

LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 5 December 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

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

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ms Nicola Boak.
- 2 **Minutes of last Meeting** – Minutes of meeting held on 7 November 2016 were approved.
- 3 **Declaration of Interest** Dr Gambell declared an interest in Item 5 bend and car park at All Saints' Church.
- 4 **Matters Arising**
 - Worts Meadow** – There was nothing to report.
 - Neighbourhood Watch** - Mrs Hale reported that a suspicious white van had been seen in the vicinity of her property.
 - Tithe Barn** – Dr Gambell reported that all kinds of grant applications were being submitted. The Architecture Heritage Fund is the first one to go in.
 - Spaldings Lane** – Mr Hinkins reported that he had inspected Spaldings Lane when there had been heavy rain and there were no problems.
 - Frith Fen Drove, Green End** – There was nothing to report.
 - Play Area Gates**
Mr Hinkins reported that the carpenter had repaired the handrail in the Play Area. He had looked at the gate and will get a price for the timber. The mushrooms need to be replaced.
 - Light above Defibrillator keypad** – It was reported that the light over the defibrillator was working fine.
 - Damaged slats opposite The Church** – This work will be carried out when the weather improves.

Waterbeach Station – Parking – Mr Johnson reported that he was still investigating the possibility of extending the car park.

Speeding in High Street – Mr Halfpenny reported Urban and Civic had confirmed that they would supply the Council in the New Year with data which will identify the speeding areas.

Mr Johnson will get the Speedwatch Kit and this should give some statistics as well.

Mr Hinkins reported that Mick George had purchased a machine for a village that records the speed of cars as they speed by. The cost is around £3,000.

Clerk to look into the possibility of the manhole being removed near the Church as it was felt this was one of the reasons for the accidents into the Old Rectory wall.

Damaged manhole cover – It was reported that Anglian Water had confirmed that this would be repaired on 8 December 2016.

Mobile Warden – Councillor Tregoing and Jane Williamson had produced a proposal (in conjunction with AgeUK) for getting a Mobile Warden in collaboration with Waterbeach. This was discussed and it was agreed in principle. There would be running costs, to be shared between SCDC, Parish Councils, grants and charities. Mr Halfpenny agreed to consult with Dr Williamson from Waterbeach to work out what proportions Landbeach Parish Council might be asked to contribute to these costs.

Action Plan – Parish Plan – This was discussed in detail and Mr Hatley and Mr Metcalfe agreed to consult with people in the village to try to find out what their requirements would be. Mr Metcalfe will put this in ‘What’s On’. There is a need to identify a blank area in the village that could be used for affordable housing, Waterbeach Road, back of Chapmans Close, if this is something people would want. Development of a full Neighbourhood Plan is also under consideration: this would benefit from input from the whole village.

5 Clerk/Chairman’s Report

SCDC – Council Tax Base – It was reported that the Council Tax base (number of band D-equivalent properties) for Landbeach is 376.8. The Precept for next year will be set at the January meeting.

City of Ely Council – Routine Play Inspection Cover – They are considering running a course. This was discussed and it was felt that this was not relevant at present.

SLCC – Membership renewal – It was agreed to renew the membership, the cost is £121.

MAGPAS – Raffle tickets to sell – Councillors will purchase some of these.

SCDC Parish Planning and Briefing Programme 2016/17 – It was reported that courses are available. Clerk will hold this document for information.

Bend at All Saints' Church – A Parishioner had asked if the Parish Council are considering taking any steps to improve the safety of the bend at All Saints' Church. This was discussed and it was agreed to wait until the speeding data had been received.

Car Park for All Saints' Church – A Parishioner had asked about the possibility of having a car park at All Saints' Church. This was discussed and it was agreed that this would not be practicable and would spoil the whole aspect of the main entrances to the Church and/or The Old Rectory. Planning permission would never be granted. Moving the road slightly to the west, e.g. to create a layby/dropping off area, would be prohibitively expensive and straightening it would encourage people to drive even faster.

6 Policies

The following Policies were approved and adopted:

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment for Village Hall

- 7 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – Mr Halfpenny reported that he was very unhappy about the article that appeared in 'What's On' in relation to Urban and Civic. He felt it had jeopardized his position as spokesman for the Parish Council in relation to what is happening in Waterbeach and which will affect Landbeach. He felt he could not continue doing this.

Dr Gambell responded that if Mr Halfpenny didn't continue to carry out the work he had done for the last 15 years, there would be no strong arguing position with evidence and facts. The Council would be much weaker if he didn't do it.

This was discussed in detail and Mr Halfpenny thanked the Parish Council for their confidence in him and agreed to carry on fighting for what is best for Landbeach.

Mr Halfpenny agreed to invite Urban and Civic to the next Parish Council meeting.

- 8 **'What's On' Newsletter** - It was agreed to put the following in November 2016 '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.

9 Correspondence – The following correspondence was put into circulation:
Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2016

10 Finance

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1181 Maria Sylvester – Clerk’s salary November 2016	£420.09
1181 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet November 2016	£7.00
1182 Inland Revenue – PAYE November 2016	£152.40
1183 Steve Wynn – Caretaking November 2016	£64.00
1184 Cottenham Village College – October 2016 minibus	£67.32
1185 Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting October 2016	£431.08
1185 Truelink Ltd – Grass cutting November 2016	£48.00
1186 Gerald Hinkins – Reimbursement for Christmas lights	£29.98

10 Planning

New Applications

S/3115/16/FL – Change of use of existing stables/storage buildings to commercial use, Rectory Farm Barns, Akeman Street, Mr Quail. **Objects because of concern about traffic implications on a single track road and going past Village Hall car park and Recreation where children are playing. Delivery vehicles would damage the road.**

S/2927/16/FL – Proposed changes to elevations including new glazing with glazed door to front elevation and relocation of vehicle door on the site elevation facing car park. Changes to internal layout. Changes to car park layout including the relocation of cycle enclosure, construction of new Valet building, construction of bin enclosure, construction of knee rails and retractable bollards to main entrance to provide security to the site, Plot Y, Cambridge Research Park, Building 6100, Beach Drive, Vindis Group. **No Recommendation**

Appeal/APP/WO530/W/16/3157894

S/1300/16/FL – Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement dwelling, Pleasant View, Ely Road, Mr Barham.

Refused

New Access to Unit 1 and 2, Worts Farm Barn, 16 High Street, Mrs Alston.

Tree work applications

SCDC have reported that they will no longer send paper plans for tree applications, everything will be available on line.

11 Councillors Reports

Ms Tregoin reported the following:

Mr Leeke and she had visited Dr Brookes in relation to speeding. Mr Leeke agreed to arrange a meeting with Waterbeach, Milton and Landbeach to discuss a scheme that would reduce speeding. The police have to be satisfied with the scheme.

The Devolution results are now available.

The Chestnut tree at the entrance to The Tithe Barn path needs the crown raising to improve access.

Mr Hinkins reported that he was having trouble purchasing a large Christmas Tree.

11 Dates of meetings

9 January 2017

6 February 2017

6 March 2017

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

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