

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 2 February 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

Present: Dr Ray Gambell, (Vice Chair), Ms Nicola Boak, Mr Dave Grant, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mrs Tracy Hutchison, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor), Mr James Hockney (District Councillor),

Public Participation:

Councillors Robert Turner, Planning Portfolio Holder and Linda Hartford SCDC. They confirmed that a Contravention Order had been served on Overbrook Farm. The opinion of SCDC is that there is intensification on the site, and an Enforcement Notice will now be served.

Parishioners raised concerns which were discussed in detail.

1 Apologies for Absence were received Mrs Melanie Hale, Mr John Halfpenny and Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor).

2 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 5 January 2015 were approved.

3 Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

4 Matters Arising

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

Worts Meadow - Mr Stevens has organised chippings to go in the wood.

Neighbourhood Watch - There was nothing to report.

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

Affordable Housing – There was nothing to report.

Tithe Barn – Councillor Hockney confirmed that the Open Day at the Tithe Barn on 24 January 2015 was well attended and people are interested in making donations. SCDC have given more time to set up a Trust. The next Portfolio meeting is in March. The emerging Trust is continuing its work in preparation for this meeting.

Finger Board – Mr Hinkins confirmed his carpenter will give a quote to repair the Finger Board.

Spaldings Lane – A letter had been received from Cambridgeshire County Council in relation to maintenance on the ordinary watercourse in Spaldings Lane which local residents had complained about.

This was discussed and it was agreed to reply saying that the ditches are flowing freely and water is coming up under the road itself which is a Highways issue.

Equipment Shed – It was reported that Milton Colts had been approached in relation to the possibility of using their storage shed.

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

Parish Notice Board – It was agreed to fix the notice board against the bus shelter temporarily and apply for a grant from the Community Chest Fund after 1 April 2015 to purchase a new one.

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 had been carried out by Town and Country Tree Surgery Company.

Parish Council mobile phone – There was nothing to report.

Security Camera – It was reported that the new camera had been erected and it was agreed to invoice the Village Hall for half the cost of the camera and half the cost of the annual maintenance.

Akeman Street potholes – There was nothing to report.

Play equipment inspection – 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.

Cottenham Road – gritting – It was reported that Parishioners had raised concern in relation to the gritting of Cottenham Road which was designated as a secondary route. It was agreed to contact Cambridgeshire County Council to ask them to upgrade it to a Primary route.

Precept 2015/16 – It was reported that SCDC have confirmed a Precept of £20,000 for 2015/16.

Defibrillator – It was reported that the East Anglian Ambulance Service provide Defibrillators fully funded if the application is accepted. They do not provide a cabinet to keep it in. The cost of a cabinet is £1,000. It was agreed to ask Parishioners in ‘What’s On’ if they would consider making a donation towards this.

5 Clerk/Chairman’s Report

SCDC – Public Consultation: Should SCDC use Article 4 directions to help retain village pubs – It was agreed that this was not relevant to Landbeach.

Department for Communities and Local Government – New Year 2016 Honours Nominations – It was agreed that Councillors would consider if there was anyone appropriate in Landbeach to put forward before the next meeting.

APM – Date and Speakers – It was agreed to hold the APM on 30 April 2015 and invite John Mason PCSO, Safer Neighbourhood Officer, South Cambs Neighbourhood Team, Histon and Caroline Gohler, Cambridge Past and Future to talk at the APM.

Milton Colts – Milton Colts have confirmed that they will play the rest of this season’s games at Manor School.

- 6 SCDC – Precept 2015/16** – SCDC have confirmed a Precept of £20,000 for 2015/16.
- 7 Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – Dr Gambell attended the exhibition in Milton and noted the possible impact on Landbeach of increased traffic flows along the A10 and the A14.

Mr Hockney reported the following:

He was working on the school safety petition.

He was working with Mr Halfpenny and fellow “no new town” campaigners as the Local Plan hearings approach.

- 8 Public Art in Landbeach** – Izzy Hale, art student, has produced a traditional style map which has now been erected.
- 9 ‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in February 2015
‘What’s On’: Defibrillator Cabinet, False Police ID, New Councillor, APM.
- 10 Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:
SLCC – The Clerk, January 2015
Glasdon – Products for Local Councils
Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2015

11 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment:

1023	Maria Sylvester - Clerk’s salary January 2015	£498.85
1023	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet January	£7.00
1023	Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for stamps	£7.09
1023	Maris Sylvester – Reimbursement for ink cartridge	£8.00
1024	Inland Revenue – PAYE January 2014	£124.80
1025	Neville Diver – Caretaking January 2015	£80.00
1026	Cottenham Village College – Minibus hire December 2014	£84.48
1027	Town and Country Tree Surgery Company – Tree work	£264.00

12 Planning Applications

New Applications

S/0168/15/FL – Change of Use from B1 (Business), B2 (General Industry) and B8 (Storage or Distribution) use to B1 (Business) and A1 (Shops) use, Unit 30, Glenmore Business Park, Ely Road, Waterbeach, C6 Bikes Ltd. **Approved**

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S/2789/14/FL – Extensions, 3 Matthew Parker Close, Mr and Mrs Brightly.
S/2743/14/FL – Building and Erection of a new refuse bin shelter, Building 9000 Cambridge Research Park, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Zurich Assurance Ltd.

Tree Work

C/11/40/58 – Tree work within a Conservation Area, 8, 10 and 12 Green End, Cambridgeshire Cottage Housing. **Approved**

13 Councillors Reports

Mr Johnson reported that Highways were still looking at the costing for gritting Landbeach to Cottenham road. Cost would be according to the size of the Parish. Cottenham Village College have also been complaining to the County. Clerk to contact Jonathan Clark, Gritting Network Manager to find out when the next annual review of gritting will take place.

Mr Stevens reported the following:

The speed limit on the Cottenham Road should be reduced. Clerk to contact Councillor Leeke in relation to this.

The No 9 bus is very erratic. Stagecoach to be contacted if this continues.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

Concerns on the flyer distributed by Councillor Leeke.

Figures for park and ride have dropped by 14%.

Mr Hockney reported the following:

SCDC have put forward a motion about the closure of the NatWest Bank in Histon. This is the last NatWest in the whole of Cambridgeshire. The Bank did pledge that they would not close the last Bank in the community.

A petition has been set up and has 200 signatures already called 'Action for School Road Safety'.

14 Forthcoming meetings

2 March 2015

13 April 2015 (meeting in The Church)

30 April 2015 APM

11 May 2015 and AGM (meeting in The Church)

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed:

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