

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 6 February 2012 at 7.30 p.m.
in Landbeach Village Hall**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Mr Trevor Dell, Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Dave Grant, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor), and Mr James Hockney (District Councillor).

Public Participation: Mr Fuller re. Banworth Lane right of way/ fence, Ms Flora Loizou as potential new councillor and Mr Mendham re. his planning application.

Mr Fuller outlined his concern in relation to a letter he had received from John MacMillan, CCC in respect of Banworth Lane right of way and fence. He asked for assurances from the Parish Council that this matter would be left for CCC to deal with as CCC had been under the impression that the Parish Council were not happy with the situation and wanted the fence removed. Mr Fuller has kept the lane clean and tidy and was not happy about the word 'encroachment' being used.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr John Halfpenny.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 9 January 2012 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Precept - It was confirmed that SCDC had approved a request for a precept of £16,750 for the coming year.

Retired Parish Councillor - Mr Wyatt has retired after 45 years and councilors have expressed a wish to celebrate this in some way. The chairman had received an email from Mr Wyatt saying that he would be happy if he and Daphne could provide a couple of flowering trees to be planted in the recreation ground in the corner opposite Copt Hall, perhaps a Cherry and Crab Apple, and that he wanted no other recognition. This was agreed.

New Parish Councillor - Ms Flora Loizou attended the meeting as she is interested in joining the Parish Council. If an election is not called in 14 days, the Parish Council can co-opt.

CPALC District Committee - There was nothing to report.

Hedge on High Street - There was nothing further to report.

Worts Meadow - It was reported that there would be a guided walk on 24 May 2012, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall and then the AGM.

Fence Green End - It was reported that the height of this fence has been reduced.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens reported that there was nothing much to report except that there had been a theft of red diesel in the area. It was agreed to inform parishioners through the 'Whats On' about this and to always ask for identification if at all suspicious. The number to ring is 101 which is the non-emergency number.

Ditch Cockfen Lane - There was nothing further to report.

Emmaus - There was nothing further to report.

Speedwatch - Mr Williamson is following up two leads on the whereabouts of the equipment and organise training.

Village Guide - Mr Hockney confirmed that the Village Guide has now been delivered.

New Parish Office - There is a parishioner who might be able to obtain army surplus filing cabinets and safe box.

Walnut Close - A photograph of the Official Opening was tabled and councillors will be sent one. It was also agreed to ask Hill Residential to remove the signs on the High Street.

Waterbeach Barracks - Mr Hockney reported that 'Waterbeach Forward' which was set up has a cross-community of people who are still working to save the site. The conservation reports are showing that there are rare species on the site which would make it more difficult to bulldoze it.

Move to cut A10 speed - Mr Hockney reported that this is being looked into with the possibility of 50mph from Milton to Denny End traffic lights and also down Denny End Road.

Banworth Lane - This was reported at the beginning of the meeting and it was agreed that the Parish Council would leave it to CCC to handle this matter. It was felt that the best way forward might be, instead of incurring lots of unnecessary expense now, to draw up a legal document outlining that if in the future CCC wished to re-establish the right of way, this option will be kept open.

Village Hall Open Day/Morning - The Village Hall Open Day/Morning (10 -12 noon) will take place on 10 March 2012 and Mrs Hutchison agreed to contact Mr Wyatt about planting the flowering trees he had offered to donate.

Official opening of new play equipment - It is hoped this will take place on 4 June 2012 to coincide with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

CCC - Commemorative Tree and Hedge Planting - Diamond Jubilee - There was nothing further to report.

SCDC - Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership - There was nothing further to report.

SCDC - Parish training and information sessions regarding Planning - There was nothing further to report.

Cottenham Mini-bus - It was reported that the reason for having to pay for drivers every four years to be trained is to do with hoist/wheelchair handling.

Dog Bin - It was reported that SCDC have confirmed that they will provide dog bins. The cost for a FIDO 25 is £180 plus VAT. This includes bags and emptying. There is a possibility that CCC would contribute half towards the cost and it was agreed to ask them if they would pay for one and the Parish Council would pay for another. It was agreed that one bin would be positioned 200m further along Cockfen Lane from main gate and the other one sited just south of Bus Shelter (6 feet away, in case of smells).

