

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 7 April 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, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Peter Johnson and Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor).

Public Participation: Steve Cheetham and Richard Parker, SBFWF, (Stop Berry Fen Wind Farm) a not for profit organisation established to resist the construction of wind turbines in the local area. They asked for support from the Parish Council in relation to the Berry Wind Farm Campaign. The site is at Aldreth and the proposed turbines could be 130m high and visible from a wide area, possibly including Landbeach. The planning application will be submitted to ECDC in the summer of 2014.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Nicola Boak, and Mr John Halfpenny.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 3 March 2014 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** Mrs Hale declared a prejudicial interest in Item 4, Worts Farm Future Development. Mrs Hale left the room when this item was discussed.

Mr Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in Item 11, Planning S/0403/14/FL and left the room when this item was being discussed.

#### 4 **Matters Arising**

**Worts Meadow** - It was reported that a Newt session had taken place and Great Crested Newts and other Newts were spotted.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - It was reported that someone had tried to break into the building site on the High Street and there had been a drill stolen from another property.

It was also reported that bag boys have been seen going through the village.

Mr Stevens reported that he had received notification asking people to be careful about where car keys are left and also ensuring windows and doors are locked as the summer weather approaches.

**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 there had been people at the back of Walnut Close properties who were carrying out measuring.

**Banworth Lane** – It was reported that the Leylandii trees behind the council properties had been cut back hard, there was some question as to whether correct permissions had been granted.

**Tythe Barn** – It was reported that the Landbeach Society had met with Jo Mills, SCDC who had produced a report which was adopted at the Portfolio Holder's meeting on 20 March 2014

At this meeting, it was agreed that Councillor Hockney would take responsibility for setting up a Trust and reporting back to the Portfolio Holder's meeting in September.

**Local highway improvements** – There was nothing to report and it was agreed to take this item off the next Agenda.

**Cycle Path** – Mr Leeke reported that the junction work would begin in July 2014.

**Finger Board** – Mr Hinkins agreed to contact a carpenter to look at this.

**Spaldings Lane** – It was reported that some of the pot holes had been repaired in Spaldings Lane.

**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 get a carpenter to look at this.

**Park and Ride** – CCC update on the new system of operation outlining the increased charges which will be increased mid May 2014.

**Worts Farm Future Development** – Letter from Stephen Conrad saying he was disappointed that the Parish Council had refused this application.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Parish Councillors were unhappy about the tone of his letter. They reinforced their original concerns in relation to vehicle movement and access which would be detrimental in an existing poor situation.

Clerk to write to Mr Conrad to this effect.

**APM 5 June 2014** – It was reported that Jane Williamson (Chair of Trustees) and Chris Leuchars (Education Officer), Denny Abbey Farmland Museum will speak in relation to the Museum.

It was also agreed to invite Councillor Hockney (District Councillor) to speak on the Tithe Barn.

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

**CCC** – Letter received in relation to grass cutting of paths. It was felt this was not relevant to Landbeach.

**Action Plan** – It was agreed to update this for distribution at APM on 5 June 2014.

**The Future of FECA** – There is a meeting on 23 April 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at Cottenham Village College to discuss the future of FECA. It was agreed that Dr Gambell would attend this.

**Electronic Payments to HMRC** – HMRC have insisted that all PAYE payments are made electronically. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into finding the best procedure for doing this.

**New Councillor** – It was agreed to advertise for a new Parish Councillor after the elections on 22 May 2014.

**Adoption of Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)** – Mrs Hale proposed reappointing the Clerk and Dr Gambell seconded this. This was agreed.

**Code of Conduct for Members** – New Code of Conduct was tabled. It was agreed that Councillors would look at this for adoption at the next meeting.

**CAPALC Membership** – It was agreed to renew CAPALC membership, the cost is £301.21.

**Upkeep of bunds** – It was agreed to employ Paul Ferguson to maintain the bunds for the coming year.

**NALC Policy Review 2014** – It was agreed that the Parish Council did not want to take part in this survey.

**Litter Pick** – It was agreed to carry out a litter pick on 10 May at 10.30 a.m., starting at Village Hall.

- 6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning** - Mr Halfpenny had sent the information received from SCDC about the next stage of the Waterbeach New Town and Local Plan and will be putting together a plan of how to move forward in the next week
- 7 Public Art in Landbeach** – There was nothing to report.
- 8 ‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in April 2014 ‘What’s On’:  
Thank Sarah Ayers for organising the Basic Life Support Course on 8 February  
Parish Council have reported the drainage problems at the crossroads.  
Date of APM.  
Litter Pick.
- 9 Correspondence** – It was agreed to put the following correspondence in circulation:  
SLCC The Clerk March 2014  
Clerks and Councils Direct March 2014  
Glasdon – Products for Local Councils

## **10 Finance**

The following cheques were approved for payment:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
955	Maria Sylvester – Salary March 2014	£575.20
955	Maria Sylvester – Internet March 2014	£7.00
956	Inland Revenue – PAYE March 2014	£143.60
957	Neville Diver – Maintenance March 2014	£80.00
958	Cottenham Village College Minibus March	£63.00
959	Signart – Sign for Recreation Ground	£72.00
960	Landbeach Village Hall – Hire of Hall 2013-14	£198.00

Draft Income and expenditure up to 31 March 2014 tabled. There were no comments on this.

## **11 Planning Applications**

### **New applications**

S/0545/14/FL – Erection of single storey extension to side dwelling, 82 High Street, Mr Knightley. **Approved**

S/0403/14/FL – Two storey dwelling and attached double garage, 51 High Street, Mr and Mrs Stevens. **Refused on grounds that Parish Council policy is for infill only (as per our Action Plan); we do not want to encourage escalating back-build.**

S/0363/14/FL – Erection of first floor extension to rear of dwelling, 138 High Street, Mr Lawson. **Approved**

S/0297/14/FL – Single storey side and rear extension, 50 High Street, Mr and Mrs Negus. **Approved**

S/0406/14/FL – Proposed garage, 43 High Street, Mr Woodley. **Approved**

**Approved**

New detached garage, 45 High Street, Mr Woodley, York Construction. **Refused because of overdevelopment on the site.**

## 12 Councillors Reports

Mr Hinkins said that the various Village Committees should have a collective meeting to find a way of attracting new members. If the Village Hall Committee does not exist, the Parish Council would have to run the Village Hall.

Mr Hinkins asked Mr Johnson to investigate why there is a long delay in getting through to SCDC Department for Council Tax as it had taken 10-15 minutes on two occasions.

Mr Leeke said that the City Deal announced in the Budget Speech (19 March) could have an impact on Landbeach especially the improvements suggested for the A10 between Cambridge and Ely.

Mrs Hutchison said there were a lot of caravans at Overbrook Nursery and originally planning was given for 3. There are also a lot of groundwork, indicating further development. Mr Johnson to investigate this.

Mr Johnson said he would look into whether SCDC do a litter pick in/around Landbeach. He also said that SCDC were reducing their green bin collection to once a month from January to March next year.

Dr Gambell reported the following:

Brian Marshall who is Treasurer for the Widows Trust is moving to Northampton in June. The Treasurer for the Landbeach Society would be willing to be nominated for this if the Parish Council agree. This will be put on the May Agenda. The Priest for Milton has agreed to be Chairman.

The Village Pump needs repairing. A Parishioner has asked if there could be blue plaques where Village pumps used to be.

**13 Forthcoming meetings**

12 May 2014 plus AGM (The Church)

2 June 2014

5 June 2014 (APM)

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Signed:

Date: