

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH 4 February 2013 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Landbeach Village Hall**

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

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr James Hockney (District Councillor) and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 14 January 2013 were approved with the addition of Item 4 – Damaged signs. This is Waterbeach Road not Green End and Footpath Cockfen Lane and Akeman add Village Walk.
- 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 AGM is on 9 May. Wood chippings are going to be distributed on paths – meet at 10am on 16th February (with forks/wheelbarrows). A parishioner had reported that some dog walkers were letting their dogs off the lead along Akeman Street, sometimes causing distress to elderly and nervous walkers. Akeman Street is a public road and dogs should be on the lead. It was agreed to put a note to this effect in ‘What’s On’ and to ask Friends of Worts Meadow to put a small sign at the exit of Worts Meadow, reminding people that their dogs must be on a lead on the public road.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - Mr Hinkins reported that he had repaired the Neighbourhood Watch sign as you come into the village.

**Speedwatch** – It was reported that another volunteer had expressed an interest in being trained. It was agreed to ask the PCSO to monitor the speed limit as you come into the village.

**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.

**Banworth Lane** – The hedge behind the council properties still needs to be cut back when weather improves. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Mr York again.

**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 Waterbeach Road sign opposite Village Hall needs painting.

**Staff Appraisals** – It was reported that the staff appraisal on Mr Diver had not been carried out as Clerk had been ill.

**Local highway improvements** – As Mr Halfpenny was not at the meeting, there was nothing to report.

**Footpath Cockfen Lane and Akeman** – It was reported that the bridges on the Village walk were slippery and needed chicken wire on. Clerk to contact County Farms.

**Aeration of Recreation Ground** – Milton Colts have confirmed that they will contribute £100 (half the cost) towards the aeration of the Recreation Ground. This was accepted.

**SPEP – SPEP thermal imaging camera** – SCDC have reported that the thermal camera is not available until November. It was agreed to invite Siobhan Mellon SCDC to the APM on 23 April 2013 to demonstrate the camera to parishioners.

**Grass cutting 2013/14** – Truelink Ltd have confirmed that they will hold their prices for 2013/14. This was accepted.

## 5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

**SCDC Local Plan Issues and Options 2 Consultation** – There is a further round of public consultation on additional Issues and Options being run up to 18 February 2013.

MH reported that Stephen Conrad plans to push for the village envelope to be extended to include a plot off Chapman's Close. This would be for 2 or 3 market value homes with the adjacent plot being ear-marked for more affordable housing in the village.

Dr Gambell said that there is no indication that affordable housing is needed at present. If CCC want the land for their advantage and they can make a cast iron

commitment that Landbeach will get affordable housing when needed, the Parish Council should support his plan.

Mrs Hale said she thought that it does not have to be in the SCDC Local Plan. It is a small development within the village and surely does not need to be ear-marked specifically.

**Curtin and Co** – Have been appointed by Commercial Estates Group (CEG) to work with SCDC and Cambridge City Council in promoting a site on the south eastern fringe of Cambridge City. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the idea in principle.

**APM 23 April 2013** – It was agreed to invite Siobhan Mellon from SCDC to speak at APM on 23 April in relation to SPEP thermal imaging cameras. It was also suggested to invite a representative from Donarbon to speak on recent developments such as the new MRF (Materials Recycling Facility).

**Resignation of Councillor** – It was reported that Mr Dell has resigned from the Parish Council and it was agreed to advertise for a new Councillor. Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Dell for all his hard work when he was on the Council. Mr Dell should be requested to put a short note in writing to clerk/chairman for the record.

**Countryside Watch** – It was reported that the AGM of Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch is at 7 p.m. on 7 March 2013 at Cambridgeshire Public HQ, Hinchbrooke.

- 6 **Precept setting 2013/14** – Mr Hinkins proposed a Precept of £18,000. This was seconded by Mrs Hale and agreed. Dr Gambell abstained as he had declared an interest in relation to increasing the amount the Parish Council might contribute to the maintenance of the Churchyard. This was discussed and an increase of £100 was agreed. Dr Montgomery agreed to write a brief outline of the reason for the increase for the APM.
- 7 **SCDC – South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation/Waterbeach Barracks** – Dr Gambell said that until there is a formal proposal, it is difficult to make a response. The transport situation needs to be resolved.
- 8 **Cycle Path** – Mr Williamson had reported that there will be a meeting on 11 February 2013 to discuss some type of crossing facility over the A10 to complement the proposed cycle path.
- 9 **Public Art in Landbeach** – There was nothing further to report.
- 10 **Other Village Improvements**

**Hedge Green End** – Mr Hinkins agreed to contact David Attle and Kestrel Fencing and ask them to liaise in relation to carrying out the work involved.

**Christmas Tree** – The Village Hall Management Committee had agreed that the Parish Council should purchase a Christmas Tree for planting rather than buy one each year. Mr Hinkins to look into purchasing one.

- 11 ‘What’s On’ Newsletter** – It was agreed to put the following in ‘What’s On’:  
Neighbourhood Watch information.  
Keeping dogs on leads on public roads.

- 12 Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:  
The Clerk Magazine – January 2013.

**13 Finance**

The following cheques were approved for payment

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
861	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary January 2013	£322.48		£322.48
861	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet January 2013	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
862	PAYE – January 2013	£80.00		£80.00
863	Neville Diver - Maintenance January 2013	£68.00		£68.00
864	Cottenham V C - mini bus hire September 2012	£61.74		£61.74
864	Cottenham VC – mini bus hire December 2012	£46.62		£46.62
865	Dave Grant – Reimbursement for Christmas lights	£16.94	£3.38	£16.94
866	Landbeach PCC – Use of Church for meetings	£35.20		£35.20

**Income**

LVH – half cost of installing extra cameras around Village Hall £310.00.

## **14 Planning**

### **New application**

S/0034/13/FL – Excavation of land for fish lake, Ely Road, Mr Mark Dwyer.

**No recommendation.**

### **Approved**

S/2353/12/FL – Extension at Enterprise House, Ely Road, Mr Mcwilliams.

S/2241/12/FL – Extension at Pleasant View, Ely Road, Mr and Mrs Barham.

### **Withdrawn**

S/2229/12/FL – Change of use from agricultural to recreation land, land adjacent to Landbeach Road, Milton, Mrs Sue Humphreys.

### **Tree work**

C/11/40/058 – Work on trees within a Conservation Area, 40 High Street.

**Approved.**

## **15 Councillors Reports**

Mr Johnson reported that SCDC clothing recycling starts on 13 February 2013 in Landbeach.

Mr Williamson's report had been emailed to Councillors and is held by Clerk.

## **16 Forthcoming meetings**

4 March 2013

8 April 2013

25 April 2013 APM

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed:

Date: