

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 1 February 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in Landbeach Village Hall

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

**Public Participation** Icen Homes and Hills Properties Ltd presented the proposed plans for Walnut Farm. This development is for a mixture of 2 and 3 bedroom affordable homes and 2 private homes. The scheme was received favourably with some reservations about the safety aspect and the external rendering.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs Melanie Hale and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 11 January 2010 were agreed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There was no Declaration of Interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

**Caretaking** - It was reported that Mr Neville Diver had accepted the position of Handyman.

**Play Area for Older Children** - It was reported that a request had been put in the Parish Magazine for someone to lead this project and that there are grants available to fund it.

**Security Camera** - It was reported that the Security Camera was not working and Dent Security were coming to look at it on Wednesday.

**Cycle/Pedestrian Path** - It is still hoped that there will be a possibility of getting a cycle/pedestrian path from Landbeach to Milton.

**Village Guide** - This has now been printed and distributed with the February Parish Magazine. It was decided that in future it should be produced after the Annual Parish Meeting when any changes could be incorporated.

**Worts Meadow** - A meeting has been arranged with Charlotte Lowry on Monday 8 February 2010 at 1.30 p.m., in car park next to Village Hall to

discuss the possibility of having an Open Day. It was thought that this event should be held in the evening and only village residents invited to it.

**Banworth Lane** - There was nothing further to report at present.

**Sign for Recreation Ground** - It was agreed to accept the quotation for £45 plus VAT from Sign Art to produce the sign that had been damaged.

**CCC - Provision of Salt Bins** - It was reported that the cost of a salt bin would not be less than £100. Mrs Hale had agreed to donate £100 for this. It was agreed to purchase a bin.

**Age Concern CRB Checks** - It was reported that Age Concern did not have a link with CRB for checking volunteers who were connected with Helpline.

**Mobile Wardens** - It was agreed to put a notice in the Parish Magazine asking parishioners to come forward if they were in need of having Mobile Warden facilities.

## 5 **Clerk/Chairman's Report**

**2010 Elections** - Date still to be confirmed.

**Spalding Lane** - Keith Fauch had confirmed that the potholes would be filled in. He also said that the flooding is the responsibility of the landowner on each side.

Discussion took place and it was reported that a pipe was blocked on the Recreation Ground side. Mr Hinkins agreed to ask Mr Diver if this could be unblocked.

**Litter Pick** - It was agreed that a litter pick is needed when the weather improves. Dr Gambell to ask the Rotary Club about borrowing the equipment needed for this. It was felt that a Saturday afternoon might be a better time to carry it out.

**APM meeting 29 April 2010** - Discussion took place on speakers for the APM and it was agreed to invite ICENI Homes and Hill Residential Ltd to present the proposals for Walnut Farm. It was also agreed to invite Charlotte Lowry to update Parishioners on what has taken place at Worts Meadow.

**Mobile Library** - It was reported that the Chairman had sent a letter to Cambridgeshire Libraries and Information Service voicing concerns from

Landbeach residents about the change in the times of the service, which now prevent use by village children after school.

**CCC - HGF Budget** - The Government have confirmed that Cambridgeshire HGF has been reduced to around £6million, therefore funding for countryside access projects will be terminated. This would affect the Mere Way improvement.

**War Memorials Trust - Memorials Conference** - Dr Gambell confirmed that he would be attending this on 4 March 2010.

- 6 Adoption of Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)**  
Mr Hinkins proposed that the Clerk would act as the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) for the coming year. This was seconded by Mrs Hutchison and agreed.
- 7 Village Hall works**  
It was reported that confirmation had not been received from SCDC to say the plans submitted had been approved.
- 8 Affordable Housing**  
This was reported on at the beginning of the meeting.
- 9 Landbeach Action Plan**  
The revised version was tabled and Councillors were asked to take it away and if they have any comments they will be passed to the Clerk for the final version to be circulated in the April Parish Magazine and available for Parishioners at the APM on 29 April 2010.
- 10 Correspondence** - The following correspondence was put into circulation:

COPE Newsletter No 62 January 2010

Notts Sport Ltd

42<sup>nd</sup> Thriplow Daffodil Weekend 20 and 21 March 2010

Clerks and Councils Direct 2010

CCC - Consultation on Cambridgeshire's Third Local Transport Plan

## 11 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
613	Maria Sylvester – January 2010 salary	£340.48		£340.48
614	Inland Revenue - PAYE January 2010	£89.00		£89.00
615	Neville Diver-Maintenance January 2010	£32.00		£32.00

It was agreed that Dr Gambell should also be a signatory for cheques.

## 12 Planning

There were no planning issues to discuss.

## 13 Councillors Reports

Mr Williamson reported on the following:

The No 9 bus was being removed and the X9 would go through villages.

The new timetable is available on Stagecoach website:

[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)

There are going to be cuts within CCC which will affect the mobile library and youth services being provided.

Mr Williamson agreed to raise the question of where the Council stands in relation to safety because the white lining cannot be seen clearly.

Mr Marshall reported the following:

The Widows Trust is running smoothly.

The parishioner's kitchen would be painted in the spring.

Mr Wyatt reported that the bus going through Milton was not very satisfactory. Sometimes there would be 2/3 buses all together and then none would come for a long time after.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

The light in the bus shelter is damaged and it was proving to be a problem to repair. Mr Diver is going to try to repair it. The cost would be about £10.

If there is an 'Open Space' contribution through Section 106 which could be for the new play area, the planners may dictate where it should go, possibly not on the open spaces already in Landbeach.

Mr Dell reported on the following:

Fly-tipping at Stanton Farm, Milton. Clerk to inform Milton Parish Council about this.

Fly-tipping in the ditch on the left-hand side of Green End beyond the Cottenham Road. Clerk to report to SCDC.

Trees have been taken down at the back of Walnut Farm. A lot of trees in the High Street have been marked with yellow. What is SCDC policy for dealing with trees? Clerk to investigate.

There are a number of people taking dogs onto the Recreation Ground. Mr Hinkins agreed to see what signs were available asking people not to do this. It will also be put in the Parish Magazine.

**14 Dates of forthcoming meetings**

1 March 2010

12 April 2010

29 April APM (Annual Parish Meeting)

17 May 2010 AGM (Annual General Meeting)

The meeting closed at 9.37 p.m.

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