

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 5 January 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Ms Nicola Boak, 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:**

Carole Hoskin in relation to land in Matthew Parker Close. This is owned by County Farms and Clerk will pass on concerns to them.

Urban and Civic – Tim Leathes, Project Director and Rebecca Brillan, Head of Partnership and Community Liaisons. They confirmed that they have been appointed to manage the Waterbeach Barracks site and are proposing building of 6,500 homes on it which is part of the broader scheme. They are working with RLW who have taken the promotion of the brown sites.

They said there are no definite proposals at present, but they want to engage with the local communities and local farmers before making any major decisions. They want local people to benefit from this venture and have a dialogue on an ongoing basis. Waterbeach Parish Council have stated that they do not want to be separated from this scheme.

Landbeach Parish Council's main concern is transport and Urban and Civic confirmed that this will be addressed in full.

They are also developing the Alconbury site and have reached a further stage of development. They said they would invite councillors to come to a meeting at Alconbury when things are a bit further advanced.

Parishioners raised concern in relation to the over population of Overbrook Farm. This was discussed in detail and Landbeach Parish Council agreed to invite Charles Swain, Principal Planning Enforcement Officer, SCDC to the next Parish Council meeting on 2 February to explain to Parishioners what action SCDC propose taking about this site.

**1 Apologies for Absence** were received Mr James Hockney (District Councillor).

**2 Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 1 December 2014 were approved.

**3 Declaration of Interest**

Mr Hinkins declared an interest in Item 12 Planning, S/2895/14/FL, 75 High Street and left the room while this was being discussed.

Mrs Hutchison declared an interest in Item 12 Planning, S/2789/14/FL, 3 Matthew Parker Close and left the room while this was being discussed.

#### **4 Matters Arising**

**New Councillor** – It was reported that no one had come forward for the vacancy. Mrs Hale suggested delivering a flyer direct to residents (ie separate to ‘What’s On’) outlining the important issues discussed at Parish Council meetings which affect all Parishioners. This could possibly be combined with a question about future housing needs.

**Worts Meadow** - There is a full programme for 2015. On 22 January there is a talk on Swifts.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - There was nothing to report.

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

**Affordable Housing** – Mrs Hale had attended a Parish Planning Forum at SCDC on 8 December. Local Housing Need was a main focus with Ray Manning emphasising that sites for 1,000 new homes are needed now. Astra Zeneca is concerned in relation to moving many staff from cheaper areas. If we know any sites, SCDC would like to know.

**Tithe Barn** – Mrs Hale confirmed that she is a Trustee of the Tithe Barn as Chair of the Parish Council. Dr Gambell said there had been a meeting with the Portfolio Holder SCDC on 10 January 2015 and Mr Hockney had been congratulated on moving things forward in relation to the Tithe Barn. Mr Hockney has produced a Business Plan and the Parish Council requested a copy of this. Clerk to follow this up.

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** – There was nothing to report.

**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. The surface is again pretty bad.

**Equipment Shed** – It was agreed to ask Milton Colts if the gritter could be stored in their storage shed.

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

**Parish Notice Board** – A quotation had been received from Dexter Bullman for £365. It was reported that there are grants available for certain items and Clerk to look into the possibility of getting a grant in order to purchase a new board.

**Litter Bin on Recreation Ground** – Mr Hinkins reported that this would be erected when the weather improved.

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

**Frith Fen Drove** – This had been discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

**Cycle Path Landbeach to Cottenham** – There was nothing to report.

**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.

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

**Security Camera** – It was reported that the new camera had not been erected on 5 December 2014. Mr Hinkins agreed to follow this up.

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

**Play equipment inspection** – It was reported that this had been inspected and the report had been received. Mr Diver has agreed to go through the report with Mr Hinkins.

**Enterprise Nursery** – Mr Johnson reported that the Enforcement Team had visited this site and could find no evidence of anyone living there.

**Defibrillator** – This will be discussed by the Village Hall Management Committee at their next meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council would investigate possible sources of funding and actions needed to install such equipment, possibly on an external wall of the Village Hall.

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

**CCC – Small Grants: Seed funding for innovative joint projects** – Mr Halfpenny agreed to look at this document.

**SCDC – Changing Section 106 Threshold** – This had been discussed at the Parish Forum that Mrs Hale attended. Mrs Hale said that small developments up to 10 units will not have to make S106/CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) contributions.

This also affects affordable housing – no requirement to provide if 11 homes. SCDC want the limit brought down to 5.

SCDC are also trying to encourage self-build/custom-build homes; SCDC has 'Right to Build Vanguard Status' – 11 local authorities have this and are supported by Government.

**Foliage beside the main road to Ely** – It was agreed to pass this on to Highways

**Cambridge Water Company – Avoiding burst pipes** – Poster and leaflet showing how to protect pipes in the Winter months. This will be displayed on Parish notice board.

**SCDC – Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan** – There is a meeting at Milton on 19 January 2015 between 2 and 8 p.m.

**Canalbs Ltd – Intermediate Internal Audit 2014 Report** – This was tabled and will be acted on.

- 6 SCDC – Precept 2015/16** – Budget to set Precept for 2015/16 was tabled and discussed. There was concern that the budget had little scope for unforeseen expenses, tree surgery, gritting contributions etc with a precept of £19,000 as for 2014/15.

Mr Halfpenny proposed requesting £20k for the Precept for 2015/16, this was seconded by Mrs Hutchison and agreed.

- 7 Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

- 8 Public Art in Landbeach** – No other parishioners responded to the flyer that was circulated with ‘What’s On’. Izzy Hale, art student, has produced a traditional style map (draft was approved by Dr Gambell) which can now be printed up and applied. CreateSigns, Milton has been recommended and will carry out the final stage at an estimated cost of about £100. There will still be funds in the Art Maintenance budget for a celebration on completion.

- 9 ‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in January 2015 ‘What’s On’: Trees will be pollarded on the Recreation Ground for safety reasons

- 10 Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.

## **11 Finance**

The following cheques were approved for payment:

1014	Maria Sylvester - Clerk’s salary December 2014	£582.00
1014	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet December	£7.00
1015	Inland Revenue – PAYE December 2014	£143.80
1016	Neville Diver – Caretaking December 2014	£80.00
1017	Cottenham Village College – Minibus hire November 2014	£67.32
1018	Landbeach Village Hall – Electricity costs for 3 years	£114.50
1019	Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting Play Areas	£63.60

## **12 Planning Applications**

### **New Applications**

S/2789/14/FL – Extension, 3 Matthew Parker Close, Mr and Mrs Brightly. **No**

### **Objections**

S/2895/14/FL – Change of use of land from horticulture to residential and alteration and conversion of stable block to annexe accommodation ancillary to the main

dwelling house, Limes Farmhouse, 75 High Street, Mr and Mrs Macfarlane. **Refused**

S/2794/14/FL – Demolishing of existing derelict house and construction of replacement dwelling at Pleasant View, Ely Road, Mr Barham. **Approved**

S/2907/14/LB – Extension and walkway, 21 High Street, Mr Garratt. **No Objections**

S/2959/14/FL – Erection of Conservatory to the rear of the dwelling, 54 High Street, Mrs Leach. **No Objections**

S/2911/14/FL – Erection of dwelling following the demolition of bungalow, 55 High Street, Mr Hunt. **Approved**

### **13 Councillors Reports**

Mr Leeke reported that he had attended a meeting with Highways in relation to the gritting of the Landbeach to Cottenham Road after a spate of accidents because of the frosty conditions. The road is only gritted if the forecast is 5 days of frost.

Mr Leeke and Mr Johnson have set up a petition to test local support and Parish Councils in relation to sharing the cost of gritting this road. The proportion of contribution would be based on the size of the parish (number of Band D equivalent houses.)

### **14 Forthcoming meetings**

2 February 2015

2 March 2015

13 April 2015

11 May 2015

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Signed:

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