

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 11 May 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Landbeach Village Hall

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

Public Participation Mrs Hale welcomed Mr Brian Marshall who was considering joining the Parish Council.

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Mr Trevor Dell, Ms Jackie Gregg, Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor)
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 6 April 2009 were agreed and signed.
- 3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
Dr Gambell declared an interest in Item 13 Planning - S/0417/09/F Rebuild/Repair of Part of Churchyard Wall, All Saints Church, Green End, Landbeach.
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING**

Basketball Nets - An invoice had been received from Dexter Bullman for £425 to repair the basketball rings and backboards. This was considerably more than anticipated as when the repair was started, it was found to be necessary to carry out extra work to strengthen the rings and to replace the backboards so the work had to continue to carry out the repairs needed.

Banworth Lane - It was reported that the planings delivered by Highways had been put down by Mr Yorke and it was agreed to write a letter to Mr Yorke to say 'Thank You' for carrying out this work.

Signs for car park - It was reported that the new signs for the car park had arrived and Mr Hinkins agreed to put the signs up that needed to be screwed and the posts would be painted for the other signs.

Spaldings Lane - It was reported that Highways had erected bollards on the corner of Spaldings Lane to prevent large vehicles from going on the verges.

ROSPA - It was reported that an inspection of the play equipment had been carried out, but a report had not yet been received.

Speedwatch - It was reported that five members of the Parish attended a training session on 9 May and it was felt that this would be a useful exercise to carry out. Another session had been arranged for 12 May 2009 between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. It was also agreed to ask Jan Dean from Histon whether it would be appropriate to have a sign coming into Landbeach warning people that Speedwatch is in operation.

Landbeach Housing Needs Survey - It was reported that Cambridgeshire Acre had had a good response from Landbeach. There is a lot of support for affordable housing in the village with hardly any negative comments. Out of 73 returns there are 11 households who have indicated a need for affordable houses, quite a lot for the size of the village. They are now looking at affordability and income levels, which may increase the number.

This was discussed and it was agreed that it was imperative that communication took place between the CC, SCDC and the Parish Council before a revised application is submitted. Mr Johnson agreed to act on the Council's behalf to get the housing the 11 people wanted and to provide this.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - Mr Marshall said that he was interested in joining the Parish Council and had come along to see what the Parish Council does. He had lived in the village since 1997 and was Treasurer of the Village Hall.

It was agreed that if Mr Marshall decided to join the Parish Council, he should write a formal letter to the Chairman outlining his interests and what he could offer to the Parish Council.

CPALC Councillor Training - It was reported that members of the Council and the Clerk would like to attend some of the courses being run in the autumn.

Parishioners' Questionnaire responses - This was analysed and distributed for comments and discussion at the APM on 27 April 2009. Parishioners were keen to have a cycle/pedestrian path from Landbeach to Milton, ideally extending to Park and Ride, and also to Cottenham. It was agreed to contact Milton and Cottenham Parish Councils if they would be prepared to contribute to the cost of this.

Landbeach Proposed Action Plan - This is ongoing and will be reviewed during the year.

5 **CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Internal Audit visit - It was reported that Canalbs were carrying out the Internal Audit to sign-off the Annual Return on 12 May 2009.

SCDC - Notice of Election - Notice of Election for forthcoming European and County Council elections on 4 June had been put up on the Parish Council notice board on 30 April 2009.

Multi-sports area - Mr Setchell had reported that the wire fence at the north end of the area is pulled off. Mr Hinkins said that this could be repaired and he would consult Mr Dell about repairing it.

Litterbin in old play area needs removing - Mr Setchell had reported that this bin is full of water and rubbish and needs to be removed. Mr Hinkins agreed to look at the possibility of having some draining holes.

Discussion took place on the possibility of siting more dog bins and Clerk is to follow this up.

Donarbon Open Day 6 June 2009 - There is an open invitation to everyone to attend this event.

PCSO Claire Whiteman - It was agreed to ask Claire Whiteman if she would be prepared to do a surgery with the Busytots Group on a Wednesday 11.30-12 and then 12-1 p.m., if Parishioners wanted to attend. This would be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

6 **RECREATION GROUND** - A letter had been received from King and Co confirming that they are able to complete the purchase of the Recreation Ground from SCDC and are dealing with the Land Registry formalities.

