

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 2 February 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (in the Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr Trevor Dell, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor)

Public Participation. There was no public participation.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Ms Helen Boysen and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor)

Mrs Hale reported that Mr Hockney had tendered his resignation as Parish Councillor and it was with regret that his resignation was accepted. Mr Hockney had said that he would still be happy to help out as District Councillor.

It was agreed to put a notice of the vacancy for a Parish Councillor on the Parish 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.

- 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 5 January 2009 were agreed and signed.

- 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
There was no Declaration of Interest.

- 4 MATTERS ARISING**

Landbeach Village Pond It was reported that the willow tree near the pond needed to be removed and this could be used to pile the pond with logs.

Basketball Nets It was reported that these nets would be erected very soon.

Cambridge Building Society - It was reported that Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins would be the two signatories for the accounts held by Cambridge Building Society for Helpline and Landbeach Village Sign.

Banworth Lane - It was reported that CCC has said that Banworth Lane is not part of the highways or part of the public right of way network and is not recorded as a right of way.

It was also reported that there were a lot of potholes in Banworth Lane and that this was probably the responsibility of people living there. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Keith Faunch to see if road planings could be made available for this. It was also agreed to contact SCDC housing to find out who was responsible for the upkeep of this Lane.

Frames for Panels from Folk Museum - It was reported that the frames and the Ordnance Survey Map would be ready on 13 February 2009; the cost would be £200. It was agreed that these should be screwed to the wall.

CPALC Cambridgeshire County Training Partnership - Councillors to attend training courses – awaiting dates from CPALC.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator - it was reported that there was still no Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and concern was raised about recent burglaries in Landbeach. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council should co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch and involve other groups in the village. The Clerk would be responsible for notifying people of anything suspicious that was reported to her. This should also go on the website.

It was also agreed to put a notice in the Parish Magazine asking people if they wanted to be involved in the scheme and to give their emails.

The new PCSO, Claire Whiteman, had asked if she could attend a Parish Council meeting to introduce herself to Councillors. This was agreed.

Bus Shelter - There was nothing further to report. This would be discussed with Parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27 April 2009.

Security Camera - It was reported that the Security Camera is broken overlooking the car park. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council were responsible for replacing this. Clerk to obtain three quotations. Mr Wyatt said that the Lynn Fund might be willing to contribute to the cost of this.

5 CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New Signs for car park - Mrs Hale, Mr Hinkins and Clerk had looked at signs that need replacing.

It was agreed that there needed to be four new signs as follows:

**No dogs, horses or golfing allowed on Recreation Ground
(this to be put on fence before Play Area)**

Security camera in use

Vehicles parked at Owners' Risk

Please put rubbish in bins provided.

The other signs could be cleaned and the posts painted with Hammerite. It was agreed to ask Mr Setchell to do this.

It was also agreed that there should be two warning signs near the pond area, along with entrance and exit signs for the car park, as this would eliminate any confusion when entering and exiting the car park.

SCDC - Small grant schemes - This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would find out if there was a possibility of getting any money towards the Security Camera.

SLCC - Minutes of meeting held on 12 December 2009. Clerk would hold these if anyone wanted to see them or they could be seen on the SLCC website www.slcc.co.uk.

SLCC - Agenda for meeting to be held on 6 February 2009. (Clerk to attend this).

Chairman's report for Parish Magazine - This went out with the February Parish Magazine.

CPALC - Minutes of AGM held on 6 December 2008 - It was reported that the Resolution sent to CPALC had not been tabled at this meeting.

Worts Meadow - SCDC had asked for a meeting with the Parish Council about the possibility of having Worts Meadow as a Local Nature Reserve. This would be held on 3 February 2009 at 1.30 p.m.

It was also suggested that the woodchips offered by Acacia Trees could be used in Worts Meadow especially where the entrances were.

WAY - Funding for Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth. Dr Gambell proposed that Landbeach Parish Council maintain their support for WAY by donating £250. Ms Gregg seconded this.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council should try and support other organisations in the village such as the Mother and Toddler Group whenever possible.

CCC New sites proposed for mineral and waste development. Mr Williamson said that there were three suggestions for these sites:
 Butt Lane, Milton that would be for clay extraction
 Chesterton Fen: this would not affect Landbeach
 Railhead for freight and aggregates at the site north of Waterbeach
 The County Council has not approved these, developers have made submissions.

Concern was raised about the impact on the A10 traffic and also traffic that would go through the village, if there were problems on the A10.

Details of the proposals can be viewed and comments made online at <http://consult.peterborough.gov>.

Village Guide - This was discussed and it was agreed that Dr Gambell would contact Mr Hockney, who had produced the Village Guide previously, to find out what was involved.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) There is a new date for the APM as CPALC say it has to take place in April and not May, the date is 27 April 2009 and Sarah Clover from Donarbon and Giles Brookes, Project Manager from BAM Nuttall, will speak at the meeting.

Adoption of RFO - It was unanimously adopted that the Clerk would act as the Responsible Finance Officer for the coming year.

ROSPA - It was agreed to ask ROSPA to carry out the annual inspection of Play equipment.

Parish Forum Meeting – 19 January 2009 Mrs Hale reported that she had attended this and found it very informative. The focus of the meeting was Parish planning issues and the first meeting covered the Delegation System (David Rush) as well as talks on Biodiversity (Rob Mongovan) and Parish Tree Planting (Roz Richardson).

Hundred Houses Society - Launch of joint venture with Icen Homes Ltd - 5 February 2009. Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins have agreed to attend this event.

6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr Williamson reported that there was going to be a site visit on 4 February 2009 at Walnut Farm and Mr Johnson would be attending this. Mr Johnson had asked for comments from the Parish Council before this meeting.

