

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

As the chairman could not attend the meeting, Mrs Tracy Hutchison was elected as Chairman by Mr Alan Wyatt and seconded by Mr Gerald Hinkins.

Public Participation. Mrs Hutchison welcomed Rev. Lucy Cleland Priest in Charge of Waterbeach and Landbeach who introduced herself to the Parish Council.

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Mrs Melanie Hale.

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

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

- 4 **MATTERS ARISING**

Landbeach Village Pond Quotations to top and fell the Willow tree near the pond had been received:

Truelink Ltd £210 + VAT
Acacia Tree Surgery Ltd £210 + VAT

These were discussed and it was agreed to get another quotation from Ian Hodgson to compare prices.

Basketball Nets Two new nets had been purchased but there was a problem with the rings and backboards. It was agreed to ask Dexter Bullman to quote for repairing these and ask Adventure Playground to quote for replacing the rings.

Banworth Lane - Mr Hinkins has arranged a meeting with Phil Law to inspect the potholes and agree a date for putting down the planings from Highways. It was agreed to put a flyer in residents' doors when a date had been arranged.

Frames for Panels from Folk Museum - It was reported that the frames and the Ordnance Survey Map had been collected from Jane's Frames and would be put up in the Village Hall.

BT Kiosk - It was reported that the telephone had been removed from the kiosk and it was agreed to put a notice to this effect in the Parish Magazine.

Signs for car park - Two quotations had been received for new signs from Nordis Signs and Algar Signs. It was agreed to accept Nordis Signs' quotation without installation costs. It was also agreed that a sign with Deep Water on it was not necessary, as there was no water in the pond at present. The total cost would be around £200.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator - it was reported that a notice had been placed in the Parish Magazine saying that the Parish Council would co-ordinate the scheme and involve other groups in the village. The Clerk will be responsible for notifying people of anything suspicious that is reported to her.

Highways - Highways have carried out various repairs in the village but some of the new repairs had already started to crumble.

Landbeach Proposed Action Plan - This had been circulated with the Parish Magazine and would be discussed at the APM on 27 April 2009.

PCSO - Claire Whiteman PCSO will be attending the next Parish Council meeting on 6 April 2009.

SCDC Small grant schemes - South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership's new small grant scheme. It was agreed to make an application for a grant towards the Security Camera. The maximum grant is £1,000 and funding must be spent within 12 months.

Pocket Park - Wood chippings It was agreed to ask the Contractors who were carrying out work in the Pocket Park if they would lay the wood chippings, which would be supplied by Acacia Tree Surgery Ltd. This needed to be carried out within the next month so that there were no leaves on them.

5 CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Grass verges Spaldings Lane - A letter had been written to Greys Coach Company in Ely asking them if they could divert their coaches away from Spalding Lane as the verges were getting churned up. They had responded by saying that this was not possible because the route they take is dictated by the contract they have with CCC Home to School Transport.

Overgrown trees Abrahams Close - It was reported that the resident in Abrahams Close had confirmed that pruning would be carried out in May of this year.

CCC - Grass-cutting allowance for 2009 - It was reported that this payment has been increased by 5% to £799.17.

ROSPA - The annual inspection would be carried out in April 2009. It was agreed to get a quotation from other play safety companies next year.

Landbeach Village Hall - A request has been received from the Village Hall asking for a contribution of £40 towards the car park light and security camera. This was agreed.

Hundred Houses Society - Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins had attended this event on 5 February 2009 and had found it very informative. They were disappointed to find that there was no one from SCDC in attendance. Hundred Houses have amalgamated with Icen Homes and there are funds available for local organisations like Play Groups. For further information see www.icenihomes.com.

- 6 **Recreation Ground** - A revised completion statement has been received from SCDC which includes £614.40 for Council's legal costs and newspaper advertisement and purchase price of £1. The amount payable is this amount plus King and Co's fee of £400 plus VAT, search fees of £405.83 and a Land Registry fee of £40. The total being £1,520.23. The Lynn Fund has agreed to meet this cost for which the Parish Council is very grateful. Clerk to submit letter asking for this amount to be paid to King and Co by Lynn Fund.