Mrs Hale proposed a vote of thanks to The Lynn Landbeach Village Trust Fund for their contribution of £1,000 towards the legal costs incurred.

7 **SECURITY CAMERA** - Quotations are being sought for the initial stage of replacing the security camera.

For Phase 1 the Parish Council would apply to South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership for a grant of £1,000 and the additional cost would have to be met by the Village Hall as part of the future development plans.

- 8 WORTS MEADOW** - Responses from Parishioners at APM indicated that they were not too happy with the idea of having a Local Nature Reserve in Worts Meadow. Dr Gambell said that Worts Meadow has to be maintained as an archaeological site for the moat.

The Chairman agreed to speak to the Chairman at Rampton where a Nature Reserve similar to the one proposed has been done.

Dr Gambell reported that Pat Bourne had died. She was the wife of Cecil Bourne who was the Architect for the restoration of All Saints' Church in the 1980s and contributed to the creation of Bourne Wood through the Woodland Trust.

- 9 WIDOW'S TRUST** - This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10 ANNUAL RETURN** - Completed Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2009 was presented to the meeting and approved. It was signed by Chairman and RPO (Clerk) to be signed off by Internal Auditor on 12 May 2009 and forwarded to External Auditor.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

CCC - Cambridgeshire Play Pathfinder Project: Year Two
 Equality and Human Rights Commission - Public Sector Duties
 On-line Playgrounds - Playground spares and repairs
 COPE - Newsletter No 54 and 55

To go on Notice Board

Cambridgeshire Together - Weather the Storm
 Cambridgeshire Archaeology - Guided Walk 27 May 2009

12 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
556	G Setchell-Caretaking April 2009	£64.00		£64.00
557	Maria Sylvester April 2009 salary	£452.73		£452.73
557	Maria Sylvester Reimbursement for Internet April 2009	£8.81		£8.81
557	Maria Sylvester Reimbursement for A3 sheets for APM	£6.60	0.86	£6.60
558	Inland Revenue - PAYE for April 2009	£95.67		£95.67
559	Northamptonshire CC - New signs	£153.87	£20.07	£153.87
560	EON - Electricity for bus shelter	£13.72	0.65	£13.72
561	CPALC - Affiliation fees for 2009/10	£229.32		£229.32
562	Fen Edge Community Association	£15.00		£15.00
563	Allianz Insurance - Renewal of Insurance Policy	£1,143.41		£1,143.41
564	Robert Armstrong	£275.00		£275.00
565	Dexter Bullman - Repair and replacement of Basketball nets and backboards	£425.00		£425.00
566	Truelink Ltd - Grasscutting in April 2009	£500.90	£75.14	£576.04

Income

SCDC - Half yearly Precept.

£7,500.00

13 PLANNING

New applications

S/0242/09/LB - Alterations, 83 Green End, Landbeach
Charles W Kay **No Recommendation**

S/0368/09/F - Extensions, Resite entrance with gates, walls and fence
Nebi-Tari, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Mr and Mrs Smith
No Recommendation

S/0417/09/F Rebuild/Repair of Part of Churchyard Wall, All Saints
Church, Green End, Landbeach, Dr Ray Gambell (Dr Gambell left the
room) **No Recommendation**

Amendment

S/0243/09/F - Change of use from Holiday Lets to residential units, Goose Hall Farm, Ely Road, Landbeach, Mrs Sylvia Lock **For information only**

Approved

S/00002/09/CW - Construction of an emergency vehicular tuning head Land off Ely Road, Waterbeach

14 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr Wyatt reported that the sign located as one enters the road to Landbeach from the A10 at the Slap-Up junction needed to be replaced or repaired. It should read 'Drive Carefully' but now reads 'Drive Fully'.

Dr Gambell raised concern about the signage turning right coming out from the Park and Ride at Milton as cars have been seen coming out the wrong way. Clerk to report this to Michael Williamson. Clerk to follow this up.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

There is a lot of money available for play areas. It was decided to consult Milton Parish Council in relation to how their new play area for older children was funded.

Landbeach Parish Council should adhere to a policy on Prejudicial Interest. This to be looked into and discussed at the next meeting.

15 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

1 June 2009

6 July 2009

7 September 2009

12 October 2009

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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