

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 6 July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Dr Ray Gambell (in the Chair), Mr Trevor Dell, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr Brian Marshall, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor) and Mr James Hockney (District Councillor)

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr Ray Gambell (Vice Chairman) was proposed by Mr Wyatt to Chair the meeting. This was seconded by Mr Dell and agreed unanimously.

Public Participation There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** received from Ms Helen Boysen, Mrs Melanie Hale and Mrs Tracy Hutchison,
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 1 June 2009 were agreed and signed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest**
There was no declaration of interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Play Area for Older Children - It was reported that the deadline for applications to CCC Play, Pathfinder Programme was 24 July 2009. It was felt that this was too soon to get an application together and it was agreed to get a team together by the September meeting to take on this venture. There appeared to be a strong preference for a skate park.

Training - There will be three training sessions, The Chairman and Clerk would attend all three and Mr Hinkins would attend Session 3.

Basketball nets - It was reported that an insurance claim had been submitted for replacing and repairing the basketball nets and backboards for £464. There is an excess of £125.

Signs for car park - It was reported that some of the signs had been erected and the posts had been painted for the other signs which would be put up as soon as possible.

Permissive Paths - It was agreed to put a poster up on the Parish Council Notice Board showing where the permissive paths are.

Cycle/Pedestrian Path - A letter had been received from Mike Davies saying that they are looking to build a link from Milton to Impington which could involve tarmacing Mere Way. This was not acceptable to the Parish Council, as it was thought residents wanted a direct path to go to Milton Tesco, Doctors' Surgery and Park and Ride. A path similar to the one that runs along the river into Cambridge would be suitable. It was agreed to respond to Mike Davies outlining our concerns.

Microphone - The microphone is not being left in the Village Hall as had been agreed. Chairman to speak to Chair of Village Hall in relation to this.

Signage Butt Lane - Signage in Butt Lane for Cambridge was still causing problems. It was agreed that Michael Williamson would follow this up and the Parish Council would write to Alistair Frost raising concerns as there had been several accidents because of the signage.

ROSPA report - It was reported that some of the areas needing attention which were highlighted in the ROSPA report had been dealt with. It was agreed to order one ton of play bark to go under the climbing frame.

Speedwatch - It was reported that this scheme was going well, there are usually around 25% vehicles speeding, the highest being 51mph. The kit now serves Landbeach, Waterbeach and Willingham.

Landbeach Housing Survey - Letter from John Dadge was tabled saying the County Council and Hundred Houses are still committed to the delivery of Affordable Housing in Landbeach.

Also confirmation from Cambridgeshire Acre in response to the Housing Survey has confirmed that there is sufficient evidence for a small development in Landbeach.

It was agreed to invite them both to the next Parish Council meeting in September to give a more detailed report with revised proposals and discuss what to do next.

It was also confirmed that there is Section 106 money and Open space money available when planning applications are put through and the

Council need to be aware of claiming this. A village the size of Landbeach does not need any more open space.

Granary roof repair - It was reported that the loose slate had been repaired and the asbestos rubbish had been removed from Stanton Farm.

Sign A10 - This sign has still not been replaced or repaired. Mr Williamson to follow this up.

Widow's Trust - Mr Marshall confirmed that he is willing to act as Treasurer for the Widow's Trust. Dr Gambell was nominated by Mr Wyatt to become a Trustee. This was seconded by Mr Hinkin and agreed unanimously. Dr Gambell agreed to speak to the Revd Lucy Cleland about becoming Chairman of the Trust.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

E-COPS - There is a new contact number which is cheaper to use, and will allow people with free local calls to call for free - 0345 456 456 4.

SCDC - Housing Transfer Ballot - Result of tenants ballot means that the ownership and management of homes will stay with SCDC.

Vandalism in Landbeach - It was reported that there has been some vandalism in the village recently, boy racers in the car park early hours of the morning and the rail on the adventure playground was damaged on another occasion. It was agreed to put the new E-COPS number in the Parish Magazine and to encourage parishioners to ring this number straight away if they see anything suspicious.

Letter from Mr R Beech requesting the last three years accounts for Landbeach under the Freedom of Information Policy. He is in the process of researching the financial responsibilities of Parish Councils. It was agreed to send these to Mr Beech.

CPALC - Best Practice Guide Remuneration and Contractual Arrangements for Parish Clerks - Job summary sheet completed by Chairman and returned to CPALC.

Village Guide - Mr Hockney agreed to produce the Village Guide for 2009.

6 Recreation Ground - Deed of Declaration - This was discussed and it was agreed that Clause 4 needed to be clarified in relation to future expansion of the Village Hall on to the Recreation Ground.

It was agreed that a letter should be obtained from the Village Hall Committee confirming that they may encroach on to the Recreation Ground.

- 7 **Security Camera** - It was reported that the new Security Camera would be erected on 21-22 July 2009.
- 8 **Worts Meadow** - An update had been received from Charlotte Lowry on the continuing work in Worts Meadow. Concern was raised about the material to be used underneath the new gates. It was agreed that a mesh netting would be more suitable than limestone as suggested.
- 9 **Village Hall Extension** - A letter has been received from The Village Hall Committee asking the Parish Council for financial support. This is a requirement when applying to SCDC for additional funding for the Village Hall Project. SCDC ask for 10% which is £5,000. It was agreed to contribute £5,000.

It was confirmed that part of the new building would be used for a Parish Council Office. It was agreed to ask the Lynn Landbeach Village Trust Fund if they would be prepared to contribute £5,000 towards this facility within the new building.

- 10 **Correspondence** - The following correspondence was put into circulation:

SLCC - 35th National Conference 2009
 COPE - Newsletter No 56 and 57
 National Trust - Wicken Fen Vision
 Countryside Watch News 2009
 SCDC - Summer 2009
 Cambridgeshire Acre - Community Action Summer 2009
 Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth
 Arien Villages signs and notice boards
 Glasdon - Latest products for Local Councils
 Clerks and Councils Direct - Issue 64 July 2009
 NALC Development Briefing June 2009
 NALC - National Council Report of the Chief Executive June 2009
 Cambridgeshire Horizons - Green Vision News
 Standards Committee Newsletter Spring 2009

11 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
573	G Setchell - Caretaking June 2009	£80.00		£80.00
573	G Setchell - Maintenance June 2009	£128.00		£128.00
573	G Setchell - reimbursement for paint	£9.87	£1.47	£9.87
574	Maria Sylvester June 2009 salary	£438.40		£438.40
574	Maria Sylvester - Internet June 2009	£10.40	£1.56	£10.40
575	Inland Revenue - PAYE June 2009	£109.40		£109.40
576	Ray Gambell - Parish Magazine	£47.00		£47.00
577	Cambs Countryside Watch - renewal	£30.00		£30.00
578	Robert Armstrong - Maintenance June All Saints Church, Landbeach	£137.00	£1.80	£137.00

VAT reclaim has been submitted to HM Customs and Excise
Budget control statement - 1 April-30 June 2009 was tabled. Councillors had no comments to make on this.

12 Planning

New application

S/0743/09/F Extension Western View, Ely Road, Landbeach, Mr A Taylor

Approved

For information only

S/0417/09/F Rebuild/Repair of part of Churchyard Wall, All Saints

Church, Green End, Landbeach **Approved**

S/0242/09/LB Alterations to rear lean-to Extension to create enlarged bathroom, 83 Green End, Landbeach Mr C W Kay **Approved**

S/0368/09/F Extension and resiting of entrance with gates, walls and fence Nebi Tari, Ely Road, Landbeach **This application has now been referred to Planning Committee.**

13 Councillors Reports

Mr Hockney reported on the following:

The SCDC funding will be the final piece in the jigsaw towards The Village Hall application for funding and he hoped to get it through Cabinet as soon as possible.

There is a dedicated team with Highways who are responsible for cleanliness in the area and it was hoped to tidy-up the A10 and have more litter bins.

There is a South Cambs Scrutiny Committee coming to Landbeach on 3 September and if there are any questions about issues related to the District Council they can be put to this Committee.

Mr Williamson reported on the following:

There has been a Council meeting and Cabinet meeting and one of the issues is the Walnut Tree Farm development.

Horningsea Parish Council are interested in operating Speedwatch.

Mr Johnson reported on the following:

He had written a formal request for litter-bins to be erected in all lay-bys. If there is any new-building development, the Parish Council should put a request in for open-space money.

If a planning application is approved, the Parish Council should state it as 'Approved' and not 'No Recommendation' as this affects the planning decision at SCDC.

Mr Hinkins on behalf of The Village Hall Committee asked Mr Williamson to support the WREN application for funding for the Village Hall extension. Mr Williamson said he would be happy to do this.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

The car-park has been tidied up and the white lines can now be put down. It was agreed to get quotations for this.

The hedges need to be cut soon.

The Village Fete is on 18 July 2009 from 2-5 p.m.

Mr Wyatt enquired about the lettering on the war memorial. Dr Gambell confirmed that this should be complete by the end of the month.

Mr Dell reported that the footpaths in the village have not been repaired.

This was promised by Highways when they carried out their walk-about earlier in the year. Mr Williamson agreed to contact Keith Fauch in relation to this work.

Dr Gambell reported on the following:

Mike Halliwell, Vice-Chairman of Horningsea Parish Council, CPRE and Rotary is keen to get litter-picking done on a community basis. Landbeach will be happy to be involved in anything that moves forward on a community basis.

Land on the Cottenham Road had been sold by All Saints' Church with covenants restricting use to agricultural purposes. An application to allow a wind turbine 95 metres high has been received. This was discussed and the Parish Council were against it. It was agreed that this information should be put in the Parish Magazine and ask for Parishioners' feedback.

14 Dates of forthcoming meetings

7 September 2009

12 October 2009

2 November 2009

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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