This was discussed in depth and the following comments were made:

The Parish Council is very strongly in favour of the development of the Walnut Farm site to provide affordable housing, with some provisos.

There is a real need for affordable housing for Landbeach people, both rental and equity share. A new housing survey is being done now (pdq) to ensure we know the exact current requirements. If there is greater requirement for equity share homes we propose that (because of current market conditions being unfavourable to the developer) there could be wording to protect both landlord and tenant, e.g. that tenant rents for two years then has right to put down a deposit for equity share.

The affordable units should all be in the exception site so they are all for Landbeach people.

There must be adequate parking for the properties.

It is unrealistic and undesirable to completely mix up the affordable and market homes. This is partly because the need for affordable homes is now and the market homes will probably not be developed until market conditions are more favourable.

The SCDC summary states a few things with which we disagree. In particular, in section 37 it says there is a shortfall of play space. The Parish Council strongly disagrees with this statement. We have recently improved the playground providing new facilities for younger children and these are very good for a village the size of Landbeach. It is just a short walk on pavements from Walnut Farm and is no problem for other residents at that end of the village.

If there is Section 106 money we believe it could go to better use, e.g. towards better pedestrian and cycle links to Milton (and hence Tesco etc).

7 RECREATION GROUND

Completion statement of costs has been received from SCDC. This shows their costs as being £1,289.40, which is higher than originally estimated. The original estimate was for around £1,000. Clerk to follow this up. The fee for King and Co will be around £500, so total is in the region of £1,800.

8 CLOSURE OF BT KIOSK

There was nothing further to report.

9 LANDBEACH WIDOWS TRUST

It was reported that no one had volunteered to take on the job of Treasurer for this Trust. It was also confirmed that the Deeds say that the Ex-officio Trustee of the Trust is The Rector, or as now The Curate, for the time being in charge of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Landbeach who is at present The Revd Lucy Cleland. She has agreed to come to the Parish Council meeting on 2 March 2009.

It was agreed to ask people at the APM if anyone would be interested in taking on the role of Treasurer.

10 LANDBEACH ACTION PLAN

This was discussed and it was agreed to put it in the March 2009 Parish Magazine for comments by Parishioners to be discussed at APM on 27 April 2009.

11 HIGHWAYS

It was reported that a meeting had taken place with Keith Fauch from Highways who had agreed to carry out work that needed doing in the village.

12 SAFER CYCLING IN LANDBEACH AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Clerk has contacted Mike Davies at Cambridge Cycling City to find out the best way of going forward with this.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:
 B&M Bricklaying and Construction - Restoration specialists
 CCC - YOUR Cambridgeshire Issue 5
 Clerks and Councils Direct - Issue 61 January 2009
 SMP Playgrounds
 COPE Newsletter No 51 - January 2009
 National Probation Service - Annual Report 2007/8
 Glasdon - Latest products for Local Councils
 SCDC - Helping those affected by domestic abuse
 Cambridge Cycling Campaign - Cycling 2020
 Sue Ryder Care - Posters to go on notice board

14 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
541	G Setchell - Caretaking January 2009	£64.00		£64.00
542	Maria Sylvester January 2009 salary	£350.64		£350.64
542	Maria Sylvester Reimbursement for Internet January 2009	£10.00	£1.49	£10.00
542	Maria Sylvester Reimbursement for CDs for back-up	£3.99	£0.52	£3.99
543	Cambridgeshire Acre- Membership Renewal	£25.00		£25.00
544	Inland Revenue PAYE January 2009	£87.60		£87.60

Income

Milton Colts for use of pitch September-December 2008

£70.00

15 PLANNING

New Applications

S/00002/09/CW Construction of an emergency vehicular turning head
Land off Ely Road, Waterbeach **No Recommendation**

Applications Refused

S/1809/08/F Conversion of Archaeological Storage Barn to Two Dwellings and
Refurbishment and Extension of Granary to create an Office/Studio
Worts Farm Barn and Granary, High Street, Landbeach CCC

Approved

S/2020/08/F - Roof Extension
82 High Street, Landbeach Mr G Knightley

16 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Dr Gambell reported on the following:

There is graffiti on the bus shelter. Mr Setchell has agreed to remove it from the glass but the brickwork might be a problem.

Churchyard wall has to be taken down because of a crack. There is a tree on the edge. It was thought it would look better to rebuild the wall rather than put railings up.

A quotation for £280/day had been received for renovating the milestones. Dr Gambell agreed to contact CCC to see if there were any grants available to support this work. It was agreed that the milestones should be preserved if at all possible.

A tree overhanging in the Churchyard was going to be trimmed.

Mr Dell reported that there were some trees overhanging in Banworth Lane, which belonged to people living in Abrahams Close. Clerk and Chairman to inspect these.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

He was going to contact Camline in relation to the markings in the car park.

The Village Hall Committee were looking for a representative from the Parish Council, as he was now Chairman of the Social Club. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr Williamson reported on the following:

He had attended the Speedwatch presentation at Cottenham. There is speed flashing for trained volunteers: two volunteers record cars that go through the village travelling over the speed limit, they take registration numbers and then report to the Police who write a letter to the individual involved.

This was thought to be a very effective way of reducing speeding and Clerk will contact Histon Police Station to find out more about it.

Mrs Hale tabled a letter from SCDC that had been sent to Council tenants setting out what will happen if tenants support transfer of the Council's homes to South Cambridgeshire Village Homes.

13 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2 March 2009

6 April 2009

27 April 2009 (APM)

11 May AGM (Chairman Appointed)

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Signed.....

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