

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 6 March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

Present: Mrs Melanie Hale (Chair), Dr Ray Gambell, Mr Dave Grant, Mr Peter Hatley, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr David Metcalfe, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor), Ms Ingrid Tregoin (District Councillor), Mr Maurice Leeke (District Councillor) and Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk).

Public Participation: George Walker, Conservative Party candidate for elections in May. Just attended as an observer.

1 Apologies for Absence were received from Ms Nicola Boak and Mr John Halfpenny,

2 Minutes of last Meeting – Minutes of meeting held on 6 February 2017 were approved.

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

4 Matters Arising

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens reported that the next Panel meeting was on 22 June.

Tithe Barn – Dr Gambell reported that the next meeting is on 8 March 2017. Application is going in to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Consultants have been contracted and have produced a splendid vision of what to do with the Tithe Barn. The Fen Edge Archology Group will carry out a survey in Autumn 2017.

Frith Fen Drove, Green End – Mr Johnson reported that SCDC had visited the site and reported that the two storey building required planning permission.

Play Area – Basketball post and mushrooms

It was reported that Mr Bullman will carry out this repair.

Damaged slats opposite The Church – Mr Hinkins reported that he has put a net over the area so that the birds do not nest until the carpenter has carried out the repair.

Speeding in High Street – This was discussed.

A parishioner had raised concerns about safe walking in the village especially crossing the road to the church. The pavements from the A10 to the village are also inadequate especially for elderly disabled mobility buggies.

Dr Gambell reported that the information already obtained forms a good basis for anything the Council want to do to move forward. He suggested inviting the Highways Engineer to come and walk the road to discover where improvements need to be made to reduce speeding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Leeke for organising a meeting to discuss 20mph schemes with Milton, Waterbeach and Landbeach Parish Councils on Thursday 23 February 2017 at 7.30 p.m., in The Pavillion at Waterbeach. This had proved to be very informative.

Dr Gambell had been encouraged at the meeting to get in touch with the County Cycling Officer to carry out a survey setting out where cycle routes to adjacent villages could be put. Cottenham Road is a bus route with high speed. Waterbeach Road pavements are frightening and cycling people should look at it. Pavement should be designated as a cycling route. Crossing A10 should have the kerb lowered.

Dr Gambell proposed the following:

Contacting Highways with a request for interactive signs to be shared between Landbeach, Milton and Waterbeach and moved around the villages.

Co-operate with the other villages.

Get price for 30-40mph stickers for residents to put on their bins.

It was agreed to respond to the letter in 'What's On' from a parishioner criticising the Parish Council. There is a Parish Plan and the Parish Council has been working for sometime on the issues raised in the letter.

Mobile Warden – Ms Tregoin reported that they have been unsuccessful with getting funds from the Cambridge County Council Innovation Fund because it was going to be under the heading of AGE UK.

Action Plan – Parish Plan – It was reported that Beach Farm is going to be sold by County Farms. This could be a prime area for housing.

Mr Hatley said he thought that the Walnut Close site (which is a rural exception site) should be extended for affordable housing. Another possibility is Waterbeach Road where County Farms own the land.

Mrs Hale said that this could go into an enhanced Parish Plan.

A parishioner had said that she and her husband might be interested in the opportunity to downsize. Other older residents might also feel this way.

Facebook – Mr Hatley reported that Facebook needed to be continuous and as accurate as possible. Anyone can join it.

APM (Annual Parish Meeting) – 3 May – It was reported that Tony Martin (PCSO) from the Police is unable to speak at the APM. It was agreed to invite Urban and Civic to speak.

General maintenance – It was agreed to get a working party together to clean the play equipment and basketball court. There were several volunteers, date to be arranged.

Light in car park – Mr Hinkins reported that the light is still coming on intermittently. Clerk to contact Langley Electricians.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Financial Regulations and Standing Orders – These were discussed and it was agreed that expenditure may be authorised up to £500 by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman. This will be evidenced by a minute at the next meeting.

These were approved and adopted.

Bus Shelter – It was reported that only one quotation had been received for the rebuilding of the bus shelter as other builders were not interested in doing it. This was from Site Enhancement Ltd for the cost of £10,645 plus VAT. It was agreed to forward this to the Insurance Company. Site Enhancements will be asked to quote for the seat as this had been omitted from the quote.

