

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 6 February 2017 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, Mr David Metcalfe, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor) and Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk).

Public Participation: Urban and Civic Urban and Civic's (U&C) representatives informed the Council that a planning application for Waterbeach Barracks is in the process of being submitted. This would be for 6,500 dwellings. This application is on behalf of U&C and is separate to any that might be forthcoming from RLW for adjacent land. For modelling purposes, U&C stated that the total number of dwellings on the U&C and RLW land was assumed to be a maximum of 10,000

To produce the application, they have been working with SCDC, RLW and Cambridgeshire County Council.

U&C said that if and when the whole Waterbeach New Settlement (ie including the RLW land) was given planning permission, then major infrastructure improvements would undoubtedly be mandated by planning authorities. In the meantime, U&C had looked at a range of infrastructure improvements that would support their own application.

Mr Page said that in relation to transport, existing Waterbeach railway station would be improved, an A10 Park and ride would be introduced and there would be new walkways/cycleways from Landbeach to Waterbeach. They are investing in public transport and there may be shuttle buses to the Research Park from the railway station. Despite local improvements such as those described above, U&C's transport consultants project that there would be an increase of 700 additional cars per hour on the A10.

Mr Halfpenny asked about the newsletter as it has not been entirely clear about the relationship between U&C & RLW, describing the development area as 'the Barracks and Airfield' when in fact over 50% is RLW controlled green field land and the newsletters 'front running' the outcome of the Local Plan Examination.

The Council considered if U&C newsletters should be distributed (by U&C) to parishioners and decided that as long as the concerns expressed in the previous paragraph were to be addressed, then it would be acceptable for U&C to do this.

Mr Paul Geary in relation to implementation of speeding restrictions in the village. This was discussed later in the Agenda.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Nicola Boak, Mr Peter Hatley, Ms Ingrid Tregoing (District Councillor) and Mr Maurice Leeke (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of last Meeting** – Minutes of meeting held on 5 December 2016 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest - S/0109/17/TC** – Dr Gambell declared an interest in Item 10 Planning, S/0109/17/TC - Tree works to be carried out within a Conservation area, All Saints Church, Green End,
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Worts Meadow – It was reported that there is a lot of dog fouling on Worts Meadow. Clerk to report to County Farms.

Neighbourhood Watch - There was an attempted theft of a horse trailer at around 7.30pm on 23 January; others locally had been stolen. About a month ago, a white van (LD04 WEP) had been driving around the backs of properties ‘looking for old batteries’ but this was not the vehicle attempting to take the trailer.

Tithe Barn – Dr Gambell reported that there is a Committee meeting on 8 February 2017. Things are progressing. Peter Hatley had agreed to cut back the path to the fence

Spaldings Lane – There was nothing to report.

Frith Fen Drove, Green End – Mr Johnson reported that SCDC were visiting the site.

Play Area – Basketball post and mushrooms

It was reported a quote for £250 had been received from Mr Bullman to repair the pole. This was accepted. It was also reported that he had quoted £230 for repairing and painting the white back boards to basketball rings when the weather improves. This will be carried out when required. This was agreed.

Mr Hinkins reported that he had received a quote from Fenland Leisure Products Ltd to replace the three damaged mushrooms, this was £452.50. It was agreed to get two other quotes.

Damaged slats opposite The Church – This work will be carried out when the weather improves. This work needs to be carried out before March as the birds will start nesting. Mr Hinkins agreed to put a net over it so that the birds do not nest this year.

Speeding in High Street – This was discussed and it was agreed to contact other Parish Councils to get feedback about the speeding measures they have implemented and why.

A questionnaire was carried out in Landbeach in 2007 and parishioners showed an interest in interactive signs but most were not keen on lumps and bumps in the road.

Mr Leeke has organised a meeting to discuss 20mph schemes with the Police, Milton, Waterbeach and Landbeach Parish Councils on Thursday 23 February 2017 at 7.30 p.m., in The Pavillion at Waterbeach.

Speeding will be discussed further when this meeting takes place.

Mobile Warden – It was reported that one person in the village had shown an interest in this. It was reported that there is a small cost involved for the service and this should be put in ‘What’s On’. It was felt that in Landbeach a lot of friends and neighbours helped each other.