- 7 **Security Camera** - Quotations have been received from the following:
Thompson Electrical (Cambridge) Ltd £3,682.50 + VAT
Isaacson Electrical £2,540.72 + VAT
Dent Security Systems Ltd £2,151.00 + VAT
These were discussed and it was felt that the cost was too high. It was agreed to get a quotation for one camera to be put on the lamppost and if more security was needed at a later date, it could be added.

- 8 **Worts Meadow** - CCC are considering having Worts Meadow as a Local Nature Reserve and have invited comments from the Parish Council. There is a draft Action Plan and they are hoping to complete the designation process by the end of March 2009. Contractors have already carried out coppicing and tidying up.

This was discussed and concern was raised on the following:
Wildlife has been reduced by cutting the hedge and brambles so fiercely.

The Pocket Park is one of the best places for wildlife.
There seems to be total renovation without any concern for leaving any of the habitats.

Car parking because of visitors coming to the Nature Reserve.

Clerk to enquire when volunteers would be asked to take part in this venture.

Mr Wyatt reported that Charlotte Lowry, Greenspace Officer, CCC had been invited to the next Landbeach Society Meeting.

It was agreed to invite her to the APM to outline their proposals more fully.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

CCC - Countryside Access Issues

Timberline - Brochure and Pricelist of Play Equipment

Housing future - Issue 5 January 2009

CPALC - Spring 2009 Bulletin

The Cambridge Housing Society Ltd In-Focus Winter 2009

Cottenham Village College Plug into Dance Festival

10 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
545	G Setchell-Caretaking February 2009	£64.00		£64.00
546	Maria Sylvester February 2009 salary	£350.64		£350.64
546	Maria Sylvester Reimbursement for Internet February 2009	£10.00	£1.49	£10.00
547	Inland Revenue- PAYE February 2009	£87.60		£87.60
548	Jane's Frames - 4 frames	£200.00	£26.09	£200.00
549	WAY - Annual Donation	£250.00		£250.00

15 PLANNING

New Applications

S/0243/09/F Change of use from Holiday Lets to residential unit, Goose Hall Farm, Ely Road, Landbeach CB25 9PG Mrs Sylvia Lock

No Recommendation

S/1811/08/F Erection of 8 Affordable Dwellings and 4 Market Homes, Walnut Farm Yard, High Street, Landbeach **Withdrawn**

S/1442/08/F 97 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach Mr D Attle

Appeal to Secretary of State

Approved

S/0384/08/F 53 High Street, Landbeach, Erection of Garage

Appeal Decision

16 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr Johnson reported that he was disappointed that the planning application for the development at Walnut Farm had been withdrawn.

This was discussed and it was emphasised that the Parish Council is very strongly in favour of the development of the Walnut Farm site to provide affordable housing, with some provisos.

It was felt that the proposal was carried out without consultation with Highways and lack of discussion with SCDC and the Consultants. The Planning Officer was not in favour of many aspects of the development.

It was hoped that this could be reviewed and more consultation carried out to enable the development to proceed.

It was reported that the Housing Needs Survey had gone out on 27 February 2009. This would indicate the need for affordable housing in Landbeach.

Mr Wyatt reported on the following:

He was concerned, as Trustee of the Farmland Museum, that there has been a submission by Network Rail to close Chesterton Sidings and move the operations that include minerals handling and possible London waste transfer to a site north of Waterbeach.

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 proposal can be viewed and comments made on-line at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/mineralswasteplan/siteprofilesmap/railhead. This will take you to where you can make comments.

There is a field in Green End opposite entrance to Emmaus that has large amounts of aggregate. It was always the intention that this would not be used as an industrial site. Clerk to follow this up.

The village needed a litter pick. It was agreed Clerk would contact CCC to get litter pick kits. The proposed date is 18 April 2009.

Dr Gambell reported on the following:

Donarbon had promised that they would not take any extra waste; they would only take Council waste.

The gate at the front of the Recreation Ground is very difficult to open. Mr Dell agreed to look at this.

The light outside of the Church was not working (No 6).

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

The light outside 121 High Street was still not working.

There had been a speed check in Landbeach the previous week.

Mr Dell reported that fly tipping is continuing near Stanton Farm and this has asbestos in it. Clerk to follow this up.

Ms Gregg reported that her car had been scratched by a key outside her house.

The wall on the High Street looks as if it has been vandalised.

13 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

6 April 2009
27 April 2009 (APM)
11 May AGM (Chairman Appointed)
1 June 2009

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed.....

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