

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 3 April 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 Peter Hatley, Mr Gerald Hinkins, Mr David Metcalfe, Mr Andrew Stevens, Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor), Ms Ingrid Tregoing (District Councillor) and Mrs Maria Sylvester (Clerk).

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr John Halfpenny and Mr Maurice Leeke (District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes of last Meeting** – Minutes of meeting held on 6 March 2017 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** – Dr Gambell declared an interest in Item 10 Planning S/1035/17/FL.
- 4 **Matters Arising**

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Stevens reported there had been a break in in the High Street. A shed had also been broken into. Parishioners need to be vigilant.

He also reported that he had attended a Community Safety Day at SCDC which was very interesting. It consisted of four workshops.

Tithe Barn – Dr Gambell reported that applications are going in for major funds. Beach Babies are doing regular visits. The Trust raised £400 serving tea at the Hyacinth weekend.

Frith Fen Drove, Green End – SCDC have confirmed that the two storey mobile home/chalet requires planning permission. The owners were invited to submit a retrospective planning application but this has failed to materialise as the owner's planning agent has advised that the unit does not need planning permission. The Council believes that it does and is now seeking to issue a Planning Enforcement notice in this matter

Play Area – Basketball post and mushrooms

It was reported that Mr Bullman has repaired the basketball posts and back board. The mushrooms will be replaced April/May.

Damaged slats opposite The Church – It was reported that this cannot be repaired until the Autumn as the blue tits are nesting.

Speeding in High Street – A parishioner who is a cyclist had raised concerns about the number of incidents she has seen of speeding and dangerous driving from Waterbeach Road through the High Street. She was disappointed the average speeds measured by Urban and Civic over a 24-hour period were so low. As a cyclist the most dangerous part of the journey into Cambridge is where the speed limits change between 30mph in the High Street and 50mph on Landbeach Road. Another parishioner had commented that a pinch point here would surely help slow traffic heading south out of the village.

All these concerns will be taken into account when considering future speeding implementations.

There is a meeting with Highways officers on 11 April to go round the village and consider which traffic calming options would be effective and affordable.

Mr Johnson reported that he now has the speedwatch kit. He, with the Police, will identify areas where it can be carried out. It was agreed to ask in 'What's On' if people would be interested in training.

Mobile Warden – Ms Tregging reported that they have applied to the Evelyn Trust for funding.

Dr Gambell reported that the Waterbeach Patient Group has an open meeting on 5 April for carers.

Action Plan – Parish Plan – Mr Metcalfe has had a response from seven parishioners in relation to the Parish Plan, mostly in relation to speeding. He agreed to update the Parish Plan for the APM.

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

APM (Annual Parish Meeting) – 3 May – It was reported that Urban and Civic will speak at the APM. It was agreed to invite the Cambridge News to this event.

General maintenance – It was reported that a working party had cleaned the play equipment and basketball court on 1 April 2017. A vote of thanks was given to the people who had attended.

Light in car park – Mr Hinkins reported that the electrician had looked at the light which is still coming on intermittently. It is too high for him to look at on a ladder. He would have to get a cherry picker.

Mr Hinkins agreed to ask the electrician to get information from the lighting manufacturers to work out the spread of the light to see if the light might be replaced by one at a lower level – this would make future maintenance easier.

Bus Shelter – It was reported that the Insurance Company will not accept the quotation for the slate roof on the bus shelter. It was agreed to forward the second invoice for £9,480 plus £400 for the bench seat, which is like for like and the Parish Council will meet the difference.

5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

Inland Revenue – They require that PAYE be paid electronically from now on. Clerk to look into the best way to do this as two signatures are required from Councillors.

CAPALC – National Increase for Clerks 2017/18 – It was reported that the hourly rate for the Clerk has increased from £12.44 to £12.56. This is from the 1 April 2017.

Recreation Ground – Grass cutting – It was reported that Truelink have quoted £150 for a 'cut and collect' on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to accept this.

Parishioner's complaint – It was reported that a parishioner had complained about the parking of numerous vehicles on the grass verge in Green End and the general antisocial behaviour of the tenants. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council could not get involved in this. The District Councillor agreed to speak to SCDC in relation to this.

6 Local Planning/Strategic Planning – Waterbeach Barracks - It was reported that the Parish Council have been given an extension until the 10 May to comment on this application.

Dr Gambell said that the concern for Landbeach is what traffic will go through the village. Other villages will also be concerned about transport. Additionally each village will have specific concerns.

Mr Metcalfe said that there will be Park and Ride buses coming through at regular intervals.

Anna Bradman, SCDC and Councillor for Milton has asked for a meeting with other villages to discuss what the responses should be. It was agreed to offer 20, 24 and 27 April.

Mr Johnson reported that he had attended the Local Plan Hearing meeting at SCDC. It was a good hearing. Everyone had a chance to speak. He felt that the Inspector was not impressed with SCDC.

He said that the A10 Transport Corridor report will now be out in June/July. The building design plans, especially where there are high buildings, are not in keeping with the landscape, it is a fenland landscape.

Dr Gambell and Mr Halfpenny had produced suggested responses to the application. It was agreed that these can now be merged to form the core of the response.

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 about locking doors, cars and sheds.. Volunteers for Speedwatch training. A Mobile

Warden is being considered and ask if parishioners would be interested in such a scheme. Parish Plan. New telephone number and email address for Parish Council.

8 Correspondence – The following correspondence was put into circulation:

The Clerk – March 2017

Glasdon – Focus on Local Council

9 Finance

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1203 Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary March 2017	£442.72
1203 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet March 2017	£15.00
1203 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for top-up for Council phone	£10.00
1204 Inland Revenue - PAYE March 2017	£154.40
1205 Steve Wynn - Maintenance March 2017	£64.00
1206 Dexter Bullman – Basketball posts	£480.00
1207 Truelink Ltd – Grassing cutting March 2017	£211.62

Draft Income and Expenditure for year ended 31 March 2017 tabled. This was discussed and no comments were made.

10 Planning

New Applications

S/0894/17/FL – 2 storey Garden room extension to rear of property, 15 Waterbeach Road, Mr Kiliti. **No recommendation**

S/1035/17/FL – New glazed link between the existing dwelling and outbuilding, 3 Ravensdale, Mr and Mrs Owen. **Supports**

S/0992/17/FL - Single storey front and rear extension to bungalow, Frith Meadow, Green End, Mr and Mrs Williams. **Supports**

Amended Application

S/0381/17/FL – Two storey side extension and detached garage to replace existing sheds, 98 High Street, Mr Ellwood. **Supports**

11 Councillors Reports

Mr Hatley reported that the hedge near Cottenham Road needs cutting. It is causing visibility problems and is a potential traffic hazard. Clerk to report.

Mr Hinkins reported the following:

Ask County Council not to cut daffodils on verges

Hedge near High Street post box needs cutting back

Vans are blocking view as cars come into village which is dangerous

He had met with Highways who identified the worst areas of footpaths are from Village Hall to Abrahams Close and towards Beach Babies

They will look into potholes

The Social Club is trying to encourage people to use it. There is a new Committee trying to be more active. He asked the Parish Council if they would be willing to allow tables outside and put a small picket fence around this area. They could be kept in the container if there was enough room. Dogs would be allowed in that area on a lead. This was agreed in principle.

Would the Parish Council be prepared to support the installation of Wifi in the Village Hall? The Village Hall, Social Club might be able to contribute towards it. This was agreed in principle. Mr Hinkins to obtain cost involved.

12 Dates of Future Meetings

- 3 May 2017 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)
- 8 May 2017 Plus AGM
- 4 June 2017
- 3 July 2017

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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