

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 3 March 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in The Church

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr Dave Grant, Mr Andrew Stevens, Ms Nicola Boak, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), and Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor).

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1 Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr John Halfpenny Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Dr Stephen Montgomery and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor), Mr James Hockney (District Councillor).

It was reported that Dr Montgomery had tendered his resignation as Parish Councillor as he was now living in Cottenham. A vote of thanks to Dr Montgomery for all his hard work for the Parish Council.

- 2 Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 3 February 2014 were approved.

- 3 Declaration of Interest** Dr Gambell declared an interest in Tythe Barn (Item 4). Mrs Hale declared a prejudicial interest in Item 11 Planning, S/2749/13/FL and S/2750/13/LB Worts Farm, High Street. Mrs Hale left the room when this item was discussed.

4 Matters Arising

Worts Meadow - It was reported that the ditch to the west of the top gate into Bourne wood is flooded. It was agreed to report this to County Farms.

It was also reported that there had been flooding at the crossroads due to a blocked culvert and it was agreed to report this to County Highways.

Neighbourhood Watch - There was nothing to report.

Speedwatch – There was nothing to report.

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

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 reported that the new arrangement at Walnut Close was working well.

Banworth Lane – There was nothing to report.

Tythe Barn – It was reported that the Landbeach Society had met with Jo Mills, SCDC who had taken over responsibility for the Tythe Barn. The Landbeach Society have produced a submission to go to the Portfolio Holder on 20 March 2014

Quotations have been received for rethatching and the cost is in the region of £30-50K.

Also there is evidence that the Rectory is owned privately, the Barn is owned by SCDC and the common land is owned by Ely Diocese.

Local highway improvements – Dr Gambell reported that the submission made to Highways concerning the deep gully by the edge of Spaldings Lane near the Post Box had failed to get funding.

Cycle Path – It was reported that the junction work would begin in April 2014.

Finger Board – There was nothing to report.

Spaldings Lane – Mr Leeke reported that a parishioner had complained to him about the state of Spaldings Lane. He is going to consult Highways in relation to this.

Basic Life Support – This took place on Saturday 8 February 2014 and was a great success. It was agreed to send a vote of thanks to Sarah Ayers who had organised the event.

Sign on Recreation Ground – It was reported that the sign for ‘No Dogs Allowed’ will be erected on the mound.

Equipment Shed – There was nothing to report.

Street Lighting – There was nothing to report

Phone Box – It was reported that the phone box needs painting. This would be looked at in the Spring.

Parish Notice Board – Mr Hinkins agreed to look into the cost of getting this repaired.

SCDC – Village Services and Facilities March 2012-January 2014 update

Dr Gambell had submitted updated information to SCDC who had requested village information to be supplied to ensure an accurate study.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library – Letter received in response to the Parish Council's letter saying that they could not give a donation.

Speaker for APM – This will now take place on 5 June 2014. It was agreed to invite Jane Williamson, Denny Abbey Farmland Museum and perhaps someone to talk about Tythe Barn and village heritage. Note: APM will now be later than the previously advertised date due to Parish Council elections on 22nd May.

Annual Financial Risk Assessment – It was agreed to carry out an Annual Financial Risk Assessment.

- 6 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to SCDC asking for an opportunity to speak about Waterbeach New Town and the fact that the Parish Council's views had not been taken consideration. Mr Halfpenny has agreed to attend the Portfolio meeting on 13 March 2014 to represent the Parish Council.

- 7 **Public Art in Landbeach** – There was nothing to report.

- 8 **'What's On' Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in March 2014 'What's On': Thank Sarah Ayers for organising the Basic Life Support Course on 8 February Parish Council have reported the state of Spaldings Lane to Highways. Date of APM.

- 9 **Correspondence** – SBFWF – Wind turbine development – It was agreed to invite a speaker from SBFWF to the next Parish Council Meeting.

10 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment

Cheque	Name	Amount	VAT	Total
948	Maria Sylvester – Salary February 2014	£459.91		£459.91
948	Maria Sylvester – Internet February 2014	£7.00	£1.04	£7.00
948	Maria Sylvester – Backpay to 1 April 2013	£50.69		£50.69
949	Inland Revenue – PAYE February 2014	£127.80		£127.80
950	Neville Diver – Maintenance February 2014	£72.00		£72.00
951	Magpas – Donation	£20.00		£20.00

11 Planning Applications

New applications

S/0118/14/FL – Replacement building for continued purposes of B1c (light industrial) Use, Enterprise House, Ely Road, Mr Dwyer. **No recommendation**

S/2749/13/FL – Conversion of former archaeology store to create two dwellings with use of the former granary as ancillary residential use, erection of freestanding cycle and bin store, and extension of existing hardstanding, Worts Farm, High Street, Cambridgeshire County Council. **Refuse**

S/2750/13/LB – Conversion of former archaeology store to create two dwellings with use of the former granary as ancillary residential use, Worts Farm, High Street, Cambridgeshire County Council. **Refuse**

For information only

S/0119/14/LD – Lawful Development Certificate – Change of use from Farm Shop (A1) to Offices (B1), Enterprise House, Ely Road, Mr Dwyer.

Tree work

C/11/40/058 – Tree work subject to TPO, 4 Ravensdale, Mrs Challis. **Approved**

12 Councillors Reports

Mr Leeke reported that the County Council's proposal to increase changes for the park and ride are going ahead.

Mr Hinkins reported that the Social Club is losing £1K each month and will not be able to be kept open if numbers of people visiting does not increase. A letter is being sent to all parishioners.

13 Forthcoming meetings

7 April 2014
12 May 2014 plus AGM (The Church)
2 June 2014
5 June 2014 (APM)

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Signed:

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