

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 3 December 2018 at 7.30 p.m., in The Village Hall

Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr David Grant, Mr Peter Hatley, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Ms Elizabeth McWilliams Mr David Metcalfe, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk), Ms Anna Bradnam (District/County Councillor).

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Julian Garratt, Ms Hazel Smith (District Councillor) and Ms Judith Rippeth (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of last Meeting** – Minutes of meeting held on 12 November 2018 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** – There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Neighbourhood Watch – It was reported that there had been two break-ins. People need to be aware of various scams going around and be vigilant.

Tithe Barn – It was reported that there will be carols on 8 December 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs – Mr Halfpenny had reported that the MVAS had operated for 3 weeks at the Southern end of High Street. This location showed generally higher levels of speeding than any other, so subject to more monitoring, there could be a case for introducing a 40mph slow-down zone coming into the village from the South. Much the same as in Waterbeach on Car-Dyke Road.

Came and Co, Insurance Company, have confirmed that Volunteers, Councillors and employees undertaking activities on behalf of the Parish Council, such as moving the MVAS are covered.

Clerk to look into whether the signs should be insured against loss or damage while in the Parish Council's possession.

Mobile Warden – It was reported that the Mobile Warden had left and a temporary Warden was in place.

SCDC are offering a Mobile Wardens grant scheme. This is open to applications until 25 January 2019. Our local scheme had a start-up grant this year and it is hoped we will get at least as much next year. It is possible that more Landbeach people would sign up if the service was free.

Section 106 money – It was reported that public open space monies can be used for improvements, The result of the questionnaire will indicate where Parishioners think this should be used.

Questionnaire – Mr Metcalfe tabled questionnaires that had been returned. A summary will be put in 'What's On'. Councillors to look at this and make a decision at the next meeting on what action to take?

Pavements – Councillor Bradnam reported that according to County Council’s specification, the repair of pavements has a low priority. Areas in need of repair should be identified and reported. She will ask Highways to come and look at what needs doing.

Finger Board – It was reported that the work on the Finger Board will be carried out when it is better weather.

Bus Service – There was nothing to report.

Trees outside 71 Green End – It was reported that this work had not been carried out. Mr Hatley agreed to look into it.

SCDC Emergency Plan – SCDC have sent an Emergency Planning Guidance Booklet to assist with the process. They have also sent a template. They would like to receive the Landbeach Plan by 31 January 2019. Ms Mcwilliams agreed to look at the proposal and bring some suggestions to the next meeting.

Ditch Cockfen Lane – This was discussed and it was agreed that the boundary is road side, ditch edge. The ditch is not fit for purpose and it will cause flooding across the road to the Tithe Barn and Waterbeach Road. It is the responsibility of Cambridge County Council County Farms to clear the ditch as a matter of urgency. To do this properly it is likely to be quite expensive (the local farmer who had been subcontracted by Cambridge County Council to do the hedge has said he could do it for £2,000).

Bus Shelter – It was reported that belonging had been left in the Bus Shelter by someone homeless and rats were in the shelter. These have been destroyed as the person had not been seen for some time. A vote of thanks went to Mr Wynn for clearing this and dealing with the rats.

Cambridgeshire Local Council Conference 23 November – This was attended by the Chairman who reported that it was an interesting and informative day. 85 local councils had attended and there were a number of useful Workshop sessions. There was also a talk by James Palmer, the Mayor of the Combined Authority, and he highlighted the housing crisis and transport, including the problems with the bus service. A bus service review is about to be published. Apparently local bus operators make 13-15% profit whereas London ones only make 5%. He has the ability to franchise services, linking profitable routes in the city to unprofitable rural routes. Stagecoach are not keen so he expects a fight. He also believes in infrastructure first and is pushing government for many schemes including the A10 upgrade. He favours a Metro scheme with good walk and cycle links to the stations.

5 Clerk/Chairman’s Report

Churchyard Maintenance – Dr Gambell reported that the grass cutting contractor had looked at the work that needed doing and would send a quote to The Clerk.

Dates for meetings 2019 – This was discussed and agreed. The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) would be on 15 April 2019 subject to availability of the Village Hall.

SLCC Membership 2019 – Membership is £122 for the year. This was agreed.

CCC – Funding for Bikeability cycle training in schools - Bikeability cycle training is offered as a free service to all Cambridgeshire primary schools. The DfT have not been able to provide a guarantee that all of the funding required will be available in future. They are asking Councils to consider making some sort of financial contribution towards the cycle training, to ensure that demand can be met in their local area. This was discussed and it was agreed to enquire how many Landbeach

children are in the local primary schools. It was felt that this was a school issue and the schools should fund raise for it.

Tuesday Bus – Dr Gambell reported that there is potential for two extra people on the bus.

CCTV – This was discussed and it was felt that all members of the Council should know how to operate the CCTV system. Clerk to ask Dent Security about training.

6 **Play Equipment, Fence and MUGA** –

Mr Hinkins reported that the fencing has been ordered, it will be painted green and the gate will be yellow.

Painting play equipment – Mr Hinkins reported that this will be carried out when the weather improves.

7 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning**

Waterbeach Barracks - Waterbeach Community Forum – Councillor Bradnam reported that the revised SPD (Waterbeach Supplementary Planning Document) will be brought before Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 22 January and then to Cabinet on 6 February 2019. The SPD will inform the design of the New Town which will be built over the next 30 years.

Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation – There was nothing to report.

8 **‘What’s on’ Newsletter**

It was agreed to put the following in November 2018 ‘What’s On’:
Questionnaire, Mobile Warden, Waterbeach SPD

9 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

10 **Finance**

1340	Maria Sylvester – Clerk’s salary November 2018	£456.40
1340	Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for internet November 2018	£15.00
1340	Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for top up for Council phone	£10.00
1340	Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for postage	£7.63
1340	Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for computer supplies	£36.00
1341	Inland Revenue – PAYE November 2018	£157.60
1342	Steve Wynn – Maintenance November 2018	£64.00
1342	Steve Wynn – Reimbursement for building supplies	£19.95
1343	Jane Ward – Donation for flowers for the Church 11 November	£100.00

11 **Planning**

New Application

S/3963/18/F – Two storey side and rear extensions to the restaurant, Bollywood Spice, Ely Road. **No**

Recommendation

S/3489/18/FL– new application – Erection of two detached dwellings, garaging and vehicle access, 60-70 High Street. **No Recommendation**

Amendment

S3489/18/FL – Erection of two detached dwellings, garaging and vehicle access, Land between 60-70 High Street.

Refused

Dropped kerb – Sandalwood, Ely Road.

Approved

S/3855/18/FL – Part replacement of flat roof with pitched roof to single storey section at side and ground floor extension to rear of garage, 134 High Street.

12 Councillors Reports

The District/County Councillors had circulated their reports before the meeting. All reports are held by Clerk.

Councillor Bradnam updated the meeting with the following:

Highways had reported that the faults reported by the Council had been put onto a three year rolling programme of review. Councillors were disappointed about this as they felt the pavement was a danger to pedestrians who are infirm and those in wheelchairs.

There have been complaints in relation to the road markings at the junction of High Street/Waterbeach Road, Cockfen Lane. She suggested engaging with the owner of the property near the Give Way sign on Waterbech Road, asking them to trim back the vegetation around the sign to maximise its visibility.

She will raise both these matters again with the Local Highway Officer and ask her to attend a site visit and advise members of the Parish Council.

In relation to MVAS, the volunteers from Landbeach need to be formalised as a Joint Working Party of the Parish Councils. This will be put on the next Agenda.

Mr Hatley said that the barn on Waterbeach Road might belong to County Farms. It could be worth enquiring if they had recently re-let it.

13 Dates of Future Meetings

7 January 2019

4 February 2019

4 March 2019

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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