

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 4 October 2010 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Mr Trevor Dell, Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk) and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor).

Public Participation Two parishioners attended in relation to the planning proposal for Overbrook Farm.

They commented that there are people living in the touring caravans and the static caravans, which do not have planning permission, are being let out. They had observed fourteen vehicles parked there. The business carried out selling mulch is on a small scale.

They had no objection to the existing mobile home, just the escalation of caravans.

The residents had written letters to SCDC voicing their concerns about the proposed work at Overbrook Farm.

It was also reported that the mess caused by putting a reservoir in Frith Drove would be tidied up and the bridge across the dyke is going to remain agricultural.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Gerald Hinkins, Dr Ray Gambell, Mrs Tracy Hutchison and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 6 September 2010 were agreed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Play Area for Older Children - An official quotation for £6,360 + VAT had been received from Fenland Leisure Products for a zip wire. It was agreed to defer this until confirmation had been received from SCDC of the amount of Section 106 money that would be available.

Mobile Library - There was nothing further to report.

Worts Meadow - It was reported that there had been a meeting of the Friends of Worts Meadow with Charlotte Lowry and John Macmillan (CCC). They had confirmed that the formal consultation for Worts Meadow being designated an LNR would close on 8 October 2010.

It was felt it was in danger of becoming too sanitised which will restrict people using it. CCC had said that nothing would be carried out without full consultation with the Parish Council and the Friends of Worts Meadow.

A letter had been sent out to all the organisations in the village asking them to send their comments to CCC, individuals had also done this.

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

Affordable Housing - Walnut Farm - Hill Residential have confirmed that they have been contacted by the Homes and Communities Agency who have confirmed a grant allocation against this scheme. This means that subject to getting all the planning conditions discharged in a timely fashion, they should be on site by 31 March 2011. This is good news for the parishioners of Landbeach.

SCDC have confirmed that the sum of circa £5K for community facilities can be spent on funding a Village Hall extension. They are looking into the possibility of obtaining more money for the Village Hall refurbishment through Section 106.

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

Litter Pick - It was agreed that as Neville Diver is keeping the village very tidy, a litter pick was not required at this stage.

Fence - Green End - Mr Johnson had reported that this had gone to Planning Committee and the Enforcement Officer was dealing with it.

Multi-sports area - A quotation had been received from Fenland Leisure Products to replace the two swing seats, which were broken. The cost is £76.30 + VAT. It was agreed to accept this.

Replacement of glass in bus shelter and telephone kiosk - The prices for the replacement glass in the Bus Shelter and telephone box have not been finalised yet.

All Saints Church - It was reported that a wooden fence was going to be erected very soon.

Winter gritting - CCC had confirmed they would respond to the Parish Council's dissatisfaction about the Landbeach to Cottenham Road and the road from the Flint House to the A10 not being included in their gritting programme.

Cambridge Building Society - Savings Account - Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins will go to the Building Society to open a higher interest Savings Account.

Overbrook Farm - It was agreed that in response to public participation, the Parish Council would write to SCDC informing them that the planning application was not acceptable.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council and it was reported that a letter had gone out to all the organisations asking if any of their members would be willing to join the Parish Council. An advert was also on the website.

Recreation Ground - Fields in Trust have confirmed that the Parish Council will get The Queen Elizabeth II Field heraldic panel when it is available.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Vice Chairman and Flag Officer - Mr Wyatt suggested that there should be a flagpole at ground level incorporated into the Village Hall refurbishment. It was agreed to write to Dexter Bullman asking him to quote for this. Mr Dell agreed to help put the flags up when required.

Mr Halfpenny agreed to act as Vice Chairman while Dr Gambell was unable to attend meetings. It was agreed to excuse Dr Gambell from attending meetings for the next six months.

CPALC AGM - This is to be held on 13 November 2010.

SLCC AGM - This is to be held on 16 October 2010.

SLCC Membership Renewal - It was agreed to renew membership of SLCC, the cost is £95 per year.

Street Lighting - Lights not working in the High Street have been reported to CCC.

