

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 8 April 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in The Church

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

Public Participation: Mike Davies, Cycle Cambridge and Rikki Parsons, Lead Technician, Major Infrastructure Delivery, Cambridgeshire County Council outlining plans for A10 junction to Landbeach.

Various options were suggested but the most favoured one is having an uncontrolled crossing, keeping pedestrians and cyclists on a natural line. This would be a convenient option for them. They are sure this is a buildable safe option.

Mike Davies confirmed that they propose to trial the loss of the deceleration lane for a 2 week period, but have not decided when.

They will undertake 'before' and 'during' traffic surveys to try to measure any increased delays caused by the loss of the lane.

During the trial they will dig trial holes in the verge to see how feasible it would be to widen the road and introduce a further traffic island.

After the trial they will present their traffic survey results and discuss how the trial went with both Landbeach and Milton Parish Council - realistically this will be at the June meeting.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs Tracy Hutchison, and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 4 March 2013 were approved with the addition, Item 4, Hedge at Green End - it was reported that the fence had been erected.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.

4 Matters Arising

New Parish Councillor – SCDC have confirmed that having waited for the statutory period for ten electors of the Parish to request an election, they confirm that the vacancy can be filled by means of co-option.

CPALC District Committee - There was nothing to report.

Worts Meadow - The next meeting of FOWM will be held on 18 April 2013.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens will attend the next Panel meeting on 9 April 2013.

Speedwatch – It was reported that a second kit is required to cope with the different areas covered. Mr Stevens agreed to bring this up at the Panel meeting. It was agreed that speed measuring strips were needed to record speed.

It was reported that the speed stickers had been received and it was agreed to distribute these at the APM.

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 – A request had been received from 2 ladies who work in the village and live with their parents in the village and can not afford to move out because of the lack of 1 bed affordable units, 1 is on her own and the other has a partner but neither has children. Both families have lived in the village for years. It was agreed to carry out another survey on the same basis as the one on 2009 to find out what the requirements are. It was also agreed to put in ‘What’s On’ so that people know when to apply.

Banworth Lane – It was reported that Mr York had not responded to the Parish Council’s request to cut down the Leylandi trees. Clerk to write to Mr York and send a copy to SCDC as the properties in Banworth Lane belong to them.

Tythe Barn - Dr Gambell reported that the Landbeach Society are still in negotiations with SCDC as Landbeach Society have held a repairing insurance responsibility lease although SCDC have carried out repairs up until now.

Damaged signs - Mr Hinkins reported that the 30mph signs in Cockfen Lane are unreadable. Clerk to contact CCC Highways.

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

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

APM 25 April 2013 – Speakers – Siobhan Mellon, SCDC has agreed to speak on the thermal imaging camera. Sarah Clover, AmeyCespa has agreed to give an update on Waterbeach Waste Management Park.

It was also agreed to ask parishioner's views on the use of the dog bag dispensers.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

CAPALC Membership renewal – It was agreed to renew the annual membership of CAPALC.

Action Plan – The updated Action Plan was tabled and it was agreed to table this at APM on 25 April 2013.

Parish Council representative for Village Hall – It was agreed that Mrs Hale would continue to represent the Parish Council as no one else had volunteered to do it.

6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning - Mr Williamson reported that the County Council are unable to do anything at present as elections are coming up.

Cambridge Past, Present and Future have been quoted as thinking it would be a good idea to develop Waterbeach. Other groups also seem to think that a large settlement at Waterbeach is a 'fait accompli', despite the fact that decisions have not yet been made.

Mr Halfpenny commented on political views and said that political issues are extremely undermining. The work of Waterbeach Forward is being undermined if used for a political purpose.

It was agreed that everyone should be kept informed and make sure things do not slip through.

7 Cycle Path – The work on the new cycle path has commenced.

8 Public Art in Landbeach – Mrs Hale had spoken to the artist again and he apologised for the delays. He has made some progress towards the final map design. An email from the artist was read out and an image showing an inclined scroll design was circulated.

- 9 Other Village Improvements** – Mrs Hale thanked Mr Hinkins for all the work he had done on the recent improvements in the village. Mrs Hale agreed to put grass seed down where the new fence has been erected.
- 10 ‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in ‘What’s On’:
Affordable Housing
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- 11 Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:
CCC – Introduction of Electronic Consultation
Came and Company – Parish Matters Spring 2013
SLCC - The Clerk Magazine March 2013, Vol.44
Barcham – tree planting service
University of Cambridge – Studying Physical Activity in preschool children and their environment
- 12 Finance**

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
872	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary March 2013	£572.64		£572.64
872	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet March 2013	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
873	PAYE – March 2013	£143.16		£143.16
874	Neville Diver - Maintenance March 2013	£76.00		£76.00
874	Neville Diver – reimbursement for rock salt	£41.76	£6.96	£41.76
875	Cottenham VC – Mini bus November 2012	£61.74		£61.74
875	Cottenham VC – Mini bus February 2013	£63.00		£63.00
876	D J Attle – Removal of hedge	£330.00	£55.00	£330.00
877	Kestrel Fencing – Installation of fence	£897.59	£149.60	£897.59
879	Digley Associates Ltd – Play equipment inspection	£60.00	£10.00	£60.00
880	Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting February 2013	£54.54	£9.09	£54.54
880	Truelink Ltd – Aeration of Recreation Ground	£240.00	£40.00	£240.00

Income

HM Revenue and Customs – VAT reclaim £4,968.75

14 Planning

Approved

S/0151/13/VC – Removal of Condition 1 (temporary additional hours of operation) of Planning Consent S/0329/11 for Changes 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, funds, fencing and pathways, Chear Fen Farm, Long Drove, Cottenham, Karen Hodson.

Amendment

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.

S/0032/06/F – Change of use of land to create a multi-sport park construction of lakes with water storage, canal, new and changed roads, cycling and BMX tracks, bridges (3), engineering operations, embankments and landscaping and outline permission to construct a Sports Centre, Boathouse, Finish Line Towers (2), Warden Accommodation (2) and Amenity Blocks (3), Milton and Waterbeach in the parishes of Milton, Landbeach and land between Waterbeach, Mick Woolhouse, Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust. **It was agreed that the Parish Council would support this sporting facility but stipulated that anyone involved with it makes sure it is run adequately and there should be no further housing development to fund it.**

15 Councillors Reports

Mr Hinkins reported that there is graffiti in bush shelter and on timetable.

Dr Gambell said there is still water running on road in Spaldings Lane.

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

As Mr Williamson is not standing for election, Mrs Hale thanked him for all the work he has done for the Parish Council.

16 Forthcoming meetings

25 April 2013 APM

12 May 2013 AGM

3 June 2013

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

