

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Monday 5 September 2011 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Landbeach Village Hall**

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

Public Participation: Mike Davies, Programme Manager, Cycle Cambridge, Cambridgeshire County Council.

Mr Davies reported that he has been involved with delivery of cycle ways throughout the county. Unfortunately, Cycle Cambridge (which had ample funds) ended on 1 April. There is now only some EU funding (just £300,000 over three years). Some of this might be available for Landbeach. However, this funding is purely for cycling and a shared-use type path would not be eligible.

Of the routes the LPC document describes, Mr Davies favours the Milton route. It is also possible that something could be done to improve the crossing at the Slap-Up junction – the centre of the road could have a bigger island and there could be dropped kerbs to make it easier for cyclists to cross.

This was discussed and Mr Davies agreed to look into how to move forward. There can then be a follow-up meeting to explore the options further.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Trevor Dell, Mr James Hockney, (District Councillor) and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 4 July 2011 were agreed and signed.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** Mr Hinkins declared an interest in Item 13 Planning, S/1626/11, 72 High Street.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

**Parish Council meetings** - It was confirmed that meetings will still be held in the Village Hall on the first Monday of each month. Waterbeach Brass Band will practice on the other Mondays.

**Pollarding of trees near Village Hall** - Two quotations have been received for this work and a third one will be available for the next meeting. Roz Richardson, Tree Officer, SCDC has confirmed that she will visit the site and give a report on the work that needs doing.

**Play equipment inspection** - This has been carried out by Fenland Leisure, who had listed work that needed to be carried out. It was felt that some of this was unnecessary and too expensive. It was agreed that Mr Hinkins and Mr Diver will inspect the equipment and respond to their report asking them to justify the faults and downgrade the risk.

**Worts Meadow** - Phil Clark (CCC) has confirmed - The insurance cover required for the Friends Group to work on Worts Meadow LNR will be third party liability and personal accident. CCC will pay the first year's premium out of their budget and then the Parish Council will have to consider whether they are prepared to pay future premiums. Clerk to investigate the possibilities.

**Fence Green End** - There was nothing further to report.

**Basketball posts** - It was reported that the backboards will need painting sometime in the future.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - Mr Stevens, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had sent a report saying that two boys had been collecting money on the door step for sponsorship of a bogus school and this had been reported to the police, who were already aware of the problem. There have also been burglaries in the Histon and Cottenham areas so everyone needs to be vigilant.

**Ditch - Cockfen Lane** - There was nothing further to report.

**Emmaus** - Mr Williamson had sent a report received from SCDC giving the following information:

The Waste Planning Authority was informed by the landowner on the 22 August 2011 that comments were still being sought from Frimstone Ltd (Gary Bell, Managing Director) on the proposed planning application.

The landowner has been contacted, including Frimstone Ltd, to ascertain the current position on the proposed submissions.

**Speedwatch** - There was nothing further to report.

**Street signs** - SCDC have confirmed that the replacement signs have been erected.

**Village Guide** - Mr Hockney has agreed to have this ready to go out in October with the Village Newsletter.

**South Cambridgeshire Village Hero Award** - There was nothing further to report as there had not been enough time available to nominate anyone for this award.

**SCDC - Election of Parish Council Member to the Standards Committee** - It was confirmed that Rick Bristow (Cottenham Parish Council) had been nominated with 14 votes.

**Completion of Village Hall refurbishment** - It was confirmed that the work had been completed and the final bill has been received.

**New Parish Office** - It was agreed that a table, chairs and filing cabinet were needed for the Parish Office. Mr Halfpenny said he had some that might be suitable.

**Walnut Close - Shared Ownership and S106 money** - Hill Residential have confirmed that there are three applicants for the shared ownership properties. SCDC have confirmed that S106 money will become available when the fifth dwelling is occupied.

## 5 **Clerk/Chairman's Report**

**Waterbeach Barracks** - This was discussed earlier when Mr Williamson gave his report.

**Move to cut A10 speed** - This had also been discussed earlier with Mr Williamson and is in his report. It was agreed that Mr Halfpenny and Mr Montgomery would draft a letter opposing this and outlining that the problem is the Slap-Up Junction.

**Phonebox** - Little Shelford Council have used their empty phone box as a library, it was agreed to consult with their clerk to see if it was working satisfactorily. The possibility of having a library somewhere in the Village Hall was also briefly discussed.

**Cockfen Lane/Akeman Street** - Visibility was discussed at the corner of Akeman Street and it was agreed to contact County Farms to see if this was their responsibility.

**NatWest** - A form was signed by Mrs Hale and Mr Hinkins to enable the clerk to obtain account information from NatWest.

**CCC - Preparation for the coming Winter Season 2011/12** - CCC have confirmed that they can provide grit bins at a cost of £95. They have also produced guidelines on what to do when the conditions are icy. The salt bin has been filled. It was agreed not to purchase a grit bin at this stage.

**Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust** - Public consultation to become a Foundation Trust - Meeting 21 September 2011, this was put into circulation.

**CCC** - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan, suggested changes to the Site Specific Proposals Plan. This was put into circulation.

**The October Fund** - It was reported that grants for £100-£500 are available from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. It was agreed that the Clerk should make an application for £500 to go towards fitting out the Parish Office.

**Cambridgeshire Acre** - The 13<sup>th</sup> AGM is on 27 September 2011.

**CPALC - Minor amendment to Standing Orders** - 32 Variation, revocation and suspension of standing orders: A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders, not mandatory by law, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least three Councillors. This was approved.

**SCDC - Grounds Maintenance of District Council owned land** - Survey to be completed on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Hinkins agreed to do this.

**SLCC** - Branch meeting on 16 September 2011. Clerk to attend.

**SCDC Parish Liaison Meeting 28 September 2011** - The Chairman will attend this.

**CCC - Electronic map of public rights of way and countryside access**  
This is available on the SCDC website.

**Annual Return** - It was confirmed that Moore Stephens had issued External auditor's certificate signing off the accounts for year ending 31 March 2011. This to be displayed on Parish Council notice board.

**CCC - Commemorative Tree and Hedge Planting - Diamond Jubilee** - There are several sources of funding for tree and fruit hedge

planting schemes which can be used to mark the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee next year. Mrs Hutchison agreed to follow this up.

**SCDC - Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership** - Siobhan Mellon, Parish Energy Project Officer, Sustainable Communities, SCDC would like to speak to the Council about being involved in this initiative. Also Paul Bearpark from WISE (Waterbeach Initiative for Sustainable Energy) would like to know if residents of Landbeach might be interested in joining them. They would both like to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

**CPALC** New office address is: CPALC, Office 1012, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Unit 3, The Meadow, Meadow Lane, St Ives PE27 4LG.

**CCC** - Have confirmed that the grass cutting allowance will be reduced to £599.38. This was discussed and it was agreed if CCC will not cut some areas, then the Parish Council's contractor would be asked to do it.

**SCDC - Parish training and information sessions regarding Planning**

This would be held on 18 October 2011. It was agreed that Mr Hinkins, Mr Halfpenny and Mr Stevens would attend.

**SCDC - Council Open Day** - This will take place on 7 October at SCDC offices at Cambourne.

**Truelink - report on incident when Pilates Class was being held outside** - This was tabled. They had taken the complaint seriously and had spoken to the driver responsible. It was agreed that greater care and a wider radius would be taken should the circumstances be repeated in future.

**Banworth Lane** - This has been established as a private road, but because of the erection of the high fence, it is no longer a right of way to the fields at the end. There is some feeling that this right of way needs to be retained for the future. Certain properties have gained extra garden area as there is no clear indication of where the boundary is. When the chairman and Mr Wyatt visited the owners of these properties they said they would plant hedging to delimit where their own gardens end. Mr Halfpenny agreed to look to see if this has been done.

**6 Register of Interest Forms** - This was deferred until the next meeting.

**7 Cycle Path**

This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting. There will be a follow-up meeting.

**8 Equipment for Older Children/Teenagers**

It was confirmed that the new equipment had been erected and invoices had been received. The grant cheque will be issued by AmeyCespa Ltd when they received the 10% contribution from the Parish Council towards the grant. It was hoped that the official opening would take place at the same time as the Open Afternoon for the Village Hall.

**9 Public Art in Landbeach**

It was reported that 38 Artists from across the UK and beyond had applied to lead the new Landbeach Public Art Scheme. The Project Support Group had shortlisted several to come and present their ideas to the village on 12 September 2011 from 7-9 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**10 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

NHS Cambridgeshire - Urgent Care Network

PJ Townsend Associates - Services to Local Authorities

Fields in Trust - The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

SLCC - The Clerk July 2011

Haden's Arboricultural Consultants Ltd - Management of trees

Clerks and Councils Direct - September 2011, Issue 77

SLCC - The Clerk July 2011, Vol 43, No 4

Royal Horticultural Society - RHS Britain in Bloom

## 11 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
728	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary July/August 2011	£966.04		£966.04
728	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet July/August 2011	£14.00	£2.08	£14.00
729	Inland Revenue - PAYE July/August 2011	£241.40		£241.40
730 2011	Neville Diver - maintenance July/August	£168.00		£168.00
731	Truelink Ltd - Grass cutting and verges June 2011	£655.62		£655.62
732	Cambridgeshire Acre - Membership renewal	£25.00		£25.00
733	Cottenham Village College - Hire of bus June 2011	£56.35		£56.35
734	Dent Security Systems Ltd - Annual Maintenance	£96.00	£16.00	£96.00
735	Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch - Membership renewal	£30.00		£30.00
736	Robert Armstrong-Churchyard maintenance June/July 2011	189.50		£189.50
737	Fenland Leisure Products - Play equipment Inspection	£120.00	£20.00	£120.00
738	Came and Co - Additional premium for new Play equipment	£58.68		£58.68
739	Moore Stephens - Audit of Annual Return 2011	£415.20	£69.20	£415.20
740	AmeyCespa Ltd - 10% third party contribution	£1,942.79		£1,942.79
741 2011	Truelink Ltd - Grass cutting July/August	£836.18	£167.23	£836.18

## 12 Planning

### New Applications

S/0329/11 - Change to access and extension to hours of operation of use of land as clay shooting ground, change of use of agricultural building to clubhouse, toilet block, storage containers, scaffolding towers, bunds, fencing and pathways, Chear Fen Farm, Willow Grange, Ely Road, Chittering, Mr and Mrs M Hodson. **Approved**

S/1478/11 - External compound, Building 7100, IQ Cambridge, Beach Drive, Waterbeach, Ms Jade Kerri-Dibb, Horizon Discovery. **Approved**

S/1626/11 - Erection of 2-storey rear extension, detached garage and gateway with brick piers and fencing, 72 High Street, Mr and Miss C Bracknell and Y Shah. **Approved**

S/1543/11 - Installation of 15PV solar panels to the roof of rear car port, The Black Bull, 18 High Street, Mrs Frances Buckley. **Approved**

S/1589/11 - Renewal of planning permission to extend the period for the submission of reserved matters to allow for a further period of 3 years on plots 3000, 4000, 5300, 5400, 6000 and 8000, Cambridge Research Park, Beach Drive, Cambridge Research Park Ltd. **Approved**

#### **Amendment**

S/1492/11 - Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Application S/1099/10/F for the substitution of approved plans and the temporary retention of the existing 1950s former dwelling as a site office during construction, Waterbeach Lodge, Ely Road, Scimitar Care Hotel Plc.

#### **Approved**

S/1062/11 - Alterations, extensions and replacement garage/garden store, 70 High Street, Mr and Mrs R and C Toye and Mason.

#### **Tree Work**

C/11/40/058 - Reduce Ash by 30% and reshape and fell Norway Maple, because of excessive shading, 35 High Street, Mr Robertson. **Tree Officer to visit the site.**

### **13 Councillors Reports**

Mr Williamson reported the following:

Waterbeach Barracks - Waterbeach Parish Council had had a meeting in August and agreed to invite two representatives from Landbeach and Milton Parish Councils to discuss the way forward in relation to what the site will be used for. There is a website 'Saving Waterbeach Barracks'. SCDC are putting out requests for new development locations. This is on the SCDC website.

The County Council has no role in this, it is solely the District Council.

A10 speed limit - There has been a report produced which recommends reducing the speed limit along the A10 to 50mph. There has been universal opposition to this as it is felt that the Slap-Up junction is the problem. There will be a formal consultation from the County Council to the Parish Council.

Dr Gambell reported that WAY are looking for extra funding to finance the salary for the leader. A way needs to be found to encourage Landbeach people to make a contribution. The 60% which came from the CCC has been withdrawn. Dr Gambell to follow this up.

Mr Halfpenny reported that Milton Surgery Participation Group were having a follow-up meeting.

Mr Hinkins reported that the security camera is not functioning properly and consideration will have to be given to having two cameras.

Dr Montgomery reported that he would have to resign as Parish Councillor as he has accepted a position in Oxford. Mrs Hale thanked him for his contribution to the Council and wished him well.

#### **14 Forthcoming meetings**

3 October 2011  
7 November 2011  
5 December 2011

The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.

Signed:

Date: