MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 pm

Present: - Councillor Halliday (Chair)
Councillors Clayton, Consterdine, Hommell, Lane, Prowse and Warwick.

NDC Councillor Lane

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - None

161. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Hayes and Nel and NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth

162. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

163. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

There were no issues raised by the Chair as a matter of urgency:

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

165. PUBLIC SESSION

There was no questions from Parishioners

166. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Lane reported the following:

- That a public consultation was being held regarding the moving and expanding of the customer service who were looking to relocate to a vacant unit within Green Lanes Shopping Centre.

The Clerk reported the following on behalf of NDC Councillor Haworth- Booth.

- Community Speedwatch
  The last session was at Meadow Close / Blakeshill Road on Wednesday 25 October. 152 vehicle movements were counted heading east. No speed infringements. The majority of the traffic was heading west. At a previous session at the Mazzard Close

footpath access on Blakeshill Road, 705 vehicles were counted heading north (no speeding recorded). 752 vehicles heading west were recorded in Swimbridge on Thursday 19 October (again no speeding). At all these sessions held since the diversion started the fuel fumes had been very strong. It was decided, with approval from the police officer we liaised with at Community Speedwatch, that the risk to health was too high, therefore the speed watch was concentrating on Landkey Road at Jon Beer's Autos for the duration of the diversion.

- Planning - the Castle Inn retrospective planning application would be heard at the Planning Committee on Wednesday 8 November (10 am at Brynsworthy offices of NDC).

167. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

In the absence of DCC Councillor Henderson there was no DCC report.

168. LANDKEY MAZZARD COMMUNITY HALL TRUST WORKING GROUP

The Chair reported that the Trust Working Group was meeting next week to finalise its proposals for presentation to the Parish Council at the 6 December Parish Council meeting.

He also reported that a draft lease had been drawn up between the Parish Council and the Landkey Mazzard Trust which would be presented to a future Parish Council meeting.

169. PUNK PANTRY

Councillor Clayton reported that the Punk Pantry (free food bank) previously located in the carpark next to the Castle Inn had some time ago been removed by the land owner (North Devon Council) due to complaints. The pantry had been sourced by the community and had provided a needed service. He considered that a similar service should again be provided.

It was suggested that Councillor Clayton contact Swimbridge Church who provided a food drop off and collection point in the church porch and also the Castle Inn pub landlord who may be able to help.

170. POLICE

The Chair reported that there had been a number of anti-social incidents in the village. He had reported the incidents to the Police but had not yet had a response. The car parking problem recently reported had however been sorted.

It was suggested the local PCSO be invited to a future meeting.

171. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was reported that the zebra crossing at the entrance to Barleycorn Fields required re-painting and cleaning.

It was agreed to pass to DCC Councillor Henderson to action.

It was suggested that at the end of the current Link Road works the cones be retained on a temporary basis to help maintain the traffic flows through the village during night time closures and that future parking restrictions along to Blakes Hill Road be considered subject to advice from DCC and wider community consultation.

It was noted that Councillor Hayes had requested an item for the next meeting regarding the provision of 20 mph speed limit through the village and surrounding roads.

172. PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Lane reported that the Playing Fields Committee had agreed to erect 'Dogs on Leads' signs on the playing field.

173. MILLENNIUM GREEN

It was reported that the hedgerows had been cut.

174. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

It was noted that the external door in the kitchen required repairing/replacing.
Councillor Lane agreed to contact James Isaac regarding the guttering and Lead flashing.
Councillor Halliday reported that the electrician would undertaking the agreed electrical works on the 9th and 15th of November.
It was also stated that the external passage was slippery and required cleaning.

175. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues reported.

176. SOCIAL MEDIA

There were no issues reported.

177. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

There were no further issues reported.

178. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac Expenses including CO2 monitor + annual costs	£533.50
HMRC Income Tax Payment – Clerk/Caretaker Salary	£104.00
Woodward Smith – Architect Fees New Community Bldg.	£484.62
British Legion – Poppy Wreath	£50.00
North Devon Council – Dog Bin Emptying	£234.00

R. Halliday New Defib battery £204.00

b) Financial Position

The current financial position as at as at 25 September 2023 - Current A/C £55,828.33 (£5,206.43 remaining grant ringed fenced for Community Building Fees) and - Business Reserve 11 September 2023 £23,405.96 was noted.

179. PLANNING MATTERS

To Council noted a report from the Chair of the Planning Sub Committee on applications considered prior to the Parish Council meeting.

180. CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Council noted an email seeking a funding contribution to the North Devon Record Office.
b) The Chair reported that he had received various complaints regarding anti-social behaviour in the village.

181. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The following items were raised:
Introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on the C783 and local roads in the parish
Punk Pantry/Food bank
Mazzard Hall design brief

182. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 6th December 2023 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman
The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.