Planning the future - There was nothing to report.

Dates of LPC meetings - It was reported that the Parish Council could not use the Village Hall for the meeting on 11 June 2012, this will be held in The Church.

AmeyCespa (East) Ltd - have confirmed that work will start in February and there should be no reason for heavy goods vehicles delivering to the site to go through the village.

Tree work - It was confirmed that Truelink have carried out the tree work which looks very satisfactory.

Construction of Agricultural Reservoir and Removal of Aggregate, New Farm - It was reported that the planning submission would be submitted week-ending 17 February 2012.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

NALC - Buckingham Palace Garden Parties - The chairman confirmed that she would not like to be nominated to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Parties in May 2012.

Standards Committee Newsletter This was put into circulation.

Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust - It was agreed to donate £25 to 'The Bobby Scheme' which works on improving the security of the homes of elderly, vulnerable and disabled people. It was also agreed to put it in the 'Whats On'.

NALC - Celebrations and Similar Events - Legal Topic Note LTN 11 document setting out the relevant statutory and other legal provisions - to be kept on file.

APM Speaker -19 April 2012 - It was agreed to invite Mr Wyatt to talk on the History of Landbeach Playing Field/'Rec' and also invite a focused person to talk about Waterbeach Barracks and the impact it will have on Landbeach. Mr Hockney agreed to follow this up.

CCC - AskSARA - This is a self-help guide that enables people to identify equipment that may help them in their daily lives and provides information about where to access this equipment locally. Cambridgeshire's version of AskSARA is at www.asksara.org.uk/?auth=cambridgeshire. It was agreed to advertise this in 'Whats On'.

6 Cycle Path

A letter was read out from Mrs Grant, a Waterbeach Parish Councillor, in relation to the bad state of the foot/cycle path along the A10 from the Car Dyke Road towards Milton (within Landbeach Parish). Dr Gambell confirmed that although it is not recorded in the notes of the meeting at the Slap Up junction, he did raise the problem of the foot/cycle path along the A10 from the Car Dyke Road junction towards Milton. This is the original footpath in front of the houses, and is significantly narrower and in poorer condition than the newer, specifically created, cycle path to the south. He too has difficulty passing other cyclists on this narrow stretch. The immediate response from the officials at the site meeting was that widening this pathway would require the lamp posts to be moved to bring it up to standard, and so this was not an insignificant undertaking. He also suggested that at least the grass verges could be cut back in the stretches between the lamp posts. Chairman to respond to Mrs Grant.

7 Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) - Mrs Hale proposed and Mr Stevens seconded that the Clerk be reappointed as the RFO for the coming year. This was agreed.

8 Grass cutting 2012/13

Three quotations had been obtained and it was agreed to accept Truelink's quotation which was the same as the previous year. It was also agreed to ask Truelink if there were any areas where the cost could be cut.

9 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 4 June 2012 - It was agreed to set up a sub-committee consisting of Dr Gambell, Mrs Hale and Mrs Sylvester who volunteered to join with Mrs Hinkins, Mrs Watts and Mr Pauley to arrange catering, music, mugs, art project completion etc.

10 Public Art in Landbeach - It was reported that progress is being made and the draft designs look promising. The preferred date for the Public Open meeting is Thursday 8 March at 7.30 p.m. Before this, there will be a further meeting of the Public Art Support Group to address outstanding issues before the artist finalises his plans.

11 Other Village Improvements - Discussion took place on other village improvements and it was agreed that the patio next to the Village Hall should be extended. This could be paid out of the additional £1,400 received from S106 for Walnut Close which is to be used for community open spaces. Mrs Hale had already obtained one quotation and another two will be sought as per regulations.

The Village Hall Management Committee have approved taking out the concrete path and using the hardcore for the bunds.

Visibility is poor coming out of Cockfen Lane because of the hedge along Green End just north of the Village Hall. This was discussed and Mr Hinkins agreed to look into the possibility of taking out the hedge and replacing it further back from the road with paling fencing similar to around the allotments.

The Events Notice Board was discussed and it was agreed that it might be possible later in the year to apply for a grant for this.

12 'What's On' Newsletter - Information to go in 'What's On' Newsletter for March: Door to Door callers: Always ask for identification if at all suspicious and telephone 101 which is the non-emergency number for the police.

'The Bobby Scheme' which works on improving the security of the homes of elderly, vulnerable and disabled people can be contacted on 01480 413311 or email info@cpstrust.org if you know of anyone who needs help.

Ask-SARA - this is a self-help guide that enables people to identify equipment that may help them in their daily lives and provides information about where to access this equipment locally. www.asksara.org.uk/?auth=cambridgeshire.

Ask for names of children under the age of 16 who would like a Commemorative Mug for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4 June 2012.

Any unsatisfied housing needs?

Public Art Open Meeting - Date and time.

13 Correspondence

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

CPRE – A guide to neighbourhood planning

Cambridgeshire Community Services – Keeping in Touch Winter 2011

Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2012

Amberol Ltd – Amberol News

SLCC – The Clerk Magazine – January 2012

Came and Co – A Parish Councillor's Guide to Parish Council Insurance

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

14 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
773	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary January 2012	£429.24		£429.24
774	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet January 2012	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
775	Inland Revenue - PAYE January 2012	£107.40		£107.40
776	Neville Diver - maintenance January 2012	£96.00		£96.00
776	Neville Diver - reimbursement for wood, screws and paint	£77.90	£12.98	£77.90
777	Cottenham VC - Mini bus hire December 2012	£44.40		£44.40
778	Supercharge - Printer cartridge	£16.74	£2.79	£16.74
779	CBS - S106 money for Walnut Close	£35,000.00		£35,000.00

DD – BT account up to 18 January 2012

£73.02

SLCC – DD form to be signed for membership

15 Planning

New application

S/0028/12/FL - Two storey rear extension, 3 Abrahams Close, Mr T Mendham.

Approved

S/2590/11 - Demolition of existing garage, construction of open car port and single garage with study accommodation over Jasmine Cottage, 79 Green End, Mr Paul Alexander.

Approved

S/0065/12/FL - Infill extension to rear, 127 Waterbeach Road, Mr and Mrs Strivens.

Approved

Approved

S/2442/11 - Two storey side, part two storey, part single storey rear extensions, single storey garage, single storey garden room and boundary wall and gate, 72 High Street, Mr C Bracknall and Miss Y Shah.

S/2213/11 - Front Conservatory, 3 Denny Abbey Cottages, Ely Road, Mrs Jean Burling.

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 Hodson.

S/2211/11 - Single storey rear extension, 52 High Street, Mrs Cahn.

16 Councillors Reports

Mrs Hale reported that there is often a car parked near the second gate (200m west of the main entrance) of Pocket Park. A farmer had commented that this causes damage to the verge and could obstruct large farm vehicles.

It was thought that this is a regular dog walker and suggested that they might part in the village hall car park instead.

Mr Williamson reported the following:

There will be a formal proposal about the speed on A10 and other issues like a dropped kerb will have to be discussed separately.

County Council will increase council tax by 2.9%.

Dave Hornby, Community Liaison Officer, will speak at Waterbeach Parish Council on 7 February 2012 in relation to Waterbeach Barracks.

Mr Dell reported the following:

There is fly-tipping on the road down to Stanton Farm, green waste, hardcore and asbestos. Clerk to notify Milton Parish Council.

It would be a good idea to have 30mph stickers on wheelie bins, like they have in Horningsea and Cottenham. Clerk to follow this up.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

The footpath from the car park to multi-sports area will need to be tarmaced in the summer.

More security cameras are needed around Village Hall. Mr Hinkins will follow this up with Dent Security who installed the camera.

17 Forthcoming meetings

5 March 2012

2 April 2012

19 April 2012 (APM)

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed:

Date: