

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 2 December 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, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor) and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).

Public Participation: Diane Docherty, Director of Emmaus confirmed that Emmaus have taken over the lease of 5 Walnut Close from the Council to house their companions. There will be an open evening there on 17 December 2013 from 7.30 onwards and everyone is welcome.

1 Apologies for Absence were received from Mr Gerald Hinkins, Dr Stephen Montgomery and Mr Andrew Stevens.

2 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 4 November 2013 were approved.

3 Declaration of Interest There were no declarations of interest.

4 Matters Arising

Worts Meadow - There was nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch - It was reported that there had been several burglaries in Waterbeach and three people had been arrested.

Speedwatch – There was nothing to report.

SCDC Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership - It was reported that a meeting is taking place on 4 December 2013.

Footpath from car park to multi-sports area - It was reported that Paul Ferguson will carry out this work when the weather improves.

Affordable Housing – It was agreed to put an item in ‘What’s On’ asking Landbeach people and those with a village connection (work, family etc) with housing needs to inform the Parish Council as well as getting their names on the SCDC housing list.

Banworth Lane – There was nothing further to report at this stage.

Tythe Barn - Dr Gambell reported that the Landbeach Society with Past, Present and Future have produced a questionnaire asking for feedback from the Community.

It will be put in 'What's On'. The results will be put to the SCDC Portfolio Holder who will report on the findings on 13 March next year. On this basis it will be decided how to move forward.

Local highway improvements – Dr Gambell has submitted proposal to CCC for funds to repair verge by ditch in Green End.

Cycle Path – Mike Davies CCC has reported that Option 1 – Close the A10 slip lane and create a two stage crossing is the preferred option.

Finger Board – There was nothing to report.

Spaldings Lane – It was reported that Paul Ferguson is going to clear the ditch to allow free flow of water.

Basic Life Support – It was reported that this will take place on Saturday 8 February 2014 from 10am–1pm. There will be three one hour sessions in the Village Hall and it was agreed to put it in 'What's On'.

Rectory Wall – There was nothing to report.

Winter gritting – Neville Diver has complained about lack of support from County Highways in relation to gritting. Clerk to follow this up.

Trees on Recreation Ground – It was reported that Paul Ferguson has carried out the maintenance on damaged trees on Recreation Ground.

Sign on Recreation Ground – It was reported that this has been ordered from Sign Art.

Signage Village Walk – County Farms have confirmed that this will be looked at over the Winter months.

Equipment Shed – Mr Halfpenny agreed to look into the cost of an equipment shed to house gritting equipment.

Denny Abbey Farmland Museum – It was agreed to support Denny Abbey Farmland Museum next year. A donation of £100 was agreed; in return parishioners will be able to obtain discounted season tickets.

Thermal Imaging Camera – It was agreed to ask SCDC to borrow thermal imaging camera for a week in January and to put it in 'What's On'.

CCC Better Bus Villages – It was reported that Landbeach had not received the grant to erect real time information displays.

Walnut Close – This had been discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Christmas Tree – This will be erected by Mr Hinkins and Mr Grant.

5 **Clerk/Chairman's Report**

SCDC Parish Precepts and Estimated Tax Base – It was agreed that as a rule we should aim for small annual increases in the precept. From the SCDC figures, a small increase in precept next year will not mean any increase in the Parish Council part of the council tax as the Tax Base has increased slightly. (Note: Parish Precept/Tax Base = Parish Council part of council tax).

Staff Appraisals – It was agreed that these would be carried out on Clerk and Caretaker.

Christmas waste and recycling – This would be put on notice board.

SLCC Membership – It was agreed to renew SLCC membership, the cost is £116 per year.

SCDC Community Chest 2013-14 – Mr Halfpenny agreed to apply for funds to purchase an equipment shed.

Landbeach Woods – CCC have confirmed that they have secured a Woodland Improvement Grant.

South Cambridgeshire Constabulary – SCDC have agreed to join the Constabulary in joint panels.

- 6 **Standing Orders and Policies** – These were tabled in draft for Councillors to look at and approve at the next meeting.
- 7 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – The Chairman was attending the SCDC Planning meeting on 3 December 2013.
- 8 **Public Art in Landbeach** – It was reported that the artist is still beset by ill-health and progress is slow.
- 9 **'What's On' Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in December 2013
 What's On.
 Basic Life Support Course
 Affordable Housing
 Thermal Imaging Camera
 Tythe Barn

- 10 Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:
 SLCC The Clerk November 2013
 UK POS
 Clerks and Councils Direct November 2013

11 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
930	Maria Sylvester – Salary November 2013	£467.04		£467.04
931	Inland Revenue – PAYE November 2013	£115.00		£115.00
932	Neville Diver – Caretaking November 2013	£64.00		£64.00
933	Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting October 2013	£506.94	£84.49	£506.94
934	CVC – Mini bus hire October 2013	£78.12		£78.12
934	CVC – Mini bus hire June 2013	£63.00		£63.00
934	CVC – Mini bus hire July 2013	£65.52		£65.52
935	Victim Support – donation	£25.00		£25.00
936	Paul Ferguson – Maintenance on trees	£20.00		£20.00
936	Paul Ferguson – Maintenance on trees	£72.00		£72.00
936	Paul Ferguson – Maintenance on trees	£315.00		£315.00

12 Planning

Approved

S/2009/13/FL – Two storey rear extension, single storey extension, part conversion of garage, 3 Walnut Close, Mr Connaughton.

Tree Work

C/11/40/058 – Tree work in conservation area, 102 High Street, Mr Herring.

Approved

13 Councillors Reports

Mr Leeke reported on the cycle path as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Concern was raised about removing concessionary bus passes from the park and ride Mr Leeke agreed to look into this as the Parish Council are against it.

Mr Leeke's full report is held by Clerk.

Mr Johnson said that Network Rail want to erect a workshop and car park and are in communication with SCDC for this to happen.

Dr Gambell said that given the multi million pound expenditure incurred in replacing the County's street lights, it was disappointing that a design had been chosen that does not produce an even spread of light. Driving under these new lamps gives alternating glare and shadow as you approach and pass under each light, a potentially dangerous situation now spread throughout all our roads.

Other councilors were less negative. The changes should be complete by the time of the next meeting so we can reappraise it then.

14 Forthcoming meetings

13 January 2014 (The Church)

3 February 2014

3 March 2014

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed:

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