Accounts and Budgeting Course on 29 October 2008. The cost will be £35.

Communities and Local Government - A guide to becoming a Quality Council, Second Edition, was tabled. The Clerk will hold this if anyone wants to read it.

DCLG - currently seeking views on a proposal to move the date of local elections from 7 May 2009 so that they take place on the same day as the European Parliamentary elections on 4 June 2008. There were no views offered on this proposal.

SCDC - Worts Farm, Landbeach - it was reported that work would be carried out under the terms of Countryside Stewardship Agreement. This will involve pollarding 6 willows on the edge of the moat and doing some scrub clearance in the middle of the moat and removal of dead trees that have fallen into the moat. This work would be carried out during the first week of September.

Histon Police Station - It was agreed that Landbeach did not require Police assistance for the Remembrance Parade on 9 November 2008 as the Army contingent are able to make suitable arrangements.

Cambridge and County Folk Museum - It was agreed that Landbeach Parish Council would like to have the 3 A1 panels on the history of Landbeach. These feature text and copies of historical photographs.

It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee if these could be put up in the Village Hall.

PCSO - It was reported that Scott Evans is now a Policeman and there was no PCSO assigned to the Village. Any problems contact 0845 456 4564.

There have been problems with litter being thrown from cars and left in the car park rather than placed in the bins. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for signs asking people to put rubbish in bins provided.

SLCC - It was agreed that the Clerk should join this organisation. A full year's subscription is £80. It was felt that belonging to this society would be in the interest of the Council as the Clerk would be fully briefed on the issues of the day.

Matthew Parker Close - It was agreed to report to SCDC that the gutters were not being cleared.

WAY It was agreed that Dr Gambell would attend the Sixth Annual Report Meeting and Reception on 16 October 2008 at 7.30 p.m., in the Old Pavilion on Waterbeach Recreation Ground.

- 5 **Parish Council Vacancy** Ms Boysen reported that she was happy to be involved in the Parish Council. The Declaration of acceptance of Office and Candidate's qualification was signed by Ms Boysen.
- 6 **Affordable Housing** - John Dadge had confirmed that the application is programmed for submission in August and the Parish Council would be notified when this happened.

It was agreed that Mr Johnson would look into what stage this application is now at and whether the Parish Council's comments had been taken into account.

- 7 **RECREATION GROUND** The Parish Council had requested a covenant be imposed by SCDC requiring the Recreation Ground to be used for that purpose in perpetuity.

King and Co had responded by saying that this would not be necessary as, once the land has been transferred to Landbeach Parish Council, it will be able to use or restrict the use of the land in any way it sees fit and, if the Parish Council transfers the land on, it could impose such a restriction itself at that time.

This was discussed and it was felt that there should be a clear statement in the records of the meeting stating the following:

'It is the Parish Council's purpose and intention to have the Recreation Ground used for that purpose in perpetuity'.

Mr Williamson reported that there is a National Playing Fields Association and a covenant can be entered into with them after the purchase of the Recreation Ground.

- 8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

SCDC - Housing Futures August 2008 issue 2

Cambridgeshire Acre - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Rural Services Survey www.cambsacre.org.uk/news/latest.htm

COPE - August 2008 Newsletter No 47

CarillionWSP - Managing Agent to the Highways Agency

Cambridgeshire Acre - AGM 2 September 2008 St Ivo Leisure Centre

National Trust - Wicken Fen Newsletter August 2008

Cambridge Cycling Campaign - Cycling 2020 - vision of cycling in Cambridge

SCDC - Re-organisation of Development Control Teams

Parkside Police Station - Burglary Update - June/July 2008

SCDC - The future for Council Housing in South Cambridgeshire

Society of Local Council Clerks - Regional Conferences

CCC - Cambridgeshire's Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2007-08

South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership - Cutting Crime in your Community

Cambridge Carbon Footprint - Dates of sessions around Cambridge

SCDC - Parish Council Monthly Update (August 2008)

NALC - Practitioners Guide can be downloaded from NALC or SLCC website

Cambridgeshire Link - Invitation to the launch of a New Government initiative to help communities have a stronger voice in their Health and Social Care services on 25 September 2008 at 6.30 p.m., at The Burgess Hall, St Ives

CCC - Notes of the 'South Cambs Speeding and Traffic Summit' held on 22 July 2008 at Sawston Village College

Cambridgeshire Constabulary - South Cambridgeshire Histon Neighbourhood Newsletter

COPRG - mapping Community groups involving Older People in Cambridgeshire It was agreed to give this to Joyce Townsend.

