

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 5 July 2010 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale, (Chair), Mr Trevor Dell, Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor), Mr James Hockney (District Councillor) and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor).

Public Participation Mrs Hale welcomed Mr John Halfpenny who wanted to be co-opted on to the Parish Council. Mrs Hale proposed co-opting Mr Halfpenny, this was seconded by Mr Wyatt and agreed.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs Tracy Hutchison.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 7 June 2010 were agreed with the addition that Mr Andrew Stevens had attended this meeting and Mr James Hockney is District Councillor, not County Councillor (Item 1 in Minutes)
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Play Area for Older Children - Zip Wire - Four Quotations have been obtained for installing a zip wire on the Recreation Ground. Kompan 30m £10,668, SMP Playground Ltd 20m £9,782, Wicksteed Playscapes 30m £10,042 and Fenland Leisure Produces Ltd 25m £6,360. All these are exclusive of VAT. Discussion took place and it was agreed to ask Fenland to do a site survey to establish the final cost.

Worts Meadow - It was reported that there had been a good turn out to the Open Evening on 2 July and the guided walk by Philip Clark had proved to be very informative. There is to be a follow up to this on 26 July 2010 for the purpose of establishing a Friends' Group. This group should have a member of the Parish Council and Landbeach Society on it.

Concern was raised about the management of the meadow, specifically in relation to access for dog walkers, if it is an LNR. It was felt that local people would have more input if it was managed as an LNR rather than by County Farms, and also funding could be applied for through CCC.

Action Plan - There was nothing further to add to the Action Plan.

Affordable Housing - Walnut Farm - Confirmation had been received from Hill Residential that the planning application had been submitted to SCDC on 1 July 2010. It was agreed that getting funds through Section 106 should be followed up in relation to this development. Clerk to ask Hill Residential and SCDC for copy of application.

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

Litter Pick - This will take place on Saturday 24 July 2010 between 2 and 3 p.m.

Ex-Landbeach resident - new housing opportunities in Landbeach

It was reported that the letter received from a former resident had been forwarded to the Housing Department at SCDC. They have confirmed that they received this. The criteria is for bandings, it is not a points system. The important thing is that anyone interested in the Walnut Farm homes should ensure they are registered with SCDC/Home-Link.

Salt Bin - It was reported that the salt bin would be delivered late August early September ready for 2010/11 season. This would be located near the large green storage bin at the Exit sign

New Sign - It was reported that the new plastic sign to be screwed on to original aluminium had been collected by Neville Diver from SignArt.

Donarbon Liaison - It was reported that the Chairman had visited Donarbon on 9 June 2010. A report had been circulated to all councillors by email.

Fence - Green End - Mr Johnson would report on this later in the meeting.

Village Hero Awards - It was confirmed that nomination for Mrs Margaret Patterson to receive this award has been submitted to SCDC.

Hedging to the north of Cockfen Lane - It was confirmed that this had been cut back by Neville Diver.

Replacement of glass in bus shelter and telephone kiosk - Mr Hinkins confirmed that he was obtaining prices for this.

Temporary picket fence, All Saints Church - Dr Gambell is looking into getting fencing. Mr Hockney agreed to speak to the Conservation Officer at SCDC to see if there was any possibility of them agreeing to railings being erected as the Ely Diocese would allow railings. The Chairman felt it might be worth trying to raise funding for the job to be

done properly. Even non-churchgoers might be prepared to contribute to a wall which is part of the village fabric.

5 **Clerk/Chairman's Report**

CCC Budget cuts for public sector services - A letter had been received from CCC concerning the Government committing to significant budget cuts for many public sector services. This was discussed and it was agreed to ask CCC for more information and forward it to councillors.

Cambridge Building Society - Savings Account - It was agreed to open an Easy Access Business Account at 1.50% with 30 days notice and transfer some of the funds in the Current Account. Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins would have to go into Cambridge Building Society to open this account.

SCDC - Election of Parish Council Members for Standards Committee Two candidates had come forward for this but as Councillors were not familiar with either one, they declined to vote.

Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch - Membership Renewal - It was agreed to renew this annual membership, the cost being £30.

Dent Security Ltd - Annual maintenance for Security Camera is due. Mr Hinkins agreed to discuss this with them.

Letter from Landbeach resident wanting to be on list for Affordable Housing at Walnut Farm - It was agreed to forward this to SCDC.

Recreation Ground - Plaque to signify Recreation Ground is protected by Fields in Trust - It was agreed to look into the possibility of getting a Queen Elizabeth II plaque which would be a special bronze plaque (and possibly free).

6 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was put into circulation:
 Cambridgeshire Acre - Community Action Summer 2010.
 SCDC - Summer 2010.
 Clerks and Councils Direct - July 2010 Issue 70.
 Headlines - June 2010 Issue 16.

7 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
646	Maria Sylvester - June 2010 salary	£392.64		£392.64
646	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet June 2010	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
647	Inland Revenue PAYE June 2010	£98.00		£98.00
648	Neville Diver - Maintenance June 2010	£88.00		£88.00
649	Truelink Ltd - Grass cutting May 2010	£569.54	£84.84	£569.54
650	SignArt - Sign for Recreation Ground	£52.87	£7.87	£52.87
651	Mr G Hinkins - reimbursement for bulb for bus shelter	£3.97	£0.59	£3.97
652	SCDC - costs incurred in the administration of the uncontested Parish Election	£135.00		£135.00
653	Ray Gambell - Advertising in Parish Magazine	£33.00		£33.00
654	Robert Armstrong Landscape maintenance All Saints Church - June 2010	£195.00		£195.00

Income

Milton Colts - 11 matches September 2009-May 2010

£110.00

Budget control statement 1 April-30 June 2010 was tabled and no comments were made on this.

8 Planning

New Applications

S/0182/10/LB - replacement of 4 f.f. windows, 18 High Street
Mr John Buckley. **Approved**

S/0834/10/F - Amended proposal description - Erection of dwelling and conversion of existing dwelling to form garaging/stores and ancillary, 56 High Street, Mr and Mrs S Barry. Concerns about proposal for a large back-filled development as it would set a precedent in the village for further back-filled development, and a house would be lost to become a garage.

Refused

S/0966/10/F - Alterations and extension, 9 Waterbeach Road
Mr and Mrs Hawkes. **Approved**

S/0984/10/F - Replacement of greenhouses with 3 polytunnels and
excavation of fish stock pond, Enterprise Nurseries, Ely Road
Mr Mark Dyer. **No Recommendation**

S/0985/10/F - Change of use to Agricultural machinery engineering unit,
replacement building for B1 (c) use and formation of one bedroom tourist
accommodation unit, Enterprise Nurseries, Ely Road, Mr Mark Dwyer.
Strong objection to this on the grounds of safety access on A10. **Refused**

Approved

S/0358/10/F - Replacement Bungalow, 97 Waterbeach Road, Mr D Attle.

S/0125/10/F - Vehicular Access Bridge, Land to the West of Green End
Mr James Matthews.

S/0417/10/F - Extension, Plantation Cottage, Ely Road, Landbeach (in the
Parish of Waterbeach, Mr S Buchen.

For information only - Amendment

S/1141/08/F - A non-material amendment has been received for 30
industrial units, Duffields of East Anglia Ltd Industrial Site, Ely Road
Mr D Rubin.

S/0661/10/F - Change of Use and Excavation of land to form a Fish Stock
Pond (Sui Generis), Land to the West of Enterprise Nurseries, Ely Road,
Mr Mark Dwyer.

Approved

S/0651/10/F - Extension, West View, Ely Road, Landbeach, Adam Taylor.

9 Councillors Reports

Mr Wyatt said that there had been a newspaper report on relocation of the
Cambridge United football stadium and one of the sites that might be
reconsidered is the one this side of Milton. This is something the Parish
Council should oppose.

Dr Gambell reported that the alarm from the Social Club had gone off
several times at the weekend. Mr Hinkins to look into this.

Mr Johnson reported that the Enforcement Officer from SCDC had visited
the site in Green End where the fencing had been put up and reported that it
is too high and contravenes regulations. It was built without planning
permission.

Mr Hockney reported on the following:
SCDC are improving their recycling. A blue bin will be coming into operation in October 2010 and this will mean that in theory up to 90% of household waste will be recycled.
He congratulated the Chairman and team of the Village Hall Committee for all their efforts in getting the proposed extension started and said he was completely committed to helping wherever possible.

Mr Williamson reported on the following:
A meeting had taken place about the signage at the Park and Ride and due to lack of communications with Milton Parish Council, Landbeach Parish Council had not been informed of this. More signs are going to be put on traffic light heads.
Contracts have been exchanged for the proposed development at Walnut Farm and the planning application has been submitted to SCDC.

12 Dates of forthcoming meetings

- 6 September 2010
- 4 October 2010
- 1 November 2010

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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