WAY - Annual Report Meeting and Reception - 11 October 2010
The Chairman and Clerk would attend this event.

Standards Committee - Corrupt Councillors - A document had been received in relation to serious misconduct within councils. Clerk will file this.

SCDC - Election to the Parish Member Vacancy Standards Committee - There were four nominations for this and it was agreed to vote for Alan Brett from Melbourn Parish Council.

Staff Appraisals - It was agreed that the Chairman would carry out a staff appraisal on the Clerk and the Clerk would carry out an appraisal on the Caretaker.

Proposed Antiques and Collectables Shop, 110 High Street - This proposal was agreed in principle, but concern was shown about car parking on the High Street. This would be subject to Highways approval.

SCDC Liaison meeting - 18 October 2010 - Mr Halfpenny agreed to attend this event.

SCDC Planning and our Parishes - There is a proposal to set up a joint panel to work on improving SCDC IT system for planning.

6 Management Policies and Standing Orders

Management Policies and Standing Orders were tabled in draft for Councillors to consider for adoption and approval at the next meeting.

It was agreed to purchase a hard copy of Standing Orders for Local Councils from CPALC, the cost is £25.

7 Correspondence

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

NHS Cambridgeshire - Launch of public consultation

CCC - Integrated Youth Support Services

Clerks and Councils Direct - September 2010 Issue 71

SLCC - Solar Powered Christmas Trees from Plantscape

SLCC - The Clerk September 2010

SLCC - 36th National Conference 2010

Ariens Signs - Bespoke signs

Cambridgeshire Acre - Community Action Autumn 2010

8 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque No	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
663	Maria Sylvester September 2010 salary	£391.04		£391.04
663	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet September 2010	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
664	Inland Revenue PAYE September 2010	£97.60		£97.60
665	Neville Diver-Maintenance Sept 2010	£56.00		£56.00
666	Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust Donation to The Bobby Scheme	£20.00		£20.00
667	Robert Armstrong - All Saints Church Landscape maintenance September 2010	£93.00		£93.00

Income

SCDC - Half Yearly Precept

£7,750.00

Six monthly Budget Control Statement up to 30 September 2010 tabled.
There were no comments on this.

9 Planning

New Applications

S/1304/10 Erection of Dwelling and Conversion of Existing Dwelling to Garaging/Stores/Ancillary Accommodation, 56 High Street, Mr and Mrs Barry **Refused**

Applications Approved

S/1175/10/CAC - Total Demolition of Barns and Outbuildings, Walnut Farm, 87 High Street.

For information only

S/1099/10 - Erection of 40 bedroom care home and associated landscaping following demolition of existing 43 bedroom care home, Waterbeach Lodge, Ely Road, Scimitar Care Hotels.

S/0138/09/F - Replacement of mobile home, Overbrook Farm
Amendment

10 Councillors Reports

A written report was read out from Mr Hinkins:
He had purchased four nets of Daffodil bulbs, the cost being £20.00.
The basketball post had been vandalised and it has been chained to the multi-sports area for safety. He suggested that Mike Overall would provide a quotation for repair.

A progress report of the planned building works/alterations to the Village Hall was tabled. Work will take place in three phases. There is still some funding shortfall for Phase 3 but this may be addressed if funding applications to Donarbon/Garfield Weston are successful. There is also the possibility of additional S106 money from the Walnut Farm development. The first phase of work is to commence on 18 October 2010.

Mr Wyatt reported that the car park was built on laid drains with an incline into the ditch and the end is blocked. Mr Wyatt to speak to Mr Diver about this.

Mr Dell asked about the fence in Banworth Lane. This is a right of way to the field and if housing were built there, access would be lost. The County Council had been made aware of this problem, but had not taken any action. Mr Williamson to follow this up.

Mr Williamson reported on the following:
By 20 October 2010 information would be made available on how much the highways budget would be cut.
The cutting of the budget for Youth services would be a problem for WAY.

11 Dates of forthcoming meetings

- 1 November 2010
- 6 December 2010
- 10 January 2011

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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