9 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
508	G Setchell - Caretaking and general maintenance July/August 2008	£123.50		123.50
509	Maria Sylvester - July/August 2008 salary	£578.88		£578.88
509	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet – July/August 2008	£20.00	£2.98	£20.00
510	Robert Armstrong Landscape maintenance July	60.90		£60.90
510	Robert Armstrong - reimbursement for petrol	£5.90	0.88	£5.90
511	BT - telephone account	£78.91	£9.59	£78.91
512	EON - lighting for bus shelter	£13.72		£13.72
513	Truelink Ltd - Grasscutting in July 2008	£852.17	£126.92	£852.17
514	Robert Armstrong - Landscape maintenance August 2008	£160.00		£160.00

10 PLANNING

New Applications:

S/1308/08/F - 2 Portakabins and Toilet Block, Inform UK Ltd
Industrial Park Ely Road, Landbeach Mr M Stierer **No**

Recommendation

S/1337/08/F - Extension, Montrose House, Ely Road, Landbeach
Mr and Mrs I Marnoca **No Recommendation**

S/1442/08/F - Extension, 97 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach
Mr and Mrs Attle **No Recommendation**

S/1435/08/F - Erection of workshop/store (retrospective), Overbrook
Nursery, Green End, Landbeach Mr and Mrs Green

Parish Council to visit for inspection

S/1411/08/LDC - Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an
existing use of land for siting of mobile home, Overbrook Nursery,
Green End, Landbeach
Mr and Mrs J Green

S/0026/08/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 Donarbon Ltd

Application was determined under delegated powers on 5 August 2008 and planning permission has been granted subject to conditions.

For Information Only

Tree Works

C/11/40/058 - Tree work on trees situated in a Conservation Area, Worts Farm, 16 High Street, Landbeach CB25 9FT Mrs Hale

No Comments

C/11/40/093 - Ash Tree on boundary to be maintained, 9 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Mr I Hawkes

Tree Officer to inspect and report

11 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr Williamson reported that he had attended the Speeding Summit and confirmed that PCSO's were being vigilant on speeding and reporting back to the Police.

Mr Williamson reported that the Neighbourhood Watch Panel meetings were very useful and when issues were raised at these meetings, the Police would follow them up.

When a new PCSO is appointed for Landbeach, Mr Williamson suggested inviting the PCSO and their Sergeant to a Parish Council Meeting.

Mr Johnson said that things were always quiet in August and he had nothing to report.

Mr Wyatt reported on the following:

The strap is broken on the litter bin in Matthew Parker Close. Mr Hinkins agreed to replace straps.

Grass cutting programme It was felt that the verges were not being cut regularly enough, the Recreation Ground was being cut more often.

Also strimming was not being carried out regularly around seat areas.

Clerk to check on Grass cutting quotation.

Victoria Mitchell has left CCC and it was agreed to send a note of thanks to her for all the work she had done in Landbeach.

Dr Gambell reported that the lettering on the War Memorial could not be read. It was agreed that Dr Gambell would ask Matthew Beazley for a price to improve the lettering.

Mr Hinkins reported that Mr Setchell reported that the pump seat needed painting before the Winter. This would cost around £40-50. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

Mr Dell reported on the following:

At the May meeting it had been reported that the field opposite Emmaus was being used as an aggregate store and permission had not been granted for a change of use. This had been reported to SCDC.

It was no longer evident that this was being carried out.

There is a cable, which is dangerous, near Play Area. It was agreed to ask Mr Setchell to bury this into the ground.

Brian Yorke had replaced fencing at the bottom of Banworth Lane.

12 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

6 October 2008

3 November 2008

1 December 2008

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed.....

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