

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 6 December 2010 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Mr Trevor Dell, Dr Ray Gambell, Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Alan Wyatt, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor).

Public Participation There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr James Hockney (District Councillor), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 1 November 2010 were agreed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Neighbourhood Watch - It was reported that the Clerk had attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting organised by Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch and this was found to be very informative. A Co-ordinator for the scheme in Landbeach has not yet been found.

Flagpole - It was decided to wait until the Village Hall extension was complete before erecting a flagpole.

Basketball posts - It was reported that a quotation for £186 + VAT had been received from Mike Overall to repair and erect the broken basketball posts. This was agreed and accepted.

Salt Spreader - It was reported that a quotation for £190.20 + VAT had been received from Pitchcare for a salt spreader with deflector. This was agreed and accepted. They are out of stock at present but one will be available in January 2011.

Overbrook Farm - It was reported that SCDC have confirmed that Officers are preparing delegation reports for the three applications and the recommendations are: 3 mobile homes-refusal (the case will then be passed to Planning Enforcement to follow up); replacement mobile home-approval; workshop-approval.

Worts Meadow - It was reported that CCC had confirmed that a total of 59 responses had been received on the designation of Worts Meadow as an LNR. 43(75%) were supportive of the designation, 11(20%) gave no response either for or against and 2(4%) were not in

favour of designation. Discussion took place and Councillors were not totally convinced that only 2 responses were not in favour. It was agreed to ask Charlotte Lowry to bring this up at the next Friends of Worts Meadow meeting on 13 December 2010.

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

Affordable Housing - Walnut Farm - It was reported that SCDC have been told by the responsible legal officer that the agreement is hopefully to be sent out for engrossment this week. The Clerk to check with SCDC on the timescale for Section 106 money.

Fence - Green End - Mr Johnson had sent a report confirming that a planning application had been submitted for this and would be brought to the January meeting.

Multi-sports area - It was reported that a perimeter fence around the sports area would prevent the wire netting from getting vandalised. Clerk to ask Milton Parish Council about the cost of this.

Neville Diver had reported the following:

The cable is frayed on cross ropes in main play area. It was agreed to ask Mr Diver to repair this.

The bus shelter is in need of being repainted. It was agreed to ask Mr Diver to do this.

The hedge from the Worts Farm wall past the village sign needs replacing. It was agreed to ask Charlotte Lowry about the possibility of getting this done.

The ditch along Cockfen Lane is silted up. It was agreed to ask Gary Ellwood if he would be willing to clear this out.

Mr Diver had said that he would like to thank Mr Hinkins for making time to consider these concerns. Mr Hinkins makes a great contribution towards the up-keep of the village for which he and many are most grateful.

Village Hall - The question of raising money for Phase 3 was discussed. It was agreed for the Parish Council to apply to the Donarbon Community Grant scheme for funding to improve facilities for older children. If funding is available for this then the Parish Council would be able to give extra money towards the Village Hall extension. The possibility of some Parishioners helping with the funding in the short term was also discussed. It was felt that if there was a need for this, a letter should be drawn up and distributed to anyone who might be interested in contributing.

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.

Winter gritting - It was reported that a letter had been received from CCC about the winter gritting service together with a route map. Landbeach to Cottenham Road is going to be gritted.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council.

Cottenham Road 'T' Junction - SCDC had confirmed that a 'STOP' sign at this junction would be too expensive. They also said that there had only been one personal injury accident recorded here in 2005. It was agreed to look into the possibility of having additional road markings and chequered posts.

Cars parked on pavement in High Street - It was agreed to consult the PCSO about this and also to print stickers/notices asking people who park on pavement not to do so.

5 **Clerk/Chairman's Report**

SCDC - South Cambridgeshire Village Services and Facilities Study SCDC are working in partnership with Cambridgeshire Acre to collect information on village and parish services and facilities. Clerk to complete survey.

CPALC - Training - It was agreed to circulate 2011 training dates to Councillors.

SLCC - Conference and Training Programme - This to be held by Clerk for future reference.

LINK - A poster had been received from LINK about helping people have a say in shaping and improving the health and care services that they use. It was agreed to display this on notice board.

UK Power Networks - EDF Energy Networks now operate under the name of UK Power Networks and have summarised the current UMS inventory for the Bus Shelter in the High Street. The Parish Council are responsible for periodically tendering fresh inventories to ensure they maintain an accurate calculation of our unmetered consumption. It was agreed to ask Neville Diver to do this.

CPALC - It was reported that CPALC are going to increase 2011 Affiliation fees by 3%.

Village Walk - It was reported that the bridges on the walk were very slippery. It was agreed to ask CCC to look at this and possibly include it in the Worts Meadow programme of work. It was also agreed to ask Neville Diver to look at the bridge in Bourne Wood and consider putting on some chicken wire.

Emmaus - It was reported that the manager from Emmaus had asked if the Parish Council would consider having a sign to Emmaus from the centre of the village as satnavs often send them to the village centre. It was agreed that a sign could be added to the finger board and possibly one on the A10 as long as it was in keeping with the other signs. The design could be approved by the Parish Council.

Rectory Wall - It was reported that the hole in the Rectory wall had occurred when a Ford Ka was going too fast and skidded on the slippery road surface on 20 November.

Recreation Ground - Fields in Trust have said their solicitors are drawing up a deed for the Plaque for the Recreation Ground.

SCDC - Community Orchards - SCDC and the East of England Apples and Orchards Project are holding a training event to get community orchards established across the district.

SCDC - Guidance on Rural Affordable Housing and Developing an Exception Site - SCDC guidance on this. Clerk will hold this information.

NALC - Section 137 Expenditure - The Department for Communities and Local Government have confirmed that the appropriate sum for the purposes of Section 137(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish and town councils in England for 2011/2012 is £6.44. This amount is per elector for the year.

6 Management Policies and Standing Orders

The following Standing Orders were approved and adopted: Fixed Assets, Publication Scheme, Code of Conduct, Disability Policy, Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations and Grievance Procedure policies

7 Correspondence

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

SCDC - Winter 2010

NALC - Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

SLCC - The Clerk November 2010

Cascade - Lead providers of community housing and village amenities

Unity Trust Bank - Banking services for Charity Finance

Lappset Playworld - Healthy Communities

Clerks and Councils Direct - November 2010 Issue 72

Cambridgeshire Community Services - keeping In Touch, Issue 6

Autumn 2010

The Listed Property Owners Club - A Guide to Owning or Buying a Listed Building

MHB Services Ltd - Supply, erection and maintenance of street lights

8 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
674	Maria Sylvester - November 2010 salary	£488.80		£488.80
674	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet November 2010	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
674	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for batteries	£7.99	£1.39	£7.99
675	Inland Revenue - PAYE November 2010	£122.00		£122.00
676	Neville Diver - Maintenance Nov 2010	£80.00		£80.00
677	CPALC - Part 2 Standing Orders	£25.00		£25.00
678	Victim Support - Donation	£25.00		£25.00
679	MAGPAS - Donation	£25.00		£25.00
680	Mr Hinkins - reimbursement for daffodil bulbs	£20.00	£3.50	£20.00
681	Landbeach Parish Council Transfer of funds to CBS Account	£15,000.00		£15,000.00

9 Planning

S/01777/10/CW - Construction of a Materials Recycling Facility including welfare/office building, weighbridge gatehouse, haul roads and associated infrastructure and permanent retention of temporary car park. This application will be considered by Development Control Committee on 9 December 2010.

Approved

S/1304/10 - Erection of dwelling and conversion of existing dwelling to garaging/store/ancillary accommodation, 56 High Street, Mr and Mrs S Barry.

Concern was raised about this planning application being approved when the Parish Council had refused it on the grounds that there should only be infill in the village as laid down in the local structure plan. Clerk to contact Mr Johnson in relation to this.

10 Councillors' Reports

Mrs Hale said that the WAY project was getting a High Sheriff's Award on 2 February 2011 at Hinchingsbrooke and she had been invited to attend.

Mr Williamson reported on the following:
The Localism Bill due to be published on 9 December 2010 will contain significant provision that will allow decisions to be passed down to local communities. This will probably include extra powers for Parish Councils who will need to think about how this will affect them. CCC will be making savings in the County's Plans and Budget 2011/12. CCC will not increase council tax in 2011/12, but Parish Councils may want to raise their own tax rates in 2011/12 especially if local investment is needed to ameliorate the impact of central government funding cuts.
Gritting the route from Landbeach to Cottenham has been added to the 'secondary network' for gritting.
Section 137 money can be used for youth work.

Mr Wyatt reported that CCC may not cut the verges in 2011/12 and this should be taken into account when considering next year's precept.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:
Concern had been raised about the possibility of MAGPAS ceasing to exist as the Ambulance Trust want to use paramedics - who haven't received the same training - instead of MAGPAS doctors.
Would the Parish Council purchase a Christmas tree this year? This was agreed. The cost would be around £60.
Would SCDC be allocating money for a party for the Royal Wedding next year?

11 Dates of forthcoming meetings

- 10 January 2011
- 7 February 2011

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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