

**LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF LANDBEACH 1 July 2013 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Landbeach Village Hall**

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

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1     **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Maurice Leeke.
- 2     **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 3 June 2013 were approved and signed.
- 3     **Declaration of Interest** There was no declaration of interest.
- 4     **Matters Arising**

**CPALC District Committee** - There was nothing to report.

**Worts Meadow** - There was nothing to report.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - It was reported that a car is parked in the High Street blocking the path.

**Speedwatch** - It was reported that when more equipment is obtained, Speedwatch will continue.

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

**Footpath from car park to multi-sports area** - Mr Hinkins is obtaining 3 quotes for the footpath to be repaired.

**Affordable Housing** - It was reported that Mark Deas from Cambridgeshire Acre has said that he had spoken to Chris Jackson at HHS about the request for another housing survey. He is happy to work to develop another exception site but is reluctant to fund another survey if this is not needed. The surveys are generally considered to be valid for up to 5 years and they can update the Housing Register data easily. At Dec 2012 the HR stood at 14 for Landbeach.

**Banworth Lane** - Mr York has said that the trees will be cut down as soon as there is enough man power available.

**Tythe Barn** - Dr Gambell reported that SCDC have confirmed that there is no money available for the repair of Tythe Barn.

This was discussed and Mr Hockney offered to help arrange a multi-agency meeting to take this further if the Landbeach Society is supportive of this.

At the Portfolio meeting, Mr Hockney asked that the community be given more time to find a solution to ensure the long term future of Tythe Barn. The Portfolio Holder was looking at the option of selling the building on the open market at this meeting. If progress is not made by the next meeting, it is likely that Tythe Barn will be released on to the open market.

Mr Hockney thought the best way forward was a successful application for a repair to the roof. This would need the Barn to be opened on a regular basis. Hence the need for a multi-agency meeting.

Mr Hockney agreed to see if there is a criteria document for a grant.

It was agreed to ask the Insurance Company how much the insurance would be for £100,000 cover.

It was also agreed to do a flyer to go out with 'What's On'.

**Damaged signs** - There was nothing to report.

**Local highway improvements** - There was nothing to report.

**30mph signs** - These have now been replaced.

**Cycle Path** - It was agreed to ask Mr Leeke to find out about solar lights being installed.

**Finger Board** - Mr Hinkins is looking into getting quotes for the repair of the Finger Board.

**Litter Pick** - It was reported that this had taken place on 27 June and there was not much rubbish to be collected.

## **5 Clerk/Chairman's Report**

**Widows' Trust** - It was agreed to re-appoint Brian Marshall and Dr Gambell as the two Nominative Trustees on behalf of the Parish Council.

Dr Gambell reported that a meeting of the Trustees had taken place and there is sufficient money to pay for the minibus.

Dr Gambell deposited with the Parish Council Minute book of Widows Trust dated 30 January 1976-13 May 2011 to be archived.

**Canalbs Ltd** - Report and reappointment - Report was tabled and it was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would work together to deal with the comments.

Letter from Canalbs was tabled informing the Council that the hourly rate would be increased to £35 per hour for carrying out the internal audits and reporting.

This would be discussed at the September meeting.

**SCDC – Parish Planning Forum** - This will take place at SCDC offices at 6.30 p.m. on 17 July 2013.

**Dent Security Systems Ltd** - Annual maintenance - It was reported that the annual maintenance of the security system will be on 10 July 2013.

**Cambridgeshire Acre** - Membership renewal - It was agreed to renew membership, the cost is £30.

**Waterbeach football team** - Have asked if they can use the Recreation Ground on a Sunday. It was agreed to find out from Milton how many games they would play and then decide on whether Waterbeach could use it.

**SLCC 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Local Council Administration** - It was agreed to purchase this at a cost of £60.

- 6 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** - Mr Halfpenny reported that there have been problems with Waterbeach Forward as some of the original members have left and Mr Leeke has refused to join the group. They are trying to regroup to respond to the next consultation.

The public consultation will run from 12 July to 28 September 2013. Residents will be asked to give their opinions on options of between 4,300 to 9,300 additional new homes to support a possible growth of up to 30,000 new jobs up to 2031. The impact on Landbeach is major.

Mr Hockney reported that the Portfolio Holder has said there are no definite plans for the A10.

Mr Halfpenny said that looking at some of the assessments, one of the things taken into account is the number of TPO protected trees.

The Exhibition is on 25 July 2013 in Waterbeach from 2.30-7.30 p.m., and it is hoped as many Councillors and parishioners as possible would attend this.

**7 Public Art in Landbeach** – Chairman had spoken to Peter Osborne. In addition to his health issues, he has also had problems with his machinery due to winter flooding: it is now more or less fixed. Clerk to send letter to artist suggesting a course of action if he is unable to finish work by September.

**8 ‘What’s On’ Newsletter** – It was agreed to put New Parish Councillor, Affordable Housing, Basic Life Support Course (suggested date Saturday morning 21 or 28 September).

**9 Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:

SCDC – South Cambs Transport Directory 2013  
Affinity Water Ltd – Planning for the future

## 10 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
897	Maria Sylvester - Clerk’s salary June 2013	459.96		£459.96
897	Maria Sylvester - reimbursement for internet June 2013	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
898	PAYE – June 2013	£115.08		£115.08
899	Neville Diver – reimbursement for graffitti remover	£6.12	£1.02	£6.12
899	Neville Diver - Maintenance June 2013	£72.00		£72.00
900	Landbeach PCC	£35.20		£35.20
901	LVH – Hire of Hall for meetings	£167.20		£167.20
902	Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting May 2013	£616.02	£102.67	£616.02
903	Canalbs Ltd – End of year audit	£117.00		£117.00
904	Supercharge – Toner cartridges	£35.88	£7.17	£35.88
905	CVC – Minibus hire May 2013	£49.14		£49.14
906	World of Computers	£500.40	£83.40	£500.40
907	Dent Security Systems Ltd – Annual maintenance	£100.80	£16.80	£100.80
908	Robert Armstrong – Churchyard maintenance	£331.50		£331.50

### Income

Milton Colts – Hire of football pitch £388.00

Budget Control Statement up to 30 June 2013 was tabled and approved.

## 11 Planning

### For information only

S/1340/13/DC - Excavation of land for fish stock pond – Discharge of conditions 2 and 3, Enterprise Florist and Garden Centre, Ely Road, Mr Dwyer.

S/0986/13/NM - Alteration of design and size of front entrance porch and no rear extension, 69 High Street, David Cooper.

S/0724/13/LD - Underground gas pipe installation, Cottenham to Chittering, Padro House, Ely Road, Chittering, Pretoria Energy Ltd. **Withdrawn**

### Tree work

C/11/40/058 - tree work within a Conservation area, 7 Abrahams Close, Mr Pauley.

C/11/40/058 - tree work within a Conservation area, 40 High Street, Mrs Patterson.

C/11/40/058 - tree work within a Conservation area, 45a High Street, Mr Barber.

### Approved

## **12 Councillors Reports**

Mr Johnson reported that it is vital people write letters about Waterbeach Barracks. Consultation starts on 25 July 2013.

Mr Hockney reported the following:

There will be a demand for the MOD properties at Waterbeach. There will be 250 properties to rent or sell and if people want one, they need to apply now. The first property will be occupied in August.

The bus to Ely is not being used very much and if it is not used it will be stopped.

Mr Montgomery said he will be moving house but hopes to stay in Landbeach.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

The hedge near the post box has been cut.

Bushes in Waterbeach Road are overgrown.

Some parishioners are not happy with the height of the grass in the Churchyard.

Mr Leeke's written report is held by Clerk.

## **13 Dates of future meetings**

1 September 2013

7 October 2013

4 November 2013

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed:

Date: