

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 4 April 2011 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

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

Public Participation: Lawrence Green, Council Safety Advisor and Emergency Planning Officer SCDC.

Mr Green said that in collaboration with the County Council, they had identified that they would like to promote a smaller version of the Emergency Plan for parishes to complete.

This was discussed and the Parish Council will discuss the document at the next Parish Council meeting.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Trevor Dell, Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, and Dr Stephen Montgomery,
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 7 March 2011 were agreed and signed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There was no declaration of interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Worts Meadow - There is a meeting of the group on 11 April.

CCC has confirmed that members are covered by CCC insurance if they are part of a CCC organised/supervised event/activity. This to be is discussed by the group when there is no one at CCC to organise the work.

The question of cover by Parish Council insurance was raised and this is to be looked into.

Action Plan - This to be updated for distribution at APM on 9 May 2011.

Walnut Farm - Street naming - SCDC have objected to the name of Walnut Close for this development. There is to be further consultation on this and they will report back to the Parish Council.

Fence Green End - Mr Johnson reported that this application will be refused on the grounds that by virtue of being inappropriate in scale, design, form and materials, it is visually detrimental to the rural character of this part of the village, which has been designated as Protected Village Amenity area.

Basketball posts - This work has been completed but there is still some welding to be carried out. Mr Hinkins will meet Mike Overall to discuss the best way to do this.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator reported that he had met with Mr Hockney and the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the area, Kevin Evans and was trying to get a group of local co-ordinators together to get the scheme running.

Cottenham Road 'T' Junction - Keith Faunch has confirmed that the grips have been cut at this junction.

Village Walk - Bridges - Neville Diver has confirmed that the bridges have all been repaired. CCC have painted the footway boards with a bitumen solution and spread chippings on the boards to make a safe non-slip walkway.

Ditch - Cockfen Lane - As Mr Hinkins was not at the meeting, there was nothing to report.

Emmaus - Mrs Hale reported that she had met with Mr Williamson and Mr Stinton to discuss a directional sign on the A10 just before the Landbeach Road; a second sign was proposed for the Slap-Up junction. CCC has approved this signage and the cost is £440 for the two. It was agreed to donate £100 towards this.

Stagecoach Buses - Mr Williamson reported that bus services have been withdrawn in the evening and weekends. It was agreed to bring this to the APM to see if it would be viable to try and get Stagecoach to reinstate this service to Landbeach. This to be discussed at APM.

Canalbs - Chairman and Clerk to meet and discuss comments made by Canalbs after Internal Audit.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 9 May 2011. It was reported that Claire Blair, Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth, CCC has confirmed that she will speak at this meeting in relation to The Localism Bill and The Big Society.

Tree replacement - SCDC have confirmed that the development at Walnut Farm will be subject to a landscaping scheme, however, the species submitted as a part of this plan will have to be suitable for the

site in terms of size and scale. A Walnut Tree is ultimately a very large tree and this site had limited space, therefore it is unlikely that a Walnut can be considered.

Speedwatch - It was confirmed that more training is required for this and a Co-ordinator needs to be found.

Street signs - SCDC have confirmed that the damaged signs are being repaired and the Reubens Road sign has been collected from Mr Hinkins' garage and will be replaced next week.

Spaldings Lane - In response to a letter from Parishioner in relation to the road surface in Spaldings Lane. Keith Fauch has reported that vibration from traffic is unlikely to cause any structural damage unless the ground conditions are very poor. Potholes will be repaired when they occur, but re-surfacing at present is not an option.

Part of the problem of the potholes is the ditch on the owner's side. Water doesn't soak away and Councillors feel this is caused by the ditch.

Cycle Path - A request has been received from a Parishioner for provision of a cycle path connecting Landbeach to Butt Lane.

CCC has confirmed that at present there is no funding for this, but there is a scheme called 'Links to Landbeach'. There will be more information on funding in late June 2011.

Illuminations Silverwood House, Waterbeach Road - SCDC have confirmed that someone will visit this site and report back.

Banworth Lane - Mrs Hale and Mr Wyatt met with two Matthew Parker Close residents. There had been concern that one of their gardens was encroaching onto land which was part of the continuation of Banworth Lane which used to be used as access to the field. The resident agreed that he would put up a fence or hedge which would clearly indicate where his own garden ends.

Event Committee - A letter had been received from the Event Committee in relation to insurance cover for the Village Garden Party on 2 July 2011.

The Parish Council's Insurance Company has confirmed that it was acceptable to add the Event Committee as a sub-committee of the Parish Council.

Mr Williamson said that he did not think this was correct and Clerk to check with CPALC.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

SCDC - National Referendum and Local Elections, 5 May 2011 -

At present, the UK uses the 'first past the post' system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. This referendum is to establish if there should be an 'alternative vote' system used instead. Poster put on Parish notice board.

SCDC Public Art Scheme - SCDC have confirmed that there is Section 106 money from the Walnut Farm development. £5,000 as a contribution towards public art and £750 to go towards facilitating the Parish Council in carrying out the Public Art project.

The following suggestions were made:

Chain-saw carving on a tree to act as a climbing wall;

Flagpole for Village Hall;

Bench with ornamental newt on it;

Ornamental arch at Walnut Farm;

Map of Village;

New Piano.

This to be discussed at APM.

Milton Football Club 2011/12 fees - The charge at present is £10 per game. There will be 35 games in 2011/12. It was agreed to keep the charge at £10.

Equal Opportunities Policy - This was tabled, approved and adopted.

CPALC Membership - It was agreed to renew membership of CPALC, the cost being £235.

Kickstart Norfolk - Moped loan charity - this is a moped loan scheme, but it was felt this would not be something of interest to parishioners of Landbeach.

Village Guide - Mr Hockney has asked about timescale for Village Guide. It was decided that this should be distributed after APM and if possible go out with local parish news sheet.

Cambridge Community Foundation - October Fund - The October Fund offers small grants (£100-£500) to local voluntary and community organisations based in and around Waterbeach and Landbeach. This to be considered for funding in future.

6 Village Hall

6.1 Current Status - Phases 1 and 2 are fully financed and nearing completion. Phase 3 is underway. There is a balance of £43K most of which the Parish Council will provide from S106 money with a supplement from Parish Council funds.

6.2 Borrowing Approval for provision of grant by LPC - CPALC have confirmed that this application has been forwarded to the head office in London and there should be some response soon.

6.3 Written Agreement between LPC and VH - To be signed by LPC and VH prior to transfer of S106 funds.

7 Equipment for Older Children/Teenagers

7.1 Consultation - Consultation has taken place with older children and teenagers in relation to the equipment they would like to see installed. Most were in favour of a zip wire, youth shelter and nest swing.

7.2 Full application to Donarbon Community Fund - The Donarbon Panel are interested in supporting the application for funds. It was decided to delete the Kick Wall from the application and the total cost is now £19,427.95. The full application with supporting documents has been completed. This was signed by Mrs Hale, Mr Williamson and the Clerk.

8 Correspondence

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Care Network Cambridgeshire - Care Network News

SLCC - The Clerk, March 2011, Vol 43, No 2

Cambridgeshire Acre - Community Action, Spring 2011

Cambridgeshire Community Services - Keeping in Touch, Issue 7, Spring 2011

SLCC - Resolving Workplace Disputes - Government Consultation

Glasdon Group Ltd - Glasdon Direct 2011

9 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
699	Maria Sylvester March 2011 salary	£429.44		£429.44
699	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for Internet March 2011	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
700	Inland Revenue - PAYE March 2011	£107.20		£107.20
701	Neville Diver - Maintenance March 2011	£64.00		£64.00
702	N&C Glass - glass replaced in bus shelter and telephone box	£108.00	£18.00	£108.00
703	Landbeach Village Hall - Room hire	£220		£220.00

2010-11 Draft Income and Expenditure report was tabled and no comments were made.

10 Planning

New application

S/0518/11 - Single storey rear/side extension, 141 Waterbeach Road, Mr and Mrs Ebbs. **Approved**

Approved

S/0051/11 - Vehicular Access, 56 High Street, Mr and Mrs S Barry.

11 Councillors Reports

Dr Gambell suggested having a litter pick especially in Green End, towards Beech Babies Nursery.

Mr Wyatt said concern had been raised about the heap of gravel in Green End. The County Council is responsible for gravel extraction storage. Clerk to ask Mr Williamson about this as Parish Council want to safeguard this side of A10.

12 Forthcoming meetings

9 May 2011 (APM)
23 May 2011 (AGM)
6 June 2011

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed:

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