Landbeach Parish Council Information

Our Parish Council have been busy on our behalf – corresponding with Stagecoach and obtaining information on the plans for development at Waterbeach, so they have an extra sheet to themselves this month.

Your contact point is the Parish Clerk, Maria Sylvester (mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk, 01954 252400)

Gritting Volunteer Sought - to help during ice and snow. Training, equipment and supplies provided. Interested? Contact the Clerk. Maria Sylvester.

Landbeach Helpline - contact Maria Sylvester (Clerk) to obtain contact details for relevant groups/agencies who may be able to help you.

Speedwatch - There have been several complaints of speeding in the village. The Parish Council are hoping to join Milton Parish Council Consortium, who are considering sharing the necessary equipment. If you want to do something practical about speeding, contact the Clerk, Maria Sylvester.

Urban and Civic - The newsletter from this company, developing Waterbeach Barracks, will be put in the red telephone box on the High St for parishioners to help themselves**.** Or look online at http://www.urbanandcivic.com/projects/strategic-land/waterbeach/site-details and http://www.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk
You can find these links on the village website www.landbeach.org.uk

South Cambs DC magazine - this should be delivered to you by 13 March. If it has not arrived by that date, please contact Smart Distribution by email scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk or tel 0800 6444 011. Thank you to Landbeach resident Terry Chapman for this info.

Village Web site - events / info / live bus times - **www.landbeach .org.uk**

STAGECOACH PROBLEMS

The Parish Clerk has written to Stagecoach about the problems with the bus service. Here's the reply from Stagecoach's Operations Manager. Please tell the Clerk if you have complaints about the bus service so that a file can be built up.

I write with regards to your recent email concerning our 9 service, and I am sorry to read of the incidents which your Parishioners have described.

This is not something which we are aware of happening, and is certainly not something which we are introducing our drivers to do when buses are full. So that I may investigate this matter further, and get to the bottom of what is happening, I would be grateful if you could supply some further information. Dates and times of when buses have missed the village will enable me to identify the specific buses and drivers involved and deal with the matter accordingly.

I am not sure whether you are aware or not, but we have recently made a change to our 9 and Citi 2 services in and around the Landbeach area. Following the introducing of newer higher specification buses to the 9 route, we have introduced a number of faster journeys from Ely which operate directly along the A10. To ensure that Landbeach residents do not suffer as a result, some of our Citi 2 journeys have been extended to start and finish in Waterbeach, serving Landbeach on route. These changes started from 4th January and I wonder whether this had led to the complaints from your Parishioners.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

The Stagecoach Operations Manager

PROPOSED WATERBEACH NEW TOWN UPDATE

The Draft Local Plan inspection was suspended by the independent Inspector last year for a number of reasons including questions about the soundness of the proposed new settlement at Waterbeach. Cambridge City and South Cambs. District Councils are due to submit revisions to the Draft Local Plan by the end of March and the Inspector is expected to publish her findings around the end of 2016.

Independently of the Draft Local Plan inspection, Urban and Civic (who were appointed by the DIO to take forward the development of the Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield site and who are working with RLW who wish to develop the agricultural land to the north and east of the Airfield) held open days in October and have published a couple of newsletters about the site and consultation process that they would like to follow. The Parish Council have some copies of the newsletters, which can also be found at www.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk

Following on from the open days, Urban and Civic are holding follow-on workshops in January to March, which will culminate in their proposed Development Framework being published for consultation in April 2016. Landbeach Parish Council will be represented at some of the workshops, with special interest in Transport, Utilities, Facilities and Amenities. Details of the workshops are also on the website above.