Play Area – Mushrooms – Three quotes had been received for the replacement of the damaged mushrooms. It was agreed to accept the quote from Fenland Leisure Products Ltd for £452.50.

SCDC Parish Council Elections – SCDC have reported that the District Council Elections have now changed from members being elected by thirds to all out elections every four years. The order has now been passed. All Parish Councils will be up for election in 2018 and every four years after.

SCDC – Change of Bin day – This will now take place on Fridays.

Truelink Ltd – Quotation for grass cutting Landbeach 2017 – It was reported that the prices has increased slightly. This was discussed and agreed.

EON – Contract rates – It was reported that the rates will increase from 1 April from 14.40 per kWh to 15.7 per kWh.

S137 Allowance for 2017/18 – It was reported that the allowance for Landbeach is £7.57 per elector. Approximately 600 electors in Landbeach totals £4,542.

Sport England – Ownership of Recreation Ground – They are updating their data base and have asked the Council to confirm ownership. This was agreed.

CCC – Innovation Fund – There is a meeting on 30 March at Over Community and Conference Centre.

- 6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – There is an Outline Planning application for 6,500 dwellings at Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield Site. Consultation evenings are going to be held at St John's Church Hall, Station Road, Waterbeach CB25 9HL on:
Saturday 18 March 2017 – 10am-2pm, Thursday 23 March 2017 3pm-8pm, Wednesday 29 March 2017, 3pm-8pm
Deadline for Parish Council response is 10 April 2017.

A parishioner who is a transport consultant has offered to look at the relevant documents and advice.

- 7 **‘What’s On’ Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in March 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.

- 8 **Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:
 BROXAP – Litter and recycling bins
 Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2017

9 **Finance**

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1198 Maria Sylvester - Clerk’s salary February 2017	£420.09
1198 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet February 2017	£15.00
1198 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for postage	£7.56
1198 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for top-up for Council phone	£10.00
1199 Inland Revenue - PAYE February 2017	£152.40
1200 Steve Wynn - Maintenance February 2017	£64.00
1201 OJ Gardening Services – Churchyard maintenance	£72.00
1202 CVC – Minibus hire – December, January and February	£188.76

10 **Planning**

New Applications

S/038/17/FL – Two storey side extension and detached garage to replace existing sheds, 98 High Street, Mr Ellwood. **Supports**

S/0559/17/OL – Outline planning application for up to 6,500 dwellings, Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield Site, Waterbeach, Secretary of State for Defence and Urban and Civic Plc. **This is ongoing**

Withdrawn

S/3439/16/FL – Rebuild existing brick boundary wall fronting the highway, 52 High Street, Ms Cahn. **For information only**

11 **Councillors Reports**

Mr Leeke reported the following;

The meeting at Waterbeach in relation to speeding had been successful.

There are going to be cuts to services

There will be more money in the budget next year for road maintenance

Urban and Civic have put outline plans in for the development of Waterbeach Barracks. The consultation will start on 18 March 2017 and continue until 7 April 2017. The County Council elections and Mayoral elections are on the 4 May 2017. The A10 survey is being carried out by the County Council. Transport is going to affect Landbeach.

Mr Johnson reported the following:

The speedwatch kit has been calibrated. Volunteers will come from Waterbeach and carry out a speedwatch. The Police restrict where you can do it.

At Waterbeach station the back platform collapsed in the winds.

The car park at Cambridge North is complete.

Clearing the wood to allow more cars to park would cost £60K.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

The hedge is badly damaged near Worts Farm.

Elderly parishioners are fearful of going out at night because the footpaths are getting progressively worse. Clerk to notify Highways.

Mr Hatley reported the following:

The white lines near the BP Garage next to Industrial site need repairing.

The bend at the bridge near New Farm has been hit by a car and is dangerous. This was reported last month.

Dr Gambell reported that the old lamp post had not been removed at Walnut Close. The new one has been erected. Clerk to report to Balfour Beatty.

There is trouble with the lights in Matthew Parker Close.

12 Dates of Future Meetings

3 April 2017

3 May 2017 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

8 May 2017 Plus AGM

5 June 2017

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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