

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 3 October 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in Landbeach Village Hall

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

Public Participation: Siobhan Mellon, Parish Energy Project Officer, Sustainable Communities, SCDC and Paul Bearpark, WISE (Waterbeach Initiative for Sustainable Energy).

Ms Mellon confirmed that SPEP (Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership) was launched in 2010. It is a SCDC initiative to help Parish Councils on three fronts: reducing energy bills; tackling climate change; and building towards a sustainable future.

Mr Bearpark confirmed that Waterbeach have set up a group to take this initiative forward with residents in the village.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Parish Council would, in principle, be willing to join up with the Waterbeach group and were keen to find out more, e.g. about the feasibility of solar panels for the Village Hall and improved insulation of houses (particularly helping the elderly residents of Landbeach).

**Note:**

Feed-In Tariffs are paid to anyone who owns a renewable electricity system (generating up to 5 megawatts) for every kilowatt hour they generate over – in the case of Solar PhotoVoltaic/PV – a 25 year timespan. These Feed-In Tariffs are set at attractive levels (up to 41.3p/kWhr), at least until April 2012 when they may be reduced.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Trevor Dell, Mr Alan Wyatt, and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 5 September 2011 were agreed and signed with the addition of Item 13, Mr Hinkins reported that the old security camera is not functioning properly and consideration will have to be given to having additional cameras.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

**Parish Council meetings** - There was nothing further to report.

**Pollarding of trees near Village Hall** - Three quotations had been received for this work. SCDC had visited the site and reported that the Chestnuts need to be removed because they are situated within public open space. They are suffering from bleeding canker. They have also said that there should be a full tree inspection/condition survey of the trees on the Recreation Ground.

It was agreed to get quotations for all the work in relation to the trees including the survey.

**Play equipment inspection** - It was agreed that Mr Hinkins and Mr Diver will inspect the equipment again and respond to their report asking them to justify the faults and downgrade the risk.

**Worts Meadow - Insurance** - Came and Co confirmed that as long as the working party reports back to the Parish Council and follows the Parish Council's guidelines, Health and Safety requirements and a Risk Assessment is carried out then there would be cover under the Public Liability, Employer's Liability and Personal Accident of the Parish Council policy. Dr Gambell agreed to ask CCC to carry out a Risk Assessment.

**Fence Green End** - Mr Johnson had reported that the owners had applied for a new boundary scheme and the Enforcement Order was put on hold.

**Basketball posts** - There was nothing further to report.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - There was nothing further to report.

**Ditch - Cockfen Lane** - It was agreed to raise this at the next FOWM meeting.

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

**Speedwatch** - Mr Williamson agreed to try to find out where the equipment is.

**Village Guide** - Mr Hockney has confirmed that this would go out in October with the Village Newsletter.

**New Parish Office** - It was reported that the Village Hall Management Committee has said that the Parish Office would be used by other organisations and would not be solely for the use of the Parish Council.

The chairman expressed the opinion that, while not exclusively for the use of the Parish Council, it should be used for parish business purposes and not by just any organisation who wanted a small room. The idea is to use the room as a store for Parish records (some of which are confidential and need to be stored securely) as well as a meeting place for extra meetings, discussing plans etc.

**Walnut Close** - Concern was raised that people with Landbeach connections were not being allocated properties in Walnut Close. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Hundred Houses as a matter of urgency to confirm the criteria for allocation.

**Waterbeach Barracks** - Mr Williamson reported that the Strategic Housing Land Allocation Assessment has moved on. One of the proposals is for a very large development on the Waterbeach Barracks site. It is being called an 'urban extension to Waterbeach' which is euphemistic. It would be a town and would totally dominate the village. Waterbeach would become a small suburb.

Local resistance to such a scheme may need to be organised and coordinated, as it was when a similar scheme was proposed.

**Move to cut A10 speed** - Mr Williamson confirmed that there will be official confirmation in due course. Mr Halfpenny said that the conclusions made are not drawn out by the content of the report.

**Banworth Lane** - Chairman agreed to visit the site again.

**Village Hall Open Afternoon** - A date has not been confirmed for this but it is hoped that the official opening of the new play equipment will take place on the same day.

**SCDC Parish Liaison Meeting 28 September 2011** - The Chairman reported that she was not available to attend this event.

**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** - This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

**SCDC - Parish training and information sessions regarding Planning**  
This would be held on 18 October 2011. Mr Hinkins, Mr Halfpenny and Mr Stevens would attend.

**Truelink - report on incident when Pilates Class was being held outside** - This has been reported back to the Pilates instructor.

**Phonebox** - Little Shelford Parish Council have reported that their phonebox had been vandalised with several books damaged. It was suggested that there could be a library area in the Village Hall. There are already library facilities in the Church.

**Cockfen Lane/Akeman Street** - John MacMillan, Rural Estate Manager, CCC reported that as this is a right angle bend, visibility is never going to be good.

**The October Fund** - It was reported that an application had been submitted to Cambridgeshire Community Foundation for a grant of £500 towards fitting out the Parish Office.

**WAY** - It was reported that WAY are fund raising and there is an Auction of Promises on 14 October 2011 at Tillage Hall Recreation Ground, Waterbeach starting at 7.30 p.m.

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

**New Councillor** - It was reported that Dr Stephen Montgomery had resigned from the Parish Council due to work commitments. It was confirmed that if after 14 days an election is not called, the Parish Council can fill the vacancy by co-option.

**SCDC - Introduction to the Council supported Disability Form** - They would like the information sheet explaining this put in Parish Magazine. It was agreed to put this on the notice board.

**Victim Support** - A request has been received for a donation. It was agreed to donate £25.

**Planning – the future** - SCDC have confirmed that they will provide an email consultation of all relevant planning applications in order to give as much notice as possible for planning applications.

**Fields of Trust** - Recreation Ground to be dedicated Queen Elizabeth II Field. The document agreeing to this was signed.

Mr Hinkins asked about the possibility of buying daffodil bulbs. It was agreed to purchase two bags which would cost £40.

## 6 **Register of Interest Forms** - These were updated.

## **7 Cycle Path**

Mike Davies, Programme Manager - Cycle Cambridge, Cambridgeshire County Council reported the following:

‘He is exploring funding options as it may be possible to use S106 contributions as the route to Milton is in Milton Parish and hence falls within the boundary of the Northern Corridor Transport Area. Developer contributions are collected into this fund and then transport schemes are delivered. He has to make a strong case that the route is of a strategic nature and brings wide benefits compared with other schemes.

I sense from the meeting that any other traffic management based solution would not be acceptable to the Parish Council.’

Milton Parish Council also confirmed that in principle they were supportive of this initiative.

Mr Halfpenny said that cycle crossing needed to be improved at the Slap-up junction.

## **8 Equipment for Older Children/Teenagers – Official Opening**

It was reported that the grant cheque for £19,427.90 had been received from AmeyCespa Ltd. 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 – Payment of Public Art contribution**

It was reported that the Artist would be commissioned on 10 October 2011. SCDC had issued Deed of Indemnity under Payment of Public Art Contribution (S106) to be signed by Parish Council for £10,000 and £5,921.19 towards the provision of public art in Landbeach.

## **10 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was put into circulation:  
 Concept Steam Cleaning Ltd-Humanely controlling bird pests  
 SLCC-The Clerk-September 2011  
 SLCC – Huge savings for members on utility bills  
 Fenland Leisure Products Ltd – Outdoor play solutions  
 Anglian Church in Southern Africa

## 11 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
742	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary September 2011	£429.24		£429.24
742	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet September 2011	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
743	Inland Revenue - PAYE September 2011	£107.40		£107.40
744	Neville Diver - maintenance September 2011	£64.0		£64.00
745	Truelink Ltd - Grass cutting and verges	£300.00	£60.00	£300.00
746	Robert Armstrong - Church maintenance August 2011	£120.50		£120.50
747	G Hinkins - reimbursement for padlock	£9.80	£1.63	£9.80
747	G Hinkins - reimbursement for Roundup	£44.40	£7.40	£44.40
748	Gaskins Brothers Ltd - repair of Multi-Sports area fence	£3,869.54	£644.94	£3,869.54
749	Fenland Leisure Products - Play equipment	£19,443.90	£3,240.65	£19,443.90
750	Supercharge – Colour cartridge	£20.34	£3.39	£20.34

### Income

AmeyCespa Ltd – grant for new play equipment	£19,427.90
SCDC – Second half of Precept	£8,250.00

Budget control statement up to end of September 2011 was tabled. There were no comments on this.

## 12 Planning

### Approved

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

## 13 Councillors Reports

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

There are two lamps not working outside 74 and 76 High Street. Also lamp post outside High Cross Farm needs repairing. Clerk to report this to SCDC.

Mr Stevens said that there should be a triangular sign in Cockfen Road saying that ‘Children are playing’ as vehicles are going very fast down the road. Clerk to contact Highways about this.

Dr Gambell reported that the Landbeach Society has been maintaining the path to Tithe Barn and asked if this is something the Parish Council would consider taking on in the future. It was agreed to ask the Landbeach Society to give costings for this.

Mr Williamson reported on ‘Localism in Action’. In Fen Road, Chesterton the residents had installed their own (very effective) speed bumps. Highways were not happy with this and asked them to remodel them to the County Council’s specification.

## 14 Forthcoming meetings

7 November 2011

5 December 2011

16 January 2012

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed

Date