

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 7 December 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

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

Public Participation Catherine Shilton (Cambridgeshire Acre)
Samantha Moor and Philip Murton (Iceni Homes).

Catherine Shilton reported that from the Postal Survey and the Housing Register there was demand for 18 affordable dwellings, either to rent from a Housing Association or to be available to buy in shared ownership.

Philip Murton reported that detailed plans were not available at present, but would be brought to the Parish Council when available.

The proposal is for 8 properties with Code Level 3 insulation in terms of energy efficiency minimum standard. They want to build in flexibility and not build one-bedroom properties, and also build sympathetically in line with the other properties close by.

Car parking issues were raised and assurances were given that this would be taken into account so that the High Street was not used for car parking by residents from the new properties.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr James Hockney and Mr Brian Marshall.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 2 November 2009 were agreed with the addition in Item 3: The Chairman declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room whilst discussion took place. The Minutes were then signed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest**
Mrs Hale declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 11 Planning S/1538/09/F Extension to Granary, Worts Farm, High Street, Landbeach.

4 **Matters Arising**

Play Area for Older Children - No one had come forward to get this venture started. It was agreed to put it in the Parish Magazine.

Security Camera - It was reported that Dent Security had given training to Mr Hinkins and Mrs Dell on the use of the camera.

Cycle/Pedestrian Path - There was nothing further to report.

Signage Butt Lane - There was nothing further to report.

Bark under climbing frame - The bark had been put under the climbing frame.

Camline - Camline had put new markings in car park.

Speedwatch - It was reported that the kit is in Waterbeach Barracks.

Landbeach Housing Survey - This had been reported on at the beginning of the meeting by Catherine Shilton and had proved very successful.

Widows Trust - It was reported that Mr Marshall is moving to Fen Drayton and would not be able to continue as a Parish Councillor. It was hoped that he would be able to carry on with the Widows Trust.

Village Guide - Mr Hockney had confirmed that the Village Guide is ready for printing. It was decided that this should go out as 2010 Guide.

Bus shelter - The bus shelter is in need of repainting.

Worts Meadow - The work has finished at Worts Meadow apart from the interpretation board which was tabled. There is to be an open day in the Spring. This was thought to be a good idea.

Victim Support - A letter of thanks had been received for donation.

Banworth Lane - There was nothing further to report.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

SCDC - Planning Forum meeting on 10 December 2009, 4.30-7 p.m.
The Chairman will attend this.

Staff Appraisal - This was deferred until the next meeting.

Caretaking - It was reported that Mr Setchell had resigned as Caretaker because of ill health. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr Setchell for all his hard work over a long period of time, and it was agreed to get a gift and card for him.

It was agreed to advertise for a replacement in the Parish Magazine and on the notice board.

CCC - Parish Paths Partnership (P3) 2010/11 - It was felt that this was not relevant to Landbeach.

Cottenham Swimming Pool - A request had been received for a donation towards the upkeep of the pool. It was agreed to donate £40.

Worts' Farm - A request had been received from John Dadge asking the Parish Council to write to the Chair of Planning supporting the application for the proposed extension to The Granary at Worts' Farm. It was agreed to do this.

6 Village Hall works

Discussion took place on whether the Parish Council could be named as the lead party for the Planning Application in order to avoid the VAT element which would be around £40-50K. Also if the planning application was submitted by the Parish Council to SCDC, the fee would be reduced from £700 to £300. It was agreed to seek advice from SLCC or CPALC and also HM Customs and Excise as this might jeopardise their chances of getting other funding.

7 Recreation Ground

The final version of Declaration of Trust was signed by Mr Wyatt on behalf of the Parish council.

8 Proposal to set Precept for 2010/11

This was discussed and it was agreed to defer making a decision until January, but the Parish Council were in favour of keeping the Precept at £15,000.

9 Affordable Housing

This had been discussed at the beginning of the meeting and was looking promising for the future.

10 Grasscutting 2010

This was discussed and it was agreed to speak to Truelink and ask them to quote for the same as last year with the understanding that the swarf is removed as part of the contract, perhaps carrying out one or two less cuts in the context of freezing the Precept.

11 Correspondence - The following correspondence was put into circulation:

rekk Ltd - Youth Shelter
 Cambridgeshire Community Services - Keeping in Touch - Issue 3
 CPALC - Autumn 2009 Bulletin
 Glasdon - Products for Local Councils
 Clerks and Councils Direct - November 2009 Issue 66

12 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
601	G Setchell - Caretaking November2009	£32.00		£32.00
602	Maria Sylvester - November 2009 salary	£440.00		440.00
602	Maria Sylvester - Internet Nov 2009	£10.20	£1.53	£10.20
603	Inland Revenue - PAYE Nov 2009	£109.00		£109.00
604	Milton Parish Council - Training	£63.66		£63.66
605	Mr G Hinkins - reimbursment for bark	£82.00	£12.30	£82.00
606	SLCC - The Parish Councillors Guide	£12.75		£12.75
607	Camline - Car park marking	£373.75	£56.06	£373.75

SICC - The Direct Debit mandate was signed.

13 Planning

For information only

S/1538/09/F - Extension to Granary to create office/studio, Worts Farm Landbeach. **Amended**

The Chairman left the room and took no part in the discussion.

S/1483/09/F - Reduction in scale and form of proposed conservatory, 40 Green End, Landbeach Mr and Mrs Gawthrop **Approved**

Tree Work

C/11/40/058 - Reduce crowns by 30% on two Horse Chestnut trees, Old Beach Farm, Green End, Landbeach Mrs Newell **Approved**

C/11/40/058 - General tree work, Jasmine Cottage, 79 Green End, Landbeach Dr P Alexander **Approved**

14 Councillors Reports

Mr Williamson reported the following:

Stagecoach bus service changes have been postponed because of the delay in the opening of the guided bus.

Park and Ride light - the new extension has been equipped with some temporary lighting. The proper lights will be installed once they are delivered.

County Council Budget - Councillors have had a confidential briefing on the prospects for the budget for 2010-2011 and subsequent years. The situation looks extremely serious in terms of shortage of funds within the City Council and District Council, which means services will be cut.

Worts' Farm - The Parish Council should do everything possible to support this planning application.

Ms Boysen reported that she will be taking Maternity leave but hoped still to be involved with the Parish Council.

Mr Wyatt reported that the School bus which goes along the Cottenham Road is causing the edge of the road to dip which makes it very dangerous. It is also difficult to see people on bikes in the dark on this road. Clerk to report this to Cottenham Parish Council.

Mr Dell reported that there is still fly-tipping at Stanton Farm and the asbestos has not been removed. Clerk to notify Milton Parish Council.

Mr Hinkins said that it was too late to get Daffodil bulbs this year. Also there are Christmas trees available at the former Enterprise Nursery for around £25. It was decided to get one of these for the Village Hall.

A request had been received from the Event Committee asking for the Parish Council's permission to use the Recreation Ground for Party in the Park on 17 July 2010. This was agreed.

15 Dates of forthcoming meetings

11 January 2010

1 February 2010

1 March 2010

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

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