

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Landbeach Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall

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

**Public Participation:** Mr White and Mrs Ellwood in relation to Item 11 Planning S/3439/16/F1, 52 High Street. They objected to reducing the height of the wall.

**1 Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr John Halfpenny and Mr Peter Johnson (District Councillor),

**2 Minutes of last Meeting** – Minutes of meeting held on 5 December 2016 were approved.

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

**4 Matters Arising**

**Worts Meadow** – There was nothing to report.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - It was reported that drug dealing is taking place in the car park. Mr Stevens will contact Police in relation to this.

**Tithe Barn** – Dr Gambell reported that there is a Committee meeting on 11 January 2017. Things are moving quickly. They have been awarded an Architectural Heritage Fund grant to assess the project viability.

**Spaldings Lane** – There was nothing to report.

**Frith Fen Drove, Green End** – Ms Tregoin agreed to speak to Mr Johnson in relation to the two storey houses and 16 caravans which were situated on this site.

**Play Area Gates**

It was reported that the basketball pole was broken. This had been made safe. It was agreed to ask Dexter Bullman for a quotation to repair it. The mushrooms need to be repaired or 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** – There was nothing to report.

**Speeding in High Street** – Mr Halfpenny had sent some data from Urban and Civic. This showed that 84% of the south-bound morning peak traffic flow is from Cottenham. Average speed on Waterbeach Road is 39-40 mph and the High Street is 31-32 mph. This is a broad summation over 24 hours on weekdays.

Dr Gambell proposed putting in a reduction of the speed limits, Waterbeach Road 30mph and the High Street 20mph. The cost of the signs would be £1,500-£2,000. His proposal was discussed but not agreed. Other traffic calming measures might need to be considered in conjunction with this with the initial cost covered by a PWLB loan and thus spread over a number of years. Highways website pages give costs of various options.

Mr Leeke reported that he wanted to set up a meeting between, Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach with the Police to discuss 20mph limits, as any change would have to be supported by the Police. The next run of bidding is November this year.

It was agreed to wait until after this meeting had taken place to take things further.

**Damaged manhole cover** – It was reported that Anglian Water had repaired the manhole cover.

**Mobile Warden** – Ms Tregoin reported that funding for this has been agreed. Landbeach would pay up to £1,000 a year (probably considerably less pro-rata'd amount in conjunction with Waterbeach) towards the scheme. This would be a commitment of three years with a minimum of two.

**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.

**Facebook** – Mr Hatley reported that this is ongoing.

## 5 Clerk/Chairman's Report

**APM date and Speaker** – Clerk to look into possible dates. It was agreed to invite the Police Inspector at Histon. At the next meeting it will be discussed whether to invite Urban and Civic. It was also agreed to ask Cottenham Village College to give a report as a number of Landbeach children attend the College.

**CAPALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party – 23 May 2017** – Nominations for someone to attend this need to be submitted by 23 January. This was discussed and no nomination was made.

**Telephone/Internet** – It was agreed to replace the landline telephone with a mobile which would cost in the region of £8.50 per month which includes 250 calls a month. We are currently paying over £300 per year for the telephone which is mostly rental and VAT. It was also reported that the internet charges had increased to £15 per month. It was agreed to put new telephone number in ‘What’s On’ and on notice board.

**Bus Shelter** – It was reported that the bus shelter had been damaged by a car on Thursday 5 January 2017. SCDC Structural Engineer has confirmed that it needs to be demolished within seven days as it is dangerous. . Three quotes had been obtained which had to be sent to the Insurance Company for approval. The Parish Council accepted DJA’s quote for £500 plus VAT.

It was also reported that the adjacent street lights are not working. Clerk to report to Balfour Beatty.

**CVC Minibus Training** – CVC have asked the Parish Council to pay for one more driver to be trained, the cost is £132. This was agreed.

**SCDC** – Proposed new service to Parish Councils – Tree health and safety surveys. It was agreed to show an expression of interest in this.

**Potholes** – As it is now pothole season this was discussed. It is not yet a problem in Landbeach and it was agreed to keep reporting potholes in the usual way as recent response has been satisfactory.

- 6 **Precept** - The Precept was discussed and it was agreed to ask SCDC for £23,000 for 2016/17. This is an increase of £2,000. This is to cover additional expenditure such as Bus Shelter Insurance Excess, tree work, traffic calming, extra cost of minibus, replacing play equipment.
- 7 **Local Planning/Strategic Planning** – As Mr Halfpenny was not at the meeting there was nothing to report.
- 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. New telephone number for Parish Council.

- 9 Correspondence** – The following correspondence was put into circulation:  
 SLCC – The Clerk January 2017  
 Ironmongery Direct  
 SLCC – Post Referendum message

**10 Finance**

The following cheques were agreed for payment

1187 Maria Sylvester - Clerk's salary December 2016	£539.57
1187 Maria Sylvester - Reimbursement for internet December 2016	£7.00
1187 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for postage	£6.60
1187 Maria Sylvester – Reimbursement for toner cartridge	£13.00
1188 Inland Revenue - PAYE December 2016	£182.20
1190 Steve Wynn - Maintenance December 2016	£80.00
1190 Steve Wynn- Reimbursement for batteries	£6.10
1191 Cottenham Village College – Minibus - November 2016	£83.16
1192 SLCC – Membership renewal 2016	£108.00
1193 Gerald Hinkins – Reimbursement for Christmas Tree	£100.00

Budget Control Statement up to December 2016 was tabled. There were no comments.

**11 Planning**

**New Applications**

S/3439/16/F1 – Rebuild existing brick boundary wall fronting along the highways, 52 High Street, Ms Cahn. **Objects on the grounds it would change the appearance in front of a prominent building in the High Street, It would also pose a safety hazard to pedestrians as over the wall there is a drop to the basement.**

**Approved**

S/2927/16/FL – Proposed changes to elevations including new glazing with glazed door to front elevation and relocation of vehicle door on the side 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.

**Tree Work**

S/3537/16/TP – Tree works to be carried out within a Conservation area, Rothwell, Ely Road, Mrs Beer. **Approved**

**12 Councillors Reports**

Ms Tregoin reported the following:

South Cambridgeshire District Council is asking residents and businesses how their money should be spent in delivering services to them over the next five years, with a draft plan setting out four priority areas from 2017 to 2022. This does build on work already being carried out to reduce costs and increase Council income to deliver value for money services to help communities and businesses thrive.

The consultation on the Council’s corporate plan will close on Friday 20 January 2017. Please visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/council-aims-and-objectives](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-aims-and-objectives) to view the full plans and have your say.

Mr Hatley reported that there is a lot of hare coursing being carried out around the village and in other villages. It has become a real problem.

Mr Hinkins reported that the light in the car park goes on and off intermittently.

**13 Dates of meetings**

- 6 February 2017
- 6 March 2017
- 3 April 2017
- 3 May 2017 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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