

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 1 February 2016 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 Peter Johnson (District Councillor), Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor), and Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk).

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Andrew Stevens.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2016 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** Dr Gambell declared an interest in Item 10, Planning, S/3280/FL – Glazed link between dwelling and outbuilding, 3 Ravensdale, Mr and Mrs Owen.

4 **Matters Arising**

New Councillor – There was nothing to report.

Worts Meadow – It was reported that there is Newt Walk on 1 April. Also FOWM are interested in any chippings that are available.

Neighbourhood Watch - There was nothing to report.

Affordable Housing – There was nothing to report.

Tithe Barn – Mrs Hale reported that the CIO application has been filled in. A fire inspection is ongoing.

Spaldings Lane – It was agreed exploratory digging is needed to find out if there is a blockage. It was agreed to uncover the apertures. Mr Hinkins to meet with Mr Attle and Mr Halfpenny to discuss this further.

Phone Box – Mr Hinkins reported that the missing glass panels had been fitted. It was agreed to look further into the possibility of putting some shelves in the box for books. It was also agreed to put the Urban and Civic report on a stand in the box for people to take one if they wanted to.

Frith Fen Drove – SCDC have reported the following: The LDC application has been forwarded to the Council but the lead planner for the area has voiced criticism on the application on the numbers of caravans associated with the site if passed. Negotiations

are apparently continuing with the applicant's planning consultant and the planners to see if this can be resolved. The argument is technical/legal.

Enterprise Nursery – There was nothing to report.

Akeman Street potholes - There was nothing to report.

Litter Pick – It was agreed that a litter pick will take place on 5 March 2016 at 11 a.m. as this is the weekend when there is a nationwide campaign.

www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk.

Refresher First Aid Course – Mrs Hale reported that there will be a Refresher First Aid Course on 16 April 2016 . This will be similar to the last course plus use of the defibrillator.

Banworth Lane – Mr Johnson reported that the potholes have been filled in.

Village Guide – It was agreed to ask Mr Hockney if he was still prepared to do the Village Guide. If not this could be handed over to the Parish Council.

Trees Waterbeach Road – It was reported that the trees are overhanging on both sides of Waterbeach Road and there is a dead tree on the farm side. Clerk to report this.

Road markings A14 Roundabout, Milton – Highways have confirmed these works will go ahead, unfortunately they do not have a set date for the commencement of the works, however it should be before the end of this financial year. They are currently trying to organise all the appropriate paperwork for the closures to be put into place.

Website – Jeff Bronks would like photos of the village to go on the home page.

Lucy Frazer MP - It was reported that Lucy Frazer will attend a Parish Council meeting in 2016.

Demolition work –rear of 108 High Street – The complaint made by a Parishioner was forwarded to Mr Johnson and SCDC. Mr Johnson agreed to follow this up.

Speeding in the Village - There was nothing to report.

Speedwatch – There was nothing to report.

Parking in High Street – There was nothing to report.

Floodlight above Defibrillator – A small LED light that can be positioned over the keypad should soon be available to retrofit.

Emmaus Trustee – There was nothing to report.

Precept 2016/17 - It was reported that SCDC have confirmed a Precept of £21,000.

APM date and Speaker - It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) would take place on 26 May 2016. Speaker to be decided at the next meeting.

Volunteer Drivers – There was nothing to report.

Damaged lamp post – The damaged lamp post on the High Street had been reported to Highways. Mr Hinkins reported that the old lamp post in Spaldings Lane has not been removed. Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty.

Damaged slats opposite The Church – Mr Hinkins and Mr Diver had inspected the slats and they need replacing. Mr Hinkins agreed to contact a carpenter.

The Pound – It was reported that a quotation had been received from Paul Ferguson for £220 to repair The Pound. This was agreed.

Waterbeach Station – Parking – Mr Johnson reported that he is still concerned about the parking regulations at Waterbeach and is speaking to Network Rail.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Village BBQ – It was agreed to donate £500 from the Public Art Project fund towards the party to celebrate 80 years of having the Village Hall on 16 July 2016. The occasion would be used to celebrate the completion of the Public Art Project.

- 6 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – Mr Halfpenny reported that Urban and Civic have produced a PR paper. They are trying to front-run the Local Plan. There is a meeting on 11 February in relation to transport which he hopes to attend. He will report back to the next meeting whether he feels Urban and Civic would have much to offer if they attended the APM. Their website address is:
www.urbandncivic.com/projects/strategic-land/waterbeach/site-details

- 7 **'What's On' Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in January 2016
 'What's On': First Aid Course, Affordable Housing, Speedwatch, Dog Fouling. Gritting Volunteer, Speeding in the Village, setting up a Parish Forum, Urban and Civic paper in Phone Box, Litter Pick, Annual Parish Meeting (APM), Stagecoach.

- 8 **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.

9 Finance

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1107 Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary January 2016	£431.42
1107 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet January 2016	£7.00
1108 Inland Revenue – PAYE January 2016	£159.80
1109 Neville Diver – Maintenance January 2016	£72.00
1109 Neville Diver – Reimbursement for 2 posts for Play Area	£17.13

10 Planning

New Applications

S/1839/15/FL – Single storey front extension, single storey rear extension and two storey side extension, 92 High Street, Lee De-Grammont and G Leavens. **No objections**

S/3280/FL – Glazed link between dwelling and outbuilding, 3 Ravensdale, Mr and Mrs Owen. **No objections**

11 Councillors Reports

Mr Leeke reported on the following:

The County Council budget is very tight this year. Parish Councils are being asked to contribute to some things, eg street lighting, school crossing patrols. The Government has decided that the County Council can increase the Council Tax by 2% this year. This would make an increase of 45p per week on a band D house. This has not been confirmed.

Amey Cespa – The County Council is reviewing waste PFI. It particularly affects the site on the A10. They want to review contract because technology has changed.

There is a proposal to have one or two secondary schools included in the new development at Waterbeach which could have an impact on Cottenham Academy. St Bede's are also considering opening a Church secondary school on the site.

Mr Johnson reported the following:

It is important that the Parish Council keeps in touch with Urban and Civic to outline what they want to happen.

The Local Plan is not going to be finished this year. There is no infrastructure in place. There is a proposal for houses in Cowley Road but there is a flood issue. Anglia Water are doing this.

Dr Gambell asked about celebrations for the Queen's Birthday on 21 April 2016.

Mr Hinkins reported that there is concern about the tarmac leading to the footpath outside a parishioner's house in Green End which needs to be repaired. The edge of the road is crumbling away. The parishioner has a mobility scooter. Clerk to report to Highways.

12 Date of Future Meetings

7 March 2016

4 April 2016

9 May 2016 plus AGM

26 May 2016 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

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