

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 5 June 2017 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 Peter Hatley, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr David Metcalfe, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Ms Anna Bradnam (County Councillor) and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor).

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Ingrid Tregoing (District Councillor).

2 **Minutes of last Meeting** – Minutes of meeting held on 8 May 2017 were approved.

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 3 May 2017 were approved.

Minutes of AGM held on 8 May 2017 were approved.

3 **Declaration of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Matters Arising**

Neighbourhood Watch - There was nothing to report.

Tithe Barn – Dr Gambell reported that there will be activities over the Fen Edge weekend, 24 and 25 June 2017. The Parish Council have been invited to lunch on Sunday 25 June 2017.

Frith Fen Drove, Green End – SCDC have confirmed that they have prepared a Planning Enforcement Notice which is currently with their legal department for checking and they hope to serve it on the owners.

Damaged slats opposite The Church – It was reported that this work will be carried out in the Autumn as the blue tits are nesting.

Speeding in High Street – Mr Halfpenny reported that they are still waiting for costs from manufacturers for speed monitoring equipment.

Mr Stevens asked about the strips that have been put across the road outside his house. Clerk to contact Highways.

Mobile Warden – As Ms Tregoing was not at the meeting, she sent a report saying she thinks that she and Jane Williamson have managed to secure enough funding to get the Community Warden started. The most likely arrangement is that Waterbeach Parish Council will act as a conduit for funds which will be ringfenced and passed to Age UK if necessary.

Action Plan – Parish Plan – There was nothing to report.

Facebook – There was nothing to report.

Light in car park – Mr Hinkins reported that the electrician had looked at the light which is still coming on intermittently. He will look at other lights at a lower level to see if this would solve the problem.

Bus Shelter – It was reported that Site Enhancements Ltd will complete the work on the Bus Shelter in the next ten days. Mr Hinkins will speak to Mr Matthews in relation to the colour of the bench which it was agreed should be dark stain. They will discuss the position of the light.

It was agreed that the bus timetable would go on the back wall.

Hedging on left towards Cottenham Road – Mrs Hale agreed to contact parishioner who owns this land.

Annual Return – Year ending 31 March 2017 – It was reported that this had been signed off by the Internal Auditor on 31 May 2017 and forwarded to External Auditor.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Parish Notice Board – It was reported that a request had been received from a Parishioner asking for the Parish Notice Board to be situated near the Parish Council Notice Board.

This was discussed and Dr Gambell suggested that the Parish Council Notice Board should be the Parish Notice Board as it was larger. The old Parish Notice Board needs replacing and it was agreed to look at costings for a new board.

Bouncy Castle – Recreation Ground – A request had been received from a parishioner to erect a Bouncy Castle on the Recreation Ground for a party on 19 August 2017. This was agreed in principle if the company who erect the Bouncy Castle have their own insurance.

SCDC Tree Safety Course – Hunts District Council are organising a Tree Safety Course. Mr Hatley agreed to attend this.

Ms Bradnam reported that a lot of trees do not have a TPO and are being cut down without consultation with the Parish Council.

Trustees of WMHM – The Parish Council have been invited to the Official opening of Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum on 17 June 2017.

SCDC – SCDC and Parish Councils Liaison meeting is on 27 June 2017.

LVH – Car parking request, Recreation Ground – A request has been received from the Village Hall to use part of the Recreation Ground for car parking for an event on 17 June 2017. This was agreed.

6 Play Area – Mushrooms

Fenland Leisure have confirmed that they are unable to repair the existing mushrooms which are damaged.

Three quotes have been received to replace the 3 spinning mushrooms:

Fenland Leisure £1,491 + VAT.

Playtime £1,357.00 + VAT

Action Play and Leisure £1,344 + VAT

The quote from Fenland Leisure was accepted as they provided all the play equipment previously and the quote included removal of the old mushrooms.

- 7 **Fixed Assets Register** – It was reported that Came and Co had visited the village and carried out a valuation of the Council’s Assets. They have updated the current Asset Register and have reported that the value has increased and the insurance premium would go up an extra £172.29 per annum. The current fee is £1,064.71.

This was discussed and it was agreed that some items e.g. computer equipment did not need to be insured so high as prices have fallen. Clerk to look into reducing the cost.

- 8 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning – Waterbeach Barracks** – SCDC have reported that they are going through all of the public consultation responses. They are waiting to hear back when the A10 Study will be published. There is no firm date on this. They will ask the County Council what public engagement will take place on the A10 options.

- 7 **‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in March 2017.
 ‘What’s On’: Dog Fouling, Speeding in the Village, setting up a Parish Forum, Stagecoach. Volunteers for Speedwatch training. A Mobile Warden is being considered and ask if parishioners would be interested in such a scheme. Parish Plan. Are Parishioners receiving SCDC Magazine. New telephone number and email address for Parish Council.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Finance

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1217 Maria Sylvester - Clerk’s salary May 2017	£447.00
1217 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet May 2017	£15.00
1217 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for top-up for Council phone	£10.00
1217 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for Cartridge and paper	£24.00
1218 Inland Revenue - PAYE May 2017	£155.60
1219 Steve Wynn - Maintenance May 2017	£64.00
1220 CVC – Minibus hire April 2017	£68.64
1221 Cambridgeshire Acre – Membership renewal	£54.00
1222 CAPALC – Membership renewal	£271.00
1223 Truelink Ltd – Grasscutting May 2017	£497.34

Income

AVIVA – Insurance claim for Bus Shelter	£11,856.00
HMRC – VAT reclaim	£1,214.75

10 Planning

Approved

S/0992/17/FL – Single Storey front and rear extensions to bungalow and porch, Frith Meadow, Green End, Mr and Mrs Williams.

S/0381/17/FL – Two storey side extension and front porch, 98 High Street, Mr Ellwood.

Tree Application

S/1799/17/TC – Tree works subject to a Tree Preservation Order, 18 High Street, Mr Buckley.

Approved

For Information only

Application for Confirmation of Discharge of Condition 8 of Planning Application S/0678/12/OL, Building Research Park, Mr Bamford.

11 Councillors Reports

Mr Johnson reported the following:

The Community Chest Fund at SCDC was now open.

A lot of people are saying they are not getting the SCDC Magazine. If you are not receiving this, please notify him.

He is still waiting for a date to meet with Police to decide on the best area to carry out a speedwatch in Landbeach.

Ms Bradnam reported the following:

At her first County Council meeting, the Conservative majority voted to appoint Conservative Chairs and Vice-Chairs to all Council Committees. This was expected, but in addition, the Council also voted to approve a number of changes to the Constitution.

She had a meeting with Jeremy Smith, CCC Head of Transport Infrastructure Policy and Funding and Sarah Hatcher, Project Manager for the A10 Corridor Study. They advised that the Study will only look at the A10 corridor itself and not any impact on the B1047 or other side roads. She also learned that it is unlikely that the Report will be produced before October 2017.

The new Cambridge North Station opened on 21 May 2017.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

The verges at the Slap-up junction are very overgrown and it is very dangerous getting out of Waterbeach Road. Ms Bradnam agreed to look into this.

Trees are overhanging near the bus shelter. Clerk to report to Highways.

There are a lot of brambles overhanging by the High Street post box. Clerk to report to Diocese of Ely.

Mr Stevens reported that trees are overhanging on left of Cockfen Lane. Clerk to report to FOWM.

12 Dates of Future Meetings

3 July 2017

4 September 2017

2 October 2017

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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