

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Public Participation Mrs Colleen Dell and Mr Terry Pauley showed plans of proposed extension to the Village Hall. The cost is around £280K + VAT. The plans have been submitted to SCDC and notification will be received on 3 March to confirm whether they have been approved or not. A lot of fund raising has been carried out, but this is now almost depleted. Grants and donations have been promised and an application is going to be submitted to The Big Lottery Fund. They are still short of around £50,000 and asked about the possibility of Section 106 money being used towards this project. It was suggested that photovoltaics could be used on the roof as there would be extra funding available for energy efficient measures such as this. However, Colleen Dell voiced concern that it would mean submitting yet another application at additional cost and would result in further delays.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Trevor Dell, Mr James Hockney and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 1 February 2010 were agreed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** Mrs Hale declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 13 Planning: Appeal by CCC-S/1731/09/LB Worts Farm.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

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 an invoice had been received from Dent's Security Systems Ltd for £76.38 for an engineer's visit to check the monitor because there was no signal. It was felt that this should be covered under the warranty and Clerk to write to them outlining the problem.

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

Bus Shelter - It was reported that Mr Diver had replaced the bulbs in the lamp and repaired and cleaned the bus shelter. Also, a pane of glass is cracked and it was agreed that Mr Hinkins would obtain a quotation to replace this.

Banworth Lane - The question of the fence across Banworth Lane was discussed and it was agreed to wait until County Farms had visited the site and then decide what action to take.

Sign for Recreation Ground - It was reported that the sign that was damaged had been replaced by Mr Diver.

Mobile Wardens - It was reported that a note had gone in the Parish Magazine asking if anyone needed a visit or knew of someone who would benefit from regular visits by a village warden to contact the Clerk.

CCC - Provision of Salt Bins - It was reported a salt bin had been ordered from SCDC and Mrs Hale has agreed to donate £100 for this.

Litter Pick - Dr Gambell proposed applying for a grant of £200 to buy litter picking equipment. This was seconded by Mrs Hale and agreed.

Spaldings Lane - It was reported that Mr Diver had cleared the ditch and gully in Spaldings Lane. The ditches need the sludge clearing out on both sides and it was agreed that Clerk would contact Keith Fauch to see if they would be willing to do this.

Mobile Library - It was reported that Mrs Hale had received a reply from CCC confirming that they would be looking at all the mobile library service routes and stops as part of the current service review. She also said that the route in question serves the children on the Waterbeach Army base at that time. It was felt that Landbeach were in need of this facility more than Waterbeach as they have their own library (WILL).

Mr Hinkins suggested that the telephone kiosk could be used for keeping books, DVDs and CDs as a local library facility.

War memorial Trust - Dr Gambell will attend this event on 4 March 2010.

Trees in High Street - SCDC have confirmed that there are no TPOs on the trees as Walnut Farm is outside the Conservation area of Landbeach so permission would not be needed to have works undertaken.

They were also unaware of any proposed works on the trees in the High Street.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Play equipment safety check - A quotation has been received from CCC for £120 to carry out the annual inspection of play equipment on Recreation Ground. It was agreed to accept this.

2010 Elections - Date still to be confirmed.

Landbeach Village Hall - A request has been received from Landbeach Village Hall for a contribution of £40 towards the car park light and security camera. It was agreed to contribute this amount.

COPE - Questionnaire to help monitor what people think of the COPE Newsletter and of COPE

It was agreed that the Clerk would fill this in.

BT - Final notice of decommissioning telephone kiosk - Final notice of decommissioning kiosk has been received and the Parish Council are now responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the kiosk. A notice to this effect has to be put in kiosk.

It was also agreed to replace the broken pane with perspex. Mr Hinkins agreed to look into this.

Waterbeach Parish Council - A request has been received from Waterbeach Parish Council requesting Landbeach Parish Council to support the funding of the Waterbeach Library (WILL) and the WAY Youth Club.

Discussion took place and it was agreed to support WAY as in previous years. The Chairman would contact Waterbeach Parish Council saying that Landbeach did not use their library facility but would like the mobile library to come to Landbeach at a time when the children of Landbeach can use it. It would be easier for the Waterbeach Barracks to use the local library.

CPALC - Standing Order for Local Councils - CPALC has said that every Parish Council should have a hard copy of the new Standing Orders. The cost would be £25. Mr Williamson said that the Council could borrow his copy to see if it was something they would like to purchase.

SCDC - Standards Committee is seeking nominations for a parish council representative to service a four-year term from 2010-2014. There was no interest shown in this.

CCC - Minerals and Waste Plan (proposed) Submission. It was decided to put this document into circulation.

6 Canalbs Ltd

It was reported that Canalbs Ltd had carried out an audit on 1 February 2010 and the points raised were tabled. The question of ownership of the allotments was raised and it was confirmed that they were owned by the Ely Diocese.

Mr Hinkins proposed appointing Canalbs Ltd as the Internal Auditor for the next twelve months. This was seconded by Mrs Hale and agreed.

7 Village Hall works

This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting. There is going to be a publicity event for the whole village and the Village Hall committee have asked for members of the Parish Council to attend.

8 Landbeach Action Plan

This was tabled and some changes made. It will go out with the next Parish Magazine for discussion at the APM on 29 April 2010.

9 Worts Meadow - Open Evening 2 July 2010 (Provisional)

It is hoped to hold an Open Evening on 2 July 2010.

10 Affordable Housing - Iceni Homes have confirmed that Hill Residential were having a meeting with the Conservation Officer on 26 February and want to lodge the planning application for Walnut Farm by Easter.

It was agreed to hold an Extraordinary meeting with Iceni Homes and Hill Residential to look at the plans before they are submitted to SCDC.

11 Correspondence

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

NSPCC - How do you protect more local children from abuse and neglect?

Marshalls - The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)

(Amendment No 2) (England) Order 2009

COPE - Newsletter No 63 February 2010

GRANITE 5 - Website

SCDC - Standards Committee Newsletter Winter 2009-10

CPALC - Winter 09/10 Bulletin

12 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
616	Maria Sylvester-February 2010 salary	£391.04		£391.04
617	Inland Revenue- PAYE February 2010	£97.60		£97.60
618	Neville Diver-Maintenance Feb 2010	£80.00		£80.00
619	Canalbs Ltd-Intermediate Internal Audit	£47.25		£47.25
620	Mrs Hale - reimbursement/Village Guide	£114.80	£17.10	£114.80

13 Planning

New Application

S/0194/10/F - Extension, 9 Matthew Parker Close, Landbeach.

Approved

Appeal by CCC - S/1731/09/LB Worts Farm, High Street, Landbeach
Any representations to be made by 26 March 2010.

14 Councillors Reports

Mr Williamson reported on the following:

There are going to be cuts within CCC this year and next year, which will affect the mobile library and youth services being provided. The book Fund is going to be reduced by 12%.

The District Council election will take place on 6 May 2010.

Mr Wyatt asked if anyone had information on why the trees are being felled on A10. Clerk to investigate.

Mr Hinkins reported on the following:

If there is an 'Open Space' contribution through Section 106, Landbeach Parish Council need to push to be able to use it for the cycle path.

There is a new Community fund that can be used to fund a school place for £2,000 for one year.

The swing seat is broken. Mr Diver to look into repairing this.

A number of small gas canisters have been found around Recreation area. Clerk to inform PCSO.

It was raised that if there is a cycle path between Landbeach and Milton, it might make it more likely that Milton would get permission to put football pitches along that road. This is something Landbeach Parish Council had previously been concerned about.

15 Dates of forthcoming meetings

12 April 2010

29 April APM (Annual Parish Meeting)

17 May 2010 AGM (Annual General Meeting)

7 June 2010

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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