

## LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** - Chairman Councillor Prowse  
Councillors Beer, Halliday, Mrs Hommell, Lane, Lovell and Medland.  
**Also Present:** M. Isaac Parish Clerk and DCC Councillor Edgell  
**Apologies:-** Councillors Mrs Morton and NDC Councillor Luggar

### 193 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 194 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

### 195 QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following issues were raised by Parishioners.

- a) A Parishioner stated that the playing area in Barleycorn Fields was a grassed area and asked if the Parish Council had considered a grassed surface for the play are in Tanners Road.

The Chairman stated that the matter would be considered later in the agenda but the ground was damp and a grassed surface would get very muddy.

- b) A Parishioner stated that the temporary speed limit signage erected for the Portmore Roundabout works was very confusing. The speed limit was graded in one direction and not in the other. It was agreed that the signage needed to be looked at and to raise the matter later in the agenda when DCC Councillor Edgell was in attendance.
- c) A Parishioner raised concerns at the large fissures appearing due to the large developments taking place in the Parish. There is an underground watercourse that runs from Acland Road to Hearson. It would appear that Devonshire did not undertake a geology study

### 196 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

In the absence of NDC Councillor Luggar the Clerk read out a report from Councillor Luggar.

It was noted:

- a) That Devonshire Homes had agreed to put natural slate on a limited number of prominent properties at the Acland Road site; and to place low level lighting on the footpath into the millennium Green. However, the lighting would not extend beyond the boundary of the planning site.

- b) That NDC had placed a notice on the boat parked in the lay by at Mazzard Close which had been removed but the Council was taking further action to remove it as soon as possible

### **197 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILOR TOLLEY ANGEL**

The Council noted the resignation of Councillor Tolley Angel who due to studying commitments in London was unable to attend Parish Council meetings.

The formal process had been activated and if no election is requested by the due date the Council would look to co-opt a new person onto the Council.

### **198 DEVONSHIRE HOMES COMMUNITY LAND TRANSFER**

The Chairman reported that he had received a formal letter from the Millennium Trustees accepting the offer of Devonshire Homes to take ownership of the Community Land.

However since the receipt of the letter he had been advised that the land transfer had to be agreed by NDC and Devonshire Homes.

It was agreed to re-affirm with Shaun Harrington, NDC Senior Planning Officer that the Parish Council believes that the ownership of the land should be vested with a Statutory Elected Public Body namely the Parish Council which has some level of resources available to it.

### **199 POLICING MATTERS**

There were no issues to report

### **200 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

It was noted that the Police had dealt with the issue of the brake down truck parking in the entrance to South Hayes Copse.

### **201 PLAYING FIELDS**

The Clerk reported that the application to seek s106 funding for the replacement of the swing had been submitted to NDC and that an application for a Community grant of £400 from NDC Councillor Lane towards the play equipment repairs had been successful.

The Parish Council thanked Councillor Lane for his support.

The Clerk and Chairman reported that they had met Andrew Moulton, NDC Parks Officer on site to discuss an appropriate replacement safety surfacing material at the Tanners Road play area. He had following the meeting provided a list of play area providers.

### **202 MILLENNIUM GREEN**

There were no issues to report

### **203 OLD SCHOOL CENTRE**

There were no issues to report

### **204 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER**

It was noted that there had been a machine failure at the printers and the newsletter would be late arriving.

### **205 NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported he had received the amended reserved matters planning application for Westacott Grange that needed to be determined before the next Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed to consider the application at an extra ordinary Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 @7.00 p.m.

### **206 FINANCE**

RESOLVED:

#### **a) Payments**

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Clerk's Expenses	£	24.42
C. Waldron	Web Site	£	99.13
Wickteed	Repairs to Play equipment	£	1,077.60
S. Harman	Sundries for OSC	£	5.29

#### **b) Budget 2017/18**

The draft budget for 2017/18 (previously circulated) was agreed and adopted.

### **207 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no Planning matters for consideration.

The Chairman of the Planning Sub Committee updated Council on the application considered by the Sub Committee at the meeting prior to Council.

### **208 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Edgell reported that the DCC had agreed to increase its portion of the Council tax by 1.99% plus an extra 3% for Adult Social Care.

He also reported that he had been successful in obtaining an additional £2 million for the repair of rural roads and an additional £1/2 million for rural road drainage.

Councillor Prowse stated that as part of the Fairer funding for schools Landkey Primary School would be losing 7% of its funding by 2019.

Councillor Edgell stated that nothing had yet been agreed and was only currently a proposal. All Devon MP's were lobbying for fairer funding for schools in Devon.

#### **209 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that an item regarding the Neighbourhood Plan be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Councillor Mrs Hommell reported that Miles Sellick, North Devon Homes had thanked the Parish Council for its support for the Bakery Way play area.

#### **210 NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. preceded by Annual Parish meeting at 7.00 p.m.

#### **211 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Council excluded the public and press from the meeting to consider a Personnel issue.

#### **212 CLEANER/OSC BOOKINGS ADMINISTRATION**

The Council considered a request from the cleaner/bookings administration.

It was agreed that 6 monthly payments be made based on ½ hour per room booking as from 1 March 2017.

**Chairman**

**Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.**