

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday 14 January 2013 at 7.30 p.m.
in The Church**

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

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

1 Apologies for Absence were received from Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).

2 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 3 December 2012 were approved.

3 Declaration of Interest Dr Gambell declared an interest in Item 6 Precept setting 2013/14.

4 Matters Arising

CPALC District Committee - There was nothing to report.

Worts Meadow - The last meeting was well attended and there are lots of events in 2013. The AGM is on 9 May. Wood chippings are going to be put on paths in February.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens said there was nothing to report. People to contact will be put in 'What's On'.

Speedwatch – It was reported that only one person had expressed an interest in being trained. Mr Hinkins said that the Parish Council could ask for a counter to be installed to assess the speed at this end of the village. The Parish Council needs to be seen to be doing something.

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

Footpath from car park to multi-sports area - It was reported that this would be looked at in the Spring.

Affordable Housing – There was nothing further to report.

Hedge/High Street – There was nothing further to report.

Copper Beech - Mr Wyatt was very pleased with the Copper Beech tree and had sent a 'Thank You' to the Parish Council.

Banworth Lane – Melanie do you want to put something here?

Tythe Barn – Dr Gambell reported that the Landbeach Society are still negotiating a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Damaged signs – Mr Hinkins reported that the Green End sign opposite Village Hall needs painting.

Staff Appraisals – Melanie can you put something here?

Local highway improvements – Mr Halfpenny agreed to chase the application to CCC for funds to lower the kerb at the Slap-up junction to link up with the cycle path.

Footpath Cockfen Lane and Akeman – It was reported that the bridges were slippery and needed chicken wire on.

Bourne Wood – There was nothing to report.

Aeration of Recreation Ground – The Recreation Ground will be cut when the weather is dryer.

SPEP – SPEP thermal imaging camera – Councillors were interested in using the camera.

5 Clerk/Chairman’s Report

Area Join Committees disbanded – Mr Williamson agreed to find out the facts and clarify at the next meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write outlining their disapproval of what is happening.

Annual Play equipment inspection report - It was agreed that any repairs needed would be carried out in the Spring.

SLCC – Revised Government decision will change Council tax base – It was reported that despite 97% of parishes and 77% of billing authorities responds to the Government’s consultation being in favour of the exemption proposal, the Government has decided not to apply an unadjusted council tax base to local precepting authorities.

It was agreed to consult SCDC to find how the Council Tax affects Lanbeach. **Melanie do you want to add to this?**

Flooding Cocken Lane – It was agreed to report the flooding in Cockfen Lane to highways department.

It was also agreed to ask Anglian Water to look at the permanent leak in Spaldings Lane/Cockfen Lane end.

SCDC Liaison Meeting – The next meeting is on 7 March 2013.

6 Precept setting 2013/14 – It was agreed to send an estimated request to SCDC for £18,000 precept and ask them for confirmation of the Band D calculation. **Melanie do you want to add to this?**

7 Grass cutting 2013/14 – It was agreed to appoint Truelink Ltd for another year and ask for confirmation that their costs will remain the same.

8 SCDC – South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation/Waterbeach Barracks – Mr Johnson had sent the following report: ‘Please don’t forget the Local Development Scheme exhibition at Waterbeach Salvation Army Hall on Tuesday between 2:30pm & 7:30pm, you still have until 18th February to make comments but all input is important so have your say in the future of our villages.’

9 Cycle Path – Mr Hinkins reported that there had been an article in Cambridge News saying the the Finance Chief had expressed concerns regarding the cost of the project, suggesting it was a lot of money. There was nothing further to report.

10 Public Art in Landbeach – Melanie do you want to put something here?

11 Other Village Improvements

Hedge Green End – it was agreed to accept David Attle’s quotation for £275 to remove fence.

12 ‘What’s On’ Newsletter – It was agreed to put Neighbourhood Watch information in January ‘What’s On’.

13 Correspondence – The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Luminus Group – Luminus News Winter 2012.

Norse – Landscape Development

14 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
851	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary December 2012	£643.94		£643.94
851	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet December 2012	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
852	PAYE – December 2012	£160.99		£160.99
853	Neville Diver - Maintenance December 2012	£96.00		£96.00
854	Cottenham V C - mini bus hire November 2012	£61.74		£61.74
855	Barbara LeGallez – Reimbursement for 'What's On'	£48.00		£48.00
856	Victim Support - Donation	£25.00		£25.00
857	Magpas – Donation	£25.00		£25.00
858	Anna McArthur – Reimbursement for Thyme Plants	£16.00		£16.00
859	Rectory Farm – Christmas tree	£75.00		£75.00
860	Tracey Hutchinson – Reimbursement for Copper Beech Tree	£32.17		£32.17

13 Planning

Refused

S/1673/12/FL – Change of use from boathouse to dwelling including minor external alterations, The trout Lake, Hayacre Farm, Ely Road, Mr Challis.

Approved

S/2222/12/FL – Single storey rear extension, new entrance porch, 63 High Street Mr Cooper.

S/1893/12/FL – Erection of two dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow including creation of additional access. 54 High Street. Mr De Simone.

S/1895/12/CA – Demolition of existing bungalow 54 High Street, Mr De Simone.

16 Councillors Reports

Dr Gambell reported that Churchyard maintenance costs £1,100.

Mr Johnson had sent a report saying that SCDC had offered a grant of £9,875 to Cambridgeshire Cottage Society.

Mr Grant reported that the Christmas Tree Lights have been damaged - the top has come away from the base because the screws have pulled out of the threads in the plastic. As a

result the whole external connector needs to be replaced. Clerk to report to Village Hall Management Committee.

Dr Montgomery suggested asking the Village Hall Management Committee about planting a Christmas Tree rather than buying one each year.

Mr Williamson reported the following:

The new cycle path near Waterbeach Station will happen soon.

There has been reorganisation of local police force.

Mr Hinkins said a litter pick was needed.

17 Forthcoming meetings

4 February 2013

4 March 2013

8 April 2013

The meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

Signed:

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