

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council held on 4 March 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in The Church

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Mr Dave Grant, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Dr Stephen Montgomery, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), and Mr Michael Williamson (County Councillor) who joined meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr James Hockney (District Councillor) and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 4 February 2013 were approved with the addition of Item 4 – Damaged sign needs replacing in Waterbeach Road.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** Dr Gambell declared a prejudicial interest in Item 14, Planning, Tree work, C/11/40/058.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

CPALC District Committee - There was nothing to report.

Worts Meadow - It was reported that the wood chippings have been spread and if anyone wants logs, to contact Robert Humphrey.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens reported that there have been several reports of crime in neighbouring areas and everyone needs to be vigilant. It was agreed to put this in 'What's On'.

Speedwatch - PCSO has reported that he passed the request to check speeding in Landbeach onto the impact team who will assess and carry out checks.

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

Footpath from car park to multi-sports area - This can now be looked at as the weather is improving.

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 replacing.

Staff Appraisals - The Clerk reported that an appraisal has been carried out on Mr Diver who is happy with his role. He has requested a container to put his equipment in. Mr Halfpenny agreed to look into possibilities.

Local highway improvements - Mr Halfpenny and Mr Williamson agreed to follow this up.

Footpath Cockfen Lane and Akeman - It was reported that chicken wire had been put on the bridges on the Village walk.

Aeration of Recreation Ground - Aeration of Recreation has been carried out.

SPEP – SPEP thermal imaging camera – SCDC have reported that the thermal camera is not available until November. It was agreed to ask if people could borrow it then.

Precept 2013/14 – SCDC have confirmed a Precept of £18K for 2013/14.

APM 25 April 2013 – Speakers – Siobhan Mellon has agreed to speak on the thermal imaging camera. It was also suggested inviting someone from AmeyCespa to speak.

Christmas tree – It was agreed that Mr Hinkins would look into purchasing a 2 metre tree and Mr Halfpenny would look into purchasing a bigger set of lights.

Hedge Green End – It was reported that this has been erected. Grass seed needs to be put down either side of the fence. Mrs Hale agreed to do this.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Victim Support - An acknowledgement of donation has been received.

LDF – South Cambridgeshire Local Plan – Local Green Spaces - It was felt this was not relevant to Landbeach.

CCC – Community Transport Fund - It was agreed to keep this information on file.

6 Adoption of Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) - Dr Gambell proposed the Clerk continue as RFO, this was seconded by Mr Halfpenny and agreed.

- 7 **SCDC – South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Options**
Consultation/Waterbeach Barracks - Mr Williamson reported that he has made a lengthy representation to the latest round of consultation. (Full report is held by Clerk).
- 8 **Cycle Path** - Mike Davies has confirmed that a press release is being sent out. Tree and hedge trimming will start soon and on 2 April work will start from Landbeach to cemetery. June work continues from cemetery to Milton including improved crossing point of A10. It was agreed that it is very important to get crossing right, it needs to be integrated.
- 9 **Public Art in Landbeach** - Artist getting his ideas into shape in order to show Steering Group before fabrication of map.
- 10 **Other Village Improvements** - There was nothing to report.
- 11 **‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in ‘What’s On’: Neighbourhood Watch information.
 One day life support course run by Papworth Hospital, cost is £100.
- 12 **Correspondence** - There was no correspondence to put into circulation.
- 13 **Finance**

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
867	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary February 2013	£479.71		£479.71
867	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet February 2013	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
868	PAYE – February 2013	£119.93		£119.93
869	Neville Diver - Maintenance February 2013	£64.00		£64.00
870	Cottenham V C - mini bus hire January 2013	£54.18		£54.18
871	Cambs Countryside Watch – subscription	£30.00		£30.00

14 **Planning**

New application

S/0131/13/FL - Change of use of Unit 1 (Block A) to B1c, Bs and B8 Use Classes, Unit 1, Glenmore Centre, Former Duffield Volvo, A10 Ely Road, Glenmore Commercial Estates. **No recommendation**

S/0070/13/FL - Single storey side extension, rear single storey and two storey extension and new side first floor windows in existing house, 124 High Street, Stefan Dopadlic. **No recommendation**

S/0151/13/VC - Removal of Condition 1 (temporary additional hours of operation) of Planning Consent S/0329/11 for 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, Long Drove, Cottenham, Mrs Hodson. **No recommendation**

S/0263/13/FL - Proposed Rear Extensions, 45, High Street, Mr Woolley. **No recommendation**

Approved

S/0034/13/FL - Excavation of land for a fish stock pond, Enterprise Florist and Garden Centre, Ely Road, Mark Dwyer.

Tree Work

C/11/40/058 - Reduce Silver Birch and Willow tree, The Old School, Green End, Dr Ray Gambell. **Approved**

15 Councillors Reports

Mrs Hale reported on the meeting held by Cottenham Village Design Group attended by over 100 people.

This meeting looked into proposals for expansion for Cottenham: two options drawn up by Cottenham Parish Council and a third provocative proposal put together by Robin Heydon, a member of the Cottenham Village Design Group. It seemed that attendees were very against large-scale expansion of Cottenham and discussions became quite heated. For a full report of the meeting see the Cottenham Village Design Group website.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

Grass verges near footpaths need cutting back.

Village Hall are putting up the price of the hire of the hall for meetings by 3%.

There is a large pothole not far from the Church towards Cottenham.

Papworth Hospital are running a one day life-support course which the Social Club will get involved in.

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

16 Forthcoming meetings

8 April 2013

25 April 2013 APM

12 May 2013

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

