

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 3 November 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

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

Public Participation: Mr Kevin Hunt (Parishioner) and Mr Paul Belton (Januarys).
Submitted plans for a proposed rebuild at 55 High Street for submission to SCDC.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs Tracy Hutchison
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 6 October 2014 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** There was no Declaration of Interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

New Councillor – It was reported that no one had come forward for the vacancy.
It was agreed to advertise again.

Worts Meadow - It was reported that there will be a Fungus Foray on 9 November 2014 at 2.30 p.m., meeting in the car park.

Neighbourhood Watch - It was reported that a van had been stolen in Chapman's Close.

Footpath from car park to multi-sports area - There was nothing to report.

Affordable Housing – Mrs Hale agreed to contact Mr Johnson to establish SCDC's plans for affordable houses in the area, as it was felt that Landbeach had young people who would be interested. Just advertising in 'What's On' is probably not enough to raise awareness and maybe leafleting would be a good idea and a meeting should be held.

Tithe Barn – Dr Gambell reported that there will be a meeting of potential Trustees. There has been a total lack of leadership for this venture.

Cycle Path – It was agreed to contact Mike Davies about having a white line to show where cyclists leave the cycle path. Also a mirror behind would help when coming from Milton as cyclists come out on to the road.

Finger Board – There was nothing to report.

Spaldings Lane – It was reported that water is leaking on to Spaldings Lane (coming up from below the road) and has caused pot holes to reappear. Mr Leeke agreed to contact Highways in relation to this.

Equipment Shed – This was discussed and Mr Halfpenny agreed to look into an alternative to a metal shed.

Phone Box – It was agreed to get a quote to paint the Phone Box in the Spring.

Parish Notice Board – It was agreed to get a quotation from Dexter Bullman for repairing the Parish Notice Board.

Litter Bin on Recreation Ground – Mr Hinkins reported that he and Mr Diver would erect this near the new patio area and the old one would be moved to where the seat is in the area at the far end of the Recreation Ground.

Fitness Equipment – This would be discussed if the Parish Council received S106 for future development in the village.

Frith Fen Drove – Mrs Hale had contacted the Enforcement Officer, Charlie Swain, with images showing the state of things at Overbrook ‘Nursery’, including a large area of dumped and flattened hardcore on (previously wooded) land between the Overbrook registered land and the the neighbour’s pony field. The area of concern is not registered with Land Registry, but may belong to the same owner as the Overbrook title. County Council have inspected the land, and are of the opinion that the rubble is both unsuitable and does not have consent. Planning and County are working together to resolve matters and Mr Swain will update the Parish Council when there is further progress.

Cycle Path Landbeach to Cottenham – Mr Leeke said that the problem would be funding. He agreed to speak to Mike Davies.

Mr Halfpenny asked about the possibility of obtaining statistics for the usage of the cycle path from Landbeach to Milton. Clerk to follow this up.

A Landbeach parishioner had also contacted the Parish Council suggesting the school bus from Landbeach to Cottenham might be discontinued if the scheme went ahead. This was discussed and it was felt that this is unlikely as there is a statutory requirement for a bus service for school or college which is over 3 miles away and a large part of Landbeach is over 3 miles from the school.

Mr Leeke said that it would be beneficial to have a cycle path in the proposed programme as this might be something considered should the Waterbeach development go ahead.

Trees on Recreation Ground – Three quotes had been rec received for repollarding trees on the Recreation Ground:

Town and Country Tree Surgery Company £220.00 plus VAT.

Truelink Ltd £600 plus VAT.

Atlas Tree Surgery Ltd £560 plus VAT.

It was agreed to accept the quote from Town and Country Tree Surgery Company.

Milton Colts – Milton Colts suggested having the grass cut every two weeks and picked up which might make the pitch more suitable for playing football. Truelink had carried this out and it was agreed to obtain feedback from Milton Colts.

Parish Council mobile phone – There was nothing to report.

Security Camera – It was reported that the new camera would be erected on 12 November 2014 and Mr Hinkins would supervise the installation. Mr Grant agreed to ask the Village Hall to pay half the annual maintenance inspection cost.

SCDC Service Level Agreement for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Halfpenny agreed to look at this.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

SCDC – Plain English Accounts – SCDC had produced a booklet showing what is spent by SCDC up to 31 March 2014. This will be held by Clerk.

Markings A10/A14 Roundabout – Highways are aware that the markings need to be improved. Mr Leeke agreed to follow this up.

Truelink – Extra grass cutting – It was agreed to ask Truelink to carry out an extra cut on the play area due to the grass growing quickly.

CCC – Electoral Review – The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council. If you want to register a view contact www.lgbce.org.uk or email views to reviews@lgbce.org.uk. The consultation closes on 19 January 2015.

Parish Planning Forum – The next Parish Planning Forum will be held on 8 December 2014 at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne.

SCDC – Parish Precepts and Estimated Tax Base – SCDC have confirmed that the estimated tax base for 2015 in Landbeach is £366.70

- 6 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – Mr Halfpenny reported that the MOD have appointed Urban and Civic as agents to develop Waterbeach Barracks. A representative from Urban and Civic will attend the Parish Council meeting on 1 December 2014.

- 7 **Public Art in Landbeach** – The artist has now delivered and installed the anvil-display structure, some 2 years later than planned. The final outstanding task is to add some printed copy – map/information display. Flints (small quantity) also need to be added to the base

- 8 'What's On' Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in November 2014
 'What's On':
 Neighbourhood Watch There have been a number of burglaries and parishioners need to be vigilant and always ask for ID from door to door traders.
 Affordable Housing
 NHS Emergency No 111
 New Parish Councillor
 Cycle Path Landbeach to Cottenham
 Any suggestions for artwork for Anvil
- 9 Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:
 Park Leisure Play equipment
 Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2014

10 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment:

1003	Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary October 2014	£460.04
1003	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet October	£7.00
1003	Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for ink cartridge	£11.00
1004	Inland Revenue – PAYE October 2014	£115.00
1005	Neville Diver – Caretaking October 2014	£64.00
1005	Neville Diver – Reimbursement for fence panels	£14.90
1006	Cottenham Village College – Minibus hire September 2014	£84.48
1007	Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting October 2014	£590.94
1008	Peter Osborne – Final Stage payment for artwork	£2,000.00

Income

LPCC – Overpayment for Churchyard maintenance	£52.00
Widows' Trust – Minibus hire	£750.00

11 Planning Applications

Certificate of Lawful Proposed use or development

S/2163/14/LD Installation of new entrance, Building 9000 Cambridge Research Park, Ely Road, Zurich Assurance Ltd.

Approved

S/1924/14/FL – Amey Offices, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Alboro Developments Ltd.

Discussion took place on the planning application proposed by Mr Hunt at 55 High Street. Councillors had no objections to this application.

12 Councillors Reports

Mr Leeke reported the following:

He will contact Highways in relation to Spaldings Lane and Akeman Street flooding. Cambridge County Council are making cuts particularly in the areas of street lighting, mobile library and gritting.

They are also cutting the number of councilors in the County Council from 69 to 63. Use of park and ride has dropped by 14%.

Mr Stevens reported that the ditches in Cocken Lane need clearing. Clerk to contact County Farms.

Mr Grant enquired about the play area inspection. This will take place next week.

Dr Gambell asked about the flooding which had been reported at the junction of the crossroads. Clerk to follow this up.

13 Forthcoming meetings

1 December 2014

5 January 2015

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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