Action Plan – Parish Plan – Mr Metcalfe reported that this is now on Facebook.

Facebook – Mr Hatley had reported that this is ongoing. Mr Metcalfe reported that Facebook needs material to be updated weekly to keep people interested. Councillors should add information to it (via Mr Hatley or Mr Metcalfe).

APM (Annual Parish Meeting) – 3 May – It was agreed to invite Tony Martin (PCSO) from the Police to talk about highways and security.

Telephone/Internet – It was reported that the Parish Council has a new telephone number **07724047656**. New email is Landbeachparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Bus Shelter – The replacement of the bus shelter was discussed and it was agreed to get three quotes. Before this, we need a specification for like-for-like (or similar) structure – required for insurance purposes - so contractors can quote for this and also for an improved version, sympathetic to the local surroundings. Clerk to ask a Landbeach builder to help with this spec.

Precept 2016/17 – SCDC have confirmed a Precept of £23,000 for 2017/18.

5 Clerk/Chairman’s Report

SCDC – Local Plan Examinations, Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire - They are asking for interested parties to team up when making representations. Mr Halfpenny agreed to contact Waterbeach and Milton Parish Councils.

7 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – As this was discussed at the beginning of the meeting, there was nothing to add.

8 **‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in February 2017.
 ‘What’s On’: Affordable Housing, Dog Fouling, Speeding in the Village, setting up a Parish Forum, Stagecoach. Ask Parishioners to keep their front paths and verges tidy as it causes problems for prams and wheelchairs. Not to park cars on the pavement which obstructs pedestrians, wheelchair users and pushchairs. Residents to be vigilant with the darker nights about locking doors and locking cars. Volunteers for Speedwatch. A Mobile Warden is being considered and ask if parishioners would be interested in such a scheme. New telephone number and email address for Parish Council.

9 Correspondence – The following correspondence was put into circulation:

Glason
Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2017

10 Finance

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1194 Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary January 2017	£420.29
1194 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet January 2017	£15.00
1194 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for postage	£7.56
1194 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for Mobile phone	£49.99
1195 Inland Revenue - PAYE January 2017	£152.20
1196 Steve Wynn - Maintenance January 2017	£64.00
1197 DJA – Demolition of bus shelter	£600.00

11 Planning

New Applications

S/0108/17/FL – Demolition of existing garage, construction of open car port and single garage, Jasmine Cottage, 79 Green End, Mr Alexander. **Supports**

Approved

Plot Y, Cambridge Research Park, Building 6100, Beach Drive, Vindis Group.

Withdrawn

S/3115/16/FL – Change of use of existing stables/storage buildings to commercial use, Rectory Farm Barns, Akeman Street, Mr Quail. **For information only**

Permitted Development Regulations

S/3439/16/FL – 52 High Street, Ms Cahn. **For information only**

Appeal

APP/WO530/W/16/3157894 – Pleasant View, Ely Road, Mr Barham – Appeal dismissed. **For information only**

Tree Work

S/0109/17/TC – Tree works to be carried out within a Conservation area, All Saints Church, Green End, Dr Gambell. **Approved**

12 Councillors Reports

Mr Johnson reported that he had had a meeting with Network Rail to discuss the provision of extra trains until Cambridge North junction is complete.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

The light in the car park still goes on and off intermittently. Clerk to report to electrician. The play area needs to be cleaned up. He suggested getting a working party to wash play equipment, seats and clean basketball area. Mrs Hale will see if Amey Cespa are interested in sending a team to do it.

Mr Hatley had reported that the bend at the bridge near New Farm had been hit by a car and was dangerous. Clerk to report to Highways.

Mr Halfpenny reported that there is a pothole in Waterbeach Road. Clerk to report to Highways.

Mr Metcalfe reported the following:

There is a lot of dog fouling on the High Street and Worts Meadow.

People walk across daffodils round the Village Sign. Hopefully this won't happen when daffodils come out.

13 Dates of meetings

- 6 March 2017
- 3 April 2017
- 3 May 2017 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)
- 8 May 2017 Plus AGM

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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