

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 1 December 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Dave Grant, Mr John Halfpenny, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor) and Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor).

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Nicola Boak and Mr James Hockney (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 3 November 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 in the New Year.

**Worts Meadow** - It was reported trees had been planted. There is a full programme for 2015. In January there is talk on Swifts.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - It was reported that a car had been stolen from Waterbeach Road. It was agreed to ask the PCSO to attend the Annual Parish meeting in 2015.

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

**Affordable Housing** – Mr Johnson said the correct person to speak to in relation to the possibility of mixed housing in Waterbeach Road would be Jo Mills or Jane Green. Mrs Hale agreed to progress this.

**Tithe Barn** – Dr Gambell reported that there have been several meetings which Mr Hockney has chaired. There are a number of people who will form an Incorporated Trust. SCDC will pay the insurance. There will be a presentation to the Portfolio Holder at a meeting on 10 December at 2 p.m. They are looking at grant potentials.

Dr Gambell said that it would be advantageous if the Parish Council could donate a sum of money towards the Tithe Barn. It would help push forward the case.

This was discussed and it was agreed to wait until after the Portfolio meeting before making a decision.

Dr Gambell also said it would be a good idea if a Parish Councillor, possibly the Chairman became a Trustee. Mrs Hale agreed as long as there is no financial liability.

There is an Open Day at the Tithe Barn on Saturday 24 January 2015 between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

**Cycle Path** – Mike Davies had reported that they will look into the white lining issue. They have a policy of not deploying mirrors on the highway because of maintenance and road users becoming overly reliant on them.

**Finger Board** – Mr Hinkins agreed to ask his carpenter for a quote to repair the Finger Board.

**Spaldings Lane** – Mr Leeke reported that he had contacted Highways in relation to the flooding in Spaldings Lane.

**Equipment Shed** – There was nothing to report.

**Phone Box** – Mr Hinkins and Mr Diver agreed to look at replacing the glass.

**Parish Notice Board** – It was reported that Dexter Bullman is looking at the best way to repair the notice board and will produce a quotation.

**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** – Mrs Hutchison reported that she had looked at the equipment at Waterbeach and felt it was not suitable for Landbeach. This will be discussed again if any S106 money becomes available.

**Frith Fen Drove** – Mr Johnson reported that the Enforcement Officer, SCDC has confirmed that they carry out regular visits on this site and that not all of the homes are occupied.

**Cycle Path Landbeach to Cottenham** – Mike Davies had reported that they have a list of scheme requests and will add Landbeach to Cottenham to it. It would cost around £500,000 and half of this would have to come from another source to have any chance of going ahead.

He said that if a large development at Waterbeach goes ahead then that would be a funding opportunity. Councillors were concerned that this scheme should not just become linked to a large development at Waterbeach as there is independent need to improve this (dangerous) route for cyclists.

**Trees on Recreation Ground** – This work would be carried out by Town and Country Tree Surgery Company if SCDC do not object to it within a six week period.

**Milton Colts** – It was reported that Milton Colts are not using the Recreation Ground very much for football matches.

**Parish Council mobile phone** – There was nothing to report.

**Security Camera** – It was reported that the new camera had not been erected on 12 November 2014 as Dent Security had not got a particular part for it. This is going to be done on 5 December 2014.

Mr Grant reported that the Village Hall had agreed to pay half the annual maintenance inspection cost.

It was also agreed to pay the electricity for the car park lights, the cost was £120 as it had not been paid for three years.

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

**Insurance Anvil** – Came and Co and reported that the anvil will be covered by the Parish Council Insurance, the extra cost is £9.12.

**Akeman Street potholes** – It was reported that Highways will look at these.

**CCC – Local Government Boundary Commission for England** – There was nothing to report.

**Play equipment inspection** – It was reported that this had been inspected and the report had been received. It was agreed to ask Mr Diver to look at the equipment that they suggested should be repaired.

## 5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

**Enterprise Nursery** – An email had been received in relation to the occupation of this site. Mr Johnson agreed to follow this up.

**SCDC Christmas waste and recycling** – It was agreed to display this on the Parish notice board.

**SLCC Membership renewal** – It was agreed to renew this membership, the cost is £118 per annum.

**SLCC 2014-2016 National Salary Awards** – NALC has circulated details of the new Clerk pay scales from 1 January 2015. The rate for SCP27 will rise from £12.052 to £12.317 per hour. There is also a small payment to all employees on SCP5-49 due in December (for SCP 27 it is £100, pro rata – just over £30 for Landbeach Clerk).

## 6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning – Mr Halfpenny reported that Urban and Civic will attend the January Parish Council meeting. They are the agents for the redevelopment of Waterbeach Barracks. They are speaking to Waterbeach Parish Council. It seems that SCDC have underestimated the short term housing requirement for the area and some developments are now being given permission where this is against the proposals of the Local Plan. With no new Local Plan in force, developers are taking any opportunity they can.

## 7 Public Art in Landbeach – It was reported that the anvil has been installed, the printed map/information panel is the final remaining piece of work to be done.

A circular giving a bit of background to the Public Art Project has been distributed to all parishioners with ‘What’s On’.

This also asked if people would like to be involved in production of the printed copy. No expressions of interest so far apart from Izzy Hale (art student) who has said she would be prepared to come up with a design over Christmas if nothing has been done before then.

Mr Hinkins said he thought we should get something done as soon as possible and encourage Izzy to produce a design.

It should be possible to change the printed copy design from time to time if the printing firm uses the right type of glue when it is applied.

Create Signs of Milton has said they would be able to produce and apply a laminated sign of our desired shape/size. This should not cost more than £100. There is still funds for this.

- 8 ‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in December 2014 ‘What’s On’: Landbeach Parish Council would like to wish all parishioners a very Happy 2015.

- 9 Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation: SLCC – The Clerk, November 2014.

## **10 Finance**

The following cheques were approved for payment:

1009	Maria Sylvester - Clerk’s salary November 2014	£460.04
1009	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet November	£7.00
1009	Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for ink cartridge	£7.00
1010	Inland Revenue – PAYE November 2014	£115.00
1011	Neville Diver – Caretaking November 2014	£72.00
1012	Cottenham Village College – Minibus hire October 2014	£69.96
1013	The Play Inspection Co Ltd – Annual Play Inspection	£71.94

## **11 Planning Applications**

### **New Applications**

S/2741/14/FL –Building and erecting new Bicycle Shelter, fully enclosed and roofed, Building Cambridge Research Park, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Zurich Insurance Ltd.

S/2743/14/FL – Building and erecting new refuse bin shelter, Cambridge Research Park, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Zurich Insurance Ltd.

**Tree Work**

C/11/40/58 – Crooked Birch, 72 High Street, Mrs Shah

C/11/40/58 – Trees on Recreation Ground

**12 Councillors Reports**

Mr Leeke reported the following:

He has contacted Highways in relation to Spaldings Lane and Akeman Street flooding. He has also spoken to them about the white lining at the end of the cycle path.

Mr Halfpenny agreed to get some flint for underneath the anvil.

Mr Hinkins agreed to get a Christmas tree and Mr Grant will help him erect it. There is beer and carols in the Social Club on 22 December at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Hale said that the next Parish Forum Meeting is on 8 December 2014 and she will be attending it.

Mr Stevens said that it was very complicated trying to book the park and ride on line.

Mr Grant said that Wendy Dear from Fen Edge has contacted him in relation to the Parish Council having a defibrillator situated outside the Village Hall. Clerk to follow this up. Section 106 money could be used to buy one. Also Parishioners and organisations could be asked to contribute. A note can go in 'What's On' probably February edition.

**13 Forthcoming meetings**

5 January 2015

2 February 2015

2 March 2015

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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