

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 2 March 2015 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, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Mr James
Hockney (District Councillor),

Public Participation:

Mr Anderson in relation to Item 11 Planning S/0371/15/FL. He is setting up a charity at the back of his cottage: a therapeutic garden project. The maximum will be ten people over two days a week.

1 Apologies for Absence were received Ms Nicola Boak, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor), and Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor).

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

3 Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

4 Matters Arising

New Councillor – It was agreed that the Parish Council would produce a flyer to go out with ‘What’s On’.

Worts Meadow - There will be a Newts and Bats event on 31 March 2015.

Neighbourhood Watch - There was nothing to report.

Footpath from car park to multi-sports area - It was reported that Paul Ferguson will look at this now the weather has improved.

Affordable Housing – It was agreed to put a questionnaire out with ‘What’s On’ asking parishioners if this was something they require now or in the next few years.

Tithe Barn – Councillor Hockney confirmed that a lot of progress has been made with the Working Group and there is a Landbeach resident who used to work for the National Trust and English Heritage who has joined the group. There is a Fun Open Day on 11 April.

There are two stages. Firstly, essential restoration of the building. Then it has to be there for a reason, e.g. Educational element, medieval events. It is a partnership with

Denny Abbey, Jane Williamson is on the board. The second phase would be to enhance the facilities.

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

Spaldings Lane – It was confirmed that Cambridgeshire County Council have inspected the site and recommended that the ditch needs to be dug out as the channel has become silted up over time. Mr Hinkins agreed to ask Mr Attle about this.

Equipment Shed – It was reported that Milton Parish Council have confirmed that Landbeach Parish Council can use their shed to store the gritter.

Phone Box – Mr Hinkins and Mr Diver agreed to look at replacing the glass. It was agreed that the phone box should be painted in the Spring.

Parish Notice Board – Mr Diver has taken the notice board to repair it temporarily. The Council can apply for a grant from the Community Chest Fund after 1 April 2015 to purchase a new one.

Frith Fen Drove – SCDC has confirmed that a temporary stop notice was issued on 13 February along with a Planning Contravention Notice. A site visit took place on 17 February. It was reported that there are five additional hardstanding and water pipes on the extra land. It was agreed to inform SCDC about this.

At the previous meeting there had been a suggestion from the Public for a footpath along Green End from the Cottenham Turn to the A10, for the benefit of the Companions and visitors to Emmaus, and the inhabitants of Frith Fen. It was agreed to pass this to Highways.

Cycle Path Landbeach to Cottenham – Mr Hockney reported that a local Parish Council has been given to understand that Parish Council's gritting would be illegal. We are still awaiting a view from the County Council on this since 6 February. This road would cost £6,700/yr to grit. There is concern from Cottenham Village College and parents about the duty of care, the risk assessment did not provide any concrete steps to be taken. More pressure needs to be put on Cambridge County Council to upgrade it to a primary route. The Council have said that the road will form part of the winter service review at the end of the gritting season.

Play equipment inspection – Mr Diver has agreed to go through the report with Mr Hinkins.

Enterprise Nursery – There was nothing to report.

Akeman Street potholes – Highways have said that these works have been ordered and should be carried out within the next couple of weeks.

Defibrillator – It was reported that the East Anglian Ambulance Service have agreed to supply a Defibrillator free of charge. The deadline for getting a free Defibrillator is 31 March 2015. They do not provide a cabinet to keep it in. The Community

HeartbeatTrust will provide a cabinet, the cost for a stainless steel outdoor cabinet is £945 plus VAT.

Dr Gambell proposed purchasing this and Mr Halfpenny seconded it.

It was agreed to ask the Village Hall and Event Committee if they would contribute to the purchase.

New Year 2016 – Honours nominations – There was no one to put forward this year.

APM 30 April 2015 – It was reported that John Mason, PCSO, Safer Neighbourhood Officer, South Cambs Neighbourhood Team, Histon and Carolin Gohler, Cambridge Past, Present and Future have agreed to speak at the APM on 30 April 2015.

5 Clerk/Chairman’s Report

AmeyCespa Community Fund – AmeyCespa have agreed that the maximum grant amount would be raised back to £40,000 to enable funds to be allocated more quickly. This might help with the Tithe Barn.

Highways Agency – Draft A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Development Consent – This was for information only.

Village Maintenance – A letter had been received from a parishioner in relation to various maintenance issues in the village. These were discussed and will be dealt with.

Liaison meeting with SCDC Cabinet – Mrs Hale agreed to attend this on 11 March 2015.

Greater Cambridge City Deal – Transport priority scheme – This was for information only.

Canalbs Ltd – Fixed Assets on Annual Return – The External Auditors have been insisting that some Councils adhere to the Audit Commission guidelines when recording fixed assets on the Annual Return. It was agreed to freeze the value of each asset at last year’s stated figures on the Annual Return Form.

Standing Orders and Policies – The following policies were adopted and approved: Model Standing Orders, Equal Opportunities, Disability, Code of Conduct, Fixed Assets, Publication Scheme and Risk Assessment.

Magpas – It was agreed to donate £20 to Magpas.

Gritting in Landbeach – Mr Diver had reported that he had gritted up to 50 High Street and also the car park around the Village Hall. The gritting plan supplied by Highways Plan outlines that gritting should be up to the Baptist Church. A more sensible plan needs to be submitted to Highways this year. This was agreed.

Refresher First Aid – It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have a Refresher First Aid Course after the Defibrillator has been installed.

Litter Pick – It was agreed to carry out a litter pick, date to be arranged.

6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning – Mr Hockney said there was nothing much to report. There should be an update on 11 March 2015.

7 Public Art in Landbeach – Mrs Hutchison proposed paying Izzy Hale £100 for the map which has now been erected. This was seconded by Dr Gambell and agreed. Mr Halfpenny agreed to get some flint for under the Anvil.

It was also agreed to have a celebration sometime in the summer.

8 ‘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.

9 Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

10 Finance

The following cheques were approved for payment:

1028	Maria Sylvester - Clerk’s salary February 2015	£473.02
1028	Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet January	£7.00
1029	Inland Revenue – PAYE February 2015	£118.20
1030	Neville Diver – Caretaking February 2015	£72.00
1031	Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting September 2014	£281.76
1032	CreateSigns – Map for Anvil	£105.60
1033	SLCC – Membership 2015	£118.00

11 Planning Applications

New Applications

S/0207/15/PO – Application to modify condition 3(a) and (b) of Section 106 Agreement ref A468 for planning consent S/1010/96/F from 30 companions to 45, Emmaus Cambridge, Green End, Mrs Docherty. **No Objections**

S/0424/15/FL – Change of use of existing stables/storage buildings to **residential**, with construction of covered walkway and associated alterations, Rectory Farm Barns, Akeman Street, Dr and Mrs Quail. **Refuse**

S/0371/15/FL – Erection of one shed and two polytunnels and the refurbishment of two existing sheds, 95A Green End, Mr Anderson. **Approve**

S/0222/15/FL – Two Storey side and rear extension, porch and covered area and shed/workshop in rear garden, 40 Waterbeach Road, Mr Stepien. **Refuse**

Approved

S/2959/14/FL – Erection of Conservatory to the rear of the dwelling (retrospective), 54 High Street, Mrs Leach.

Refuse

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.

12 Councillors Reports

Mr Grant reported that the gravel is going to be removed from a field that is on the left hand side of the road going north out of the village but before you get to the Emmaus entrance.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

Parishioners have raised concerns about the length of the grass. Clerk to ask Truelink to do a one-off cut.

The pump needs painting. This will be looked at in the summer.

Mrs Hutchison said she will not be able to attend the next three meetings.

13 Forthcoming meetings

13 April 2015 (meeting in The Church)

30 April 2015 APM

11 May 2015 and AGM (meeting in The Church)

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed:

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