

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 11 June 2012 at 7.30 p.m.
in The Church**

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Dave Grant, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Dr Stephen Montgomery, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor) and Mr James Hockney (District Councillor).

Public Participation: Mr Barham spoke in relation to Item 12 Planning S/1065/12/FL – Front boundary fence to be erected at Pleasant View. There will be a second application coming through for the next meeting in relation to work to be carried out on the house.

1 Apologies for Absence were received from Mr Trevor Dell, Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Andrew Stevens.

2 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 2 April 2012 were approved.

3 Declaration of Interest There were no declarations of interest.

4 Matters Arising

New Parish Councillor - Mr Montgomery said he would like to be co-opted back on to the Parish Council. This was agreed and Mrs Hale proposed Dr Montgomery and Dr Gambell seconded it.

CPALC District Committee - There was nothing to report.

Worts Meadow - It was reported that a trench was dug for the water main from the road to the new trough in the field. Of necessity this went through the hedge so there is now a gap about 2 feet wide in the High Street right next to the Village Sign. There is also a galvanised corrugated sheet left behind the hedge. Clerk to report to County Farms.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens had sent a report that an authorised bag boy was apprehended by Police after being spotted in the village.

Speedwatch - There was nothing further to report.

Waterbeach Barracks - It was reported that SCDC will begin consultations at the end of the month and the Parish Council will be kept informed.

Move to cut A10 speed - It was reported that the consultation is ongoing.

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

Dog Bin - SCDC have confirmed that they are waiting for the posts and bins should be erected next week.

Planning for the future - Dr Gambell suggested carrying out a further survey on local housing needs. Mr Hockney said there is a potential site in Denny End, Parish Councils are going to have a lot more influence. Local Councils will have to decide what the housing needs are. This was discussed and it was agreed to do a Parish Council questionnaire for housing needs in the Autumn. If there is no immediate need, any potential housing land in Landbeach should be reserved/conserved for the benefit of Landbeach people.

Additional cameras around the Village Hall - Mr Hinkins agreed to get a quotation from Dent Security. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay 50% towards the cost of the cameras.

Footpath from car park to multi-sports area - It was agreed that Mr Hinkins would obtain a quote for the repair of the footpath when the weather is better.

Helpline – resignation of Margaret Patterson - It was agreed that Dr Gambell would speak to Katie Ballard who is co-ordinator for the Tuesday bus to find out what the demand for this service is. It was also agreed to consult with Age UK.

Signage near Church - It was reported that the road markings have been painted.

Landbeach Action Plan - There was nothing further to report.

Phone Box/Library – it was reported that Barbara le Gallez had said that she would be happy to take this on. It was agreed to ask her if she would be prepared to run it how the Parish Council wants it. It was also agreed to get a price for shelving it.

Affordable Housing – There was nothing further to report.

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee - It was reported that the celebrations had gone well and it was agreed to send a vote of thanks to Mark Shelton from AmeyCespa for attending the event. It was also mentioned that the Landbeach Society might archive the pictures of The Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Public Transport/Buses - Mrs Hale reported that she had received a response from Stagecoach saying that they would be unable to change the decision made to stop the No 9 bus going through Landbeach to Ely. Instead they are suggesting that customers wishing to travel to Ely first go to Milton and change buses; this was felt to be a non-viable option for users of this service, particularly as there would be guarantee that the two services would always link up.

Mr Hockney reported that he and Mr Johnson had met with Stagecoach and the outcome was not promising.

This was discussed and it was agreed to obtain a price from Cottenham Village College to run a Thursday mini-bus to/from Ely or provide a link to/from Milton or Research Park to connect with the No 9 bus.

Hedge Fencing – Green End - This work will be carried out by Kestrel Fencing, but the hedge needs grubbing out beforehand. If a mini-digger is to be used for the gabion artwork installation it could also do this.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Canalbs Ltd - report tabled with the following comments:

Risk Management Policy is in order, but it does not adequately allow for any failure in the reporting procedure. They suggest 6 or 12 monthly review of the reports.

General Reserves should be set at the recommended level and these reserves should be shown in the Council's accounts.

Section 1, box 8 of the Annual Return did not add up to the figure shown in the bank reconciliation. This was corrected by Clerk at time of visit.

It was agreed to act upon these suggestions and appoint Canalbs Ltd for the next year.

Audit Commission - Appointment of external auditor to audit Annual Returns for all small councils - This was discussed and it was agreed to get advice from CPALC.

Bourne Wood - CCC have successfully secured a Woodland Improvement Grant to make improvements at Bourne Wood. It was agreed to forward this to Robert Humphrey.

SCDC – Website hosting – opportunity to have Parish Council website hosted by SCDC. This was discussed and it was agreed to continue with Jeff Bronks who did a good job with the website.

6 Cycle Path

Mike Davies, Cycle Cambridge, CCC has reported that a further meeting is to be convened to discuss the use of NCATP funds and Mr Williamson will attend this meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to see a rural cycle way similar to the one along the River Cam.

7 Public Art in Landbeach - It was reported that the artist is making progress with the gabions and the map which will involve etched metal (as originally suggested) rather than laminated board.

8 Other Village Improvements

Outside tap - It was agreed to consult with Village Hall about replacing the outside tap.

Patio - It was reported that Paul Ferguson had invoiced for breaking up concrete and removal of debris. The Village Hall will pay the full amount re. breaking up the concrete (£240) and will pay half the cost of additional pre-Jubilee tidying up work £90 (£45).

9 'What's On' Newsletter

The June edition will advertise the following:

Volunteers for Speedwatch.

Helpline volunteers

Thanks to all helpers and offer of reimbursement for cakes for Jubilee

Housing needs

10 Correspondence

The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Luminus News, Spring 2012

Cambridgeshire Acre – Community Oil Buying Scheme

Certified Quality Systems – Achieve ISO 9001

11 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
804	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary May 2012	£429.32		£429.32
804	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet May 2012	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
804	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for APM posters	£46.78	£8.19	£46.78
805	Inland Revenue - PAYE May 2012	£107.32		£107.32
806	Neville Diver - Maintenance May 2012	£64.00		£64.00
807	Came and Co - Insurance renewal	£1,053.96		£1,053.96
808	Norfolk China - Jubilee mugs	£300.72	£52.66	£300.72
809	Ray Gambell - Flagpole for Jubilee	£254.82	£44.59	£254.82
810	Canalbs Ltd - End of Year Internal Audit	£101.70		£101.70
811	Paul Ferguson - Break up concrete and hardcore	£240.00		£240.00
811	Paul Ferguson - Removal of debris	£90.00		£90.00
812	Anne Hinkins - Food expenses Diamond Jubilee	£37.63	£6.58	£37.63
813	Magpas - donation	£20.00		£20.00

It was noted that the £250 increase in the Precept would cover the cost of the Jubilee mugs.

12 Planning

New application

S/1065/12/FL - Front boundary fence, Pleasant View, Ely Road, Mr and Mrs Barham. **Approved**

Approved

S/0412/12/F1 - Double garage extension and first floor home office above garage. Relocation of existing entrance gates, walls and piers, 43A High Street, Mr and Mrs York.

Refusal

S/0411/12/F1 - Rear extensions and single garage, 45 High Street, Mr and Mrs York.

Appeal

S/1492/11/F - Waterbeach Lodge, Ely Road, Mr Gerrard.

13 Councillors Reports

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

A letter had been received from a Parishioner in relation to the state of the overgrown verges and the potholes in Banworth Lane created by the amount of traffic coming down Banworth Lane. This was discussed and will be forwarded to District Councillors for advice.

The rope for the zip wire is chafed.

The litter bin is missing from the bus stop.

Mr Williamson reported the following:

He had attended a meeting in relation to cycle/pedestrian improvements, but did not have an opportunity to speak at this meeting. The funds available only apply to Milton (however, the stretch between Landbeach and Milton is largely in Milton Parish). [There is a follow-up meeting on Monday to talk about cycling.](#)

He suggested that one possibility in relation to getting people to Ely was to run a mini-bus through Landbeach and Waterbeach to the Research Park and pick up No 9 bus from there. Waterbeach might be interested in joining with Landbeach in this. He would ask Carriageways (Dee Cooper) whether she could offer this service and at what cost.

Milton have a community mini-bus.

14 Forthcoming meetings

2 July 2012

3 September 2012

1 October 2012

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Signed:

Date: