

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 7 March 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 Andrew Stevens, Mr Maurice Leeke (County Councillor), and Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk).

Public Participation: Mr David Metcalfe and Mr Peter Hatley who might be interested in joining the Parish Council.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting** Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 1 February 2016 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** Dr Gambell declared an interest in Item 10, Planning, S/0299/16/LB – Glazed link between dwelling and outbuilding, 3 Ravensdale, Mr Owen. Mrs Hale declared an interest in Item 10 Treework, CA058, 16 High Street. Mr Hinkins declared an interest in Item 10 Treework, 71 and 73 High Street.

4 **Matters Arising**

New Councillor – There was nothing to report.

Worts Meadow – There was nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens reported that he had attended the last Panel meeting. There have been a lot of burglaries in adjacent villages. It was reported that sadly a Landbeach man had died while out jogging at the country park, he had not had any identification on him and it had taken a while to identify him. Councillors expressed sympathy for his family in Australia

Affordable Housing – There was nothing to report.

Tithe Barn – Dr Gambell reported that there is a meeting on 9 March 2016 and everything is beginning to look encouraging.

Spaldings Lane – It was reported that CCC have confirmed that Spaldings Lane is in the annual programme for surface dressing works in 2016.

Mr Hinkins and Mr Halfpenny agreed to meet Mr Attle in relation to digging a test hole.

Frith Fen Drove – There was nothing to report.

Akeman Street potholes - There was nothing to report.

Litter Pick – It was reported that a litter pick had taken place on 5 March 2016. At least eight bags of rubbish had been collected mostly beer cans and vodka bottles. A big thank you to parishioners and Parish Councillors who helped with this.

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. Dr Gambell reported that Waterbeach Surgery had shown an interest in attending this and he would contact them.

Village Guide – Dr Gambell agreed to do the Village Guide and would contact Mr Hockney to see if there was a template for it.

Trees Waterbeach Road – It was reported that Highways have inspected these trees and confirmed that as they are on private property, the trees are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. As Mr Hatley was at the meeting, he agreed to look into 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 agreed to invite Lucy Frazer to the APM on 26 May 2016.

Demolition work –rear of 108 High Street – The complaint made by a Parishioner had been forwarded to Mr Johnson and SCDC. SCDC are having difficulty contacting the owner of the property.

Speedwatch – It was reported that Horningsea Parish Council has asked if Landbeach would consider purchasing a speedwatch kit with them and other Councils, the cost would be £650. This was discussed and it was agreed that there is not the funds or the manpower to do this. It was also agreed to ask the District Council to carry out measurements of speed in the village.

Light above Defibrillator keypad – Mrs Hale to follow this up.

Emmaus Trustee – Mrs Hale to speak to Diane Docherty.

APM date and Speaker - It was reported that the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) would take place on 26 May 2016. It was agreed to invite Lucy Frazer MP to speak at this.

Volunteer Drivers – There was nothing to report.

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

Damaged slats opposite The Church – Mr Hinkins reported that a carpenter will inspect this and give a price for the work. Dr Gambell reported that the work should not be carried out until late summer as there is a nest of blue tits there.

The Pound – It was reported that Paul Ferguson will repair The Pound when the weather improves.

Waterbeach Station – Parking – Concern was raised about the parking regulations at Waterbeach Station and in the village itself. Mr Leeke said that it would be difficult to put a ramp in as the levels were different. Network Rail are reluctant to spend money as there is still a possibility that the station will be moved. There is a meeting on 16 March.

Village Hall 80th Anniversary Celebrations BBQ 16 July 2016 – The Village Hall are organising this event. The Parish Council are offering to contribute funds provided to celebrate completion of the Public Art Project; this should be acknowledged in some way on the day.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Tower Mint Ltd – HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday – It was agreed not to purchase any of the medals for this occasion.

Financial Risk Management Paper – Draft Paper had been sent to Councillors and will be approved and adopted at the April meeting.

Grass cutting 2016/17 – It was reported that Truelink had submitted their quotation for the coming year which would remain the same as in 2015. It was agreed to accept this.

- 6 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – Mr Halfpenny reported that he will be attending the next Urban and Civic meeting. They are trying to front-run the Local Plan. 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.urbandandcivic.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** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:
Glasdon – Focus on Local Councils
Clerks and Councils Direct, March 2016
SLCC – The Clerk, March 2016

9 Finance

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1111 Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary February 2016	£549.42
1111 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet February 2016	£7.00
1111 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for ink cartridge	£15.00
1111 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for postage	£8.00
1112 Inland Revenue – PAYE February 2016	£189.60
1113 Neville Diver – Maintenance February 2016	£80.00
1114 CVC – Minibus December 2015/January 2016	£118.80
1115 CVC – Minibus February 2016	£50.16

10 Planning

New Applications

S/0299/16/LB – Glazed link between dwelling and outbuilding, 3 Ravensdale, Mr Owen. **No objections**

S/027316/FL – Proposed works involving the removal of the first floor balustrade from the existing balcony and the access doors to the balcony. Doors will be replaced with new curtain wall system and glass to match the existing and remain in keeping with the current finishes palette, Building 1000, Cambridge Research Park, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Zurich Assurance. **No objections**

Approved

S2970/15/FL – Plant Room – 2 new areas of plant on roof of building, Building 8100, Cambridge Research Park, Beach Drive, The Workplace Consultants.

S/3084/15/FL – Two storey extension to courtyard area, single storey front extension and additional car parking, Emmaus Cambridge, Green End, Mrs D Docherty.

Treework

CA058-12-2-16 – Tree work in TPO area, 16 High Street, Mr Hale. **No comments**

CA058-8-2-16 – Tree work in TPO area, 71 High Street, Mrs Hinkins. **No comments**

CA058-8-2-16 – Tree work in TPO area, 16 High Street, 73 High Street, Mrs Hinkins. **No comments**

11 Councillors Reports

Mr Leeke reported on the following:

The County Council have confirmed that cuts will be made across the board, particularly vulnerable adults and services for children. Highways will reduce gritting from 40% to 30% which could affect the Landbeach to Cottenham route for school buses.

Urban and Civic at their workshop had raised concern about a site route for cycling, A10 and moving Waterbeach Station which would be disadvantageous to Landbeach. Network Rail are trying to close level crossings.

Parking at the station, they are considering prohibiting parking for one hour in a day and this would be checked so people parking all day would get a ticket.

Parish Council could pay for time of PCSO to check on car ticketing.

Dr Gambell reported that the Village Hall are putting up their rates by 3% for village groups and 5% for people outside.

Mr Grant asked about the Parish Council contributing to 'What's On'. Clerk to contact Barbara Le Gallez in relation to this.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

A Parishioner had asked that the verges from Walnut Close to the Chapel are not cut until the daffodils die down.

The gullies along the cycle path are blocked with debris.

More bark is required for under swings and climbing frame in play area.

12 Date of Future Meetings

4 April 2016

9 May 2016 plus AGM

26 May 2016 Annul Parish Meeting (APM)

The meeting closed at 8.52 p.m.

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