

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 11 January 2010 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Landbeach Village Hall**

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

**Public Participation** There was no public participation

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Trevor Dell, Mr James Hockney and Mr Brian Marshall.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 7 December 2009 were agreed with the addition in Item 1: Mr Peter Johnson had given his apologies for absence at that meeting.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest**  
Mrs Hale declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 13 Planning S/1538/09/F Extension to Granary, Worts Farm, High Street, Landbeach.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

**Play Area for Older Children** - It was reported that there are grants available through The Big Lottery Fund. It was agreed to put this in the Parish Magazine and also make people aware that the Clerk would be willing to help if someone would take the lead in getting this venture off the ground.

**Security Camera** - It was reported that because of power cuts during the bad weather, the camera needed to be reset.

**Cycle/Pedestrian Path** - The Big Lottery Fund usually only fund applications where the applicant either owns the freehold or has a five-year lease of the land on which the building project will take place. The County Council own the land between Landbeach and Milton.

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

**Landbeach Housing Survey** - There was nothing further to report.

**Widows Trust** - It was reported that Mr Marshall had moved to Fen Drayton, but had confirmed that he would continue to manage the Widows Trust.

**Village Guide** - Mr Hockney had confirmed that the Village Guide was being printed and would go out with the next Parish Magazine.

**Bus shelter** - It was reported that the bus shelter is in need of cleaning and the new Handyman would be asked to do this.

**Worts Meadow** - It was reported that Charlotte Lowry would like to meet with members of the Parish Council and Landbeach Society to discuss having an Open Day in the Spring. Clerk to arrange this.

**Banworth Lane** - Mr Wyatt reported that a meeting was going to take place with the Legal Department of CCC to discuss access through Banworth Lane.

**Sign for Recreation Ground** - A quotation had been received from Nordis Signs for £46.99 to replace the sign which had been vandalised. It was thought this was too expensive. It was agreed that Mr Johnson would ask Sign Art in Waterbeach for a price for a plastic sign to stick on to the aluminium already in place.

## 5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

**Proposed dates for Parish Council meetings 2010** - Tabled.. It was agreed to hold the APM on 29 April 2010.

**Staff Appraisal** - The Clerk left the room whilst this was being discussed. Council reviewed the CPALC evaluation which suggested a salary scale of SCP 27 instead of the current scale of SCP 19. Council thought that certain roles could be thought of as interchangeable and agreed that a fair rate for the Clerk would be SCP 25.

However, in view of the current financial environment, it was felt that the Council could not afford (and it would be inappropriate to substantially increase the precept) to cover a jump from SCP 19 to 25. Instead it was thought that the Clerk's pay might be increased in two stages – in 2010 and 2011.

Mr Wyatt proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased to SCP 22 £10.18 per hour from 1 January 2010. This was seconded by Mr Hinkins and agreed.

The current (SCP 19) salary scale increase to £9.25) from 1 April 2009 should also be applied and backdated.

**Caretaking** - It was reported that Mr Neville Diver had applied for the position of Handyman and it was agreed to appoint him for two hours per week at £8 per hour starting on 18 January 2010.

**2010 Elections** - The General Election has to take place no later than 3 June 2010, and it is becoming increasingly likely that the Election will be on 6 May, the schedule date for Parish Elections. As legislation currently stands, if the Parliamentary Election is on 6 May, the Council would have no choice but to postpone the poll for the Parish for three weeks until 27 May.

**SCDC - Exception Sites Parish Review Meeting - 18 January 2010**  
Mr Hinkins provisionally agreed to attend this event.

**CCC - Provision of Salts Bins** - CCC are offering to provide salt bins to the parishes at £100. CCC will fill them with salt and then local volunteers would distribute it. This was discussed and it was felt that £100 was too expensive, but to express a possible interest in this service, if it was at a reduced rate.

**Cambridgeshire Acre - Membership Renewal** - This was discussed and it was decided to defer renewing membership at the present time.

**CCC - Position Statement - Children's Centre Development in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire** - There are going to be a number of centres set up in Cambridge and surrounding area. The centre reach area is the geographical area which it serves and will cater for about 800 children aged 0-5 and their families. The centre for Landbeach will be located within Waterbeach Community Primary School when building work is completed.

**DVFV - Community Clear Up Events 2010** - There will be a workshop in February and it was agreed to inform SCDC that Landbeach would be interested in supporting this campaign.

**CPALC - Training sessions for 2010** were tabled. They were felt to be too expensive at present, but would be kept on file.

**Safety on road between Landbeach and Milton** - Concern was raised about the safety element along this stretch of road. It was agreed to try and encourage people to wear light or reflective colours.

**6 Village Hall works**

It was reported that Saunders Boston were the Architects for the proposed extensions and alterations to Landbeach Village Hall. Notification had been received from them informing the Parish Council that the new extensions to the Village Hall will be built on land currently owned by the Parish Council. The Village Hall Management Committee will be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting on 1 March 2010.

**7 Precept for 2010/11**

This was discussed. It was felt that in the current economic environment there should not be a large increase. On the other hand the current precept left little room for unexpected expenses. Mr Hinkins proposed increasing the Precept by just £500 to £15,500. This was seconded by Mr Wyatt and agreed.

**8 Affordable Housing**

It was confirmed that Iceni Homes will present the plans to be submitted to SCDC for Affordable Housing in Landbeach to the next Parish Council meeting on 1 February 2010.

**9 Grasscutting 2010**

It was reported that Truelink Ltd had quoted £4,092.10 + VAT, which is the same as last year for 2010. This was accepted with the understanding that the grass is only cut when it is absolutely necessary.

- 10 Landbeach Action Plan** - This was tabled and discussed. It was thought that there should be 'Green Spaces' section to include Worts Meadow and Village Pond, Affordable Housing, Transport and Road Traffic and Recreation Ground sections should all be updated. Amendments will be made and discussed at the next meeting.

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

Barr Ellison - Introduction [www.barrellison.co.uk](http://www.barrellison.co.uk)

Community Action - Winter 2009

SCDC - Winter 2009

CCC - Winter gritting and snow clearing

SLCC December 2009 Branch Newsletter

Phoenix East - Professional website

NHS Cambridgeshire - Launch of public consultation

SLCC - The Clerk Vol 42 January 2010

NHS Cambridgeshire - Important proposal to improve hearing services in Cambridgeshire

## 12 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
608	Maria Sylvester - December 2009 salary	£438.80		438.80
608	Maria Sylvester - Internet Dec 2009	£10.20	£1.53	£10.20
608	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Present for Geoff Setchell	£10.00	£1.70	£10.00
609	Inland Revenue - PAYE Dec 2009	£109.00		£109.00
610	Truelink Ltd - Verge grass cutting November 2009	£226.55	£29.55	£226.55
611	Ray – Gambell - Parish Magazine	£17.50		£17.50
612	Cottenham Village College - Donation for swimming pool	£40.00		£40.00

### Income

SCDC - Grant towards security camera £1,000.00

Budget Control Statement to 31 December 2009 tabled. There were no comments made on this.

## 13 Planning

### New Applications

S/1713/09/RM - Approval of matters reserved by planning permission S/1137/09/F for provision of access to plot 5200 and 6100, IQ Cambridge (separate applications and formerly Cambridge Research Park Ltd)

S/1538/09/F - Extension to Granary to create office/studio, Worts Farm Landbeach (listed building application)

S/1862/09/F - Extension and Alteration to Village Hall, Landbeach Village Hall Landbeach Village Hall Management Committee

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

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

## 14 Councillors Reports

Mr Marshall has written to say that he would like to continue as Parish Councillor. Mr Marshall can only continue as a Parish Councillor until the Elections in May, but he will not be able to stand for re-election because he

now lives more than three miles from Landbeach. Clerk to inform him of this.

Mrs Hutchison reported that a stranger had come to their house on Christmas Eve behaving in a very strange way.

Dr Gambell reported on the following:  
Age Concern now have a link up for CRB checking and this is something that Helpline could benefit from.  
He had had enquiries from Parishioners about what was happening at Enterprise Nursery.

Mr Hinkins said that it was intended to develop this site with an open space area, fishing lake and shops.

Mr Johnson said that he did not think anyone would get planning permission to develop the site because of where it is situated.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:  
Swing seat has a large chunk of wood missing  
Tarmac path has severe cracks  
Mobile Wardens Support Group - meetings have now recommenced for mobile warden schemes and this is something the Widows Trust might consider supporting.

Mr Williamson said that there are a lot of road surfaces breaking up and there is a contact centre 'Fix my Street' [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) where any fly tipping, broken paving slabs or street lighting can be reported.

**15 Dates of forthcoming meetings**

- 1 February 2010
- 1 March 2010
- 12 April 2010

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Signed.....

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