

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00 pm**

Present: - Councillor Halliday (Chairman)
Councillors Beer, Hommell, Lane, Morton, Nel and Prowse.

DCC Councillor Henderson

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - 2

249. APOLOGIES

There were no Apologies.

250. MINUTES

a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

The Council recorded its thanks to Councillor Beer and Beverly Adams for their hard work in delivering and providing a book exchange facility in the Old Telephone Box.

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

There were no matters brought forward at the discretion of the Chairman.

252. PLANNING – PRESENTATION BY MARIA BAILEY, NDC SERVICE MANAGER (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT), STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING.

Maria Bailey outlined her role and plans to improve communications and service to Parish Councils.

- There was currently a resource shortage due to recruitment problems. She was looking to undertake a graduate recruitment exercise with in-house training.
- Additional Enforcement Team resources.
- Improve the capacity of the software to process applications more efficiently (currently only using 10% capacity)
- Now on top of the application validation process and up to date. Prior to Christmas there was a 6-7 weeks backlog.
- Look at improving and updating the website and quality of decisions.
- Two Planning Teams – North and South. Lead Officer for Landkey Jenni Meakins (South Team)
- Looking at providing Planning training for Parish Councillors

- Will be looking at providing Planning training for Parish Councillors and involvement in the Local Plan Review.

In answer to the following questions re:

5 years land supply – No problem with granting planning permissions but in delivery by developers. There was a ‘tilted balance’ in favour of sustainable development. There was a requirement for 30% affordable housing provision. A review of the 5 years land supply would be considered later in 2022.

Local Plan Review – Call In for sites – NDC would be seeking potential sites for housing and employment development.

Pre-Planning Application Advice – Will details be supplied to Parish Councils when considering applications. It was agreed that this would be raised with the Planning Teams.

It was stated that attendance by Planning Officers at Parish Council meetings for Major Applications would be welcome.

253. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

254. PUBLIC SESSION

A Parishioner raised concerns regarding the Bus Shelter at the bottom of Bakery Way. He stated that there was anti-social behaviour from youngsters using the bottom bus shelter for skateboarding and as a goal and causing a noise nuisance. Several of the seats had also been ripped out. The shelter was little used as most people used the bus shelter at the top of Bakery Way and residents would like to see this bus shelter removed.

He also stated that there appeared to have been no planning permission for the Bus Shelter that was erected in 2002.

255. NDC COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

NDC Councillor Lane had no NDC issues to report.

256. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

DCC Councillor Paul Henderson reported the following issues:

- a) That Devon County Council had set out an ambitious plan describing its strategic priorities over the next four years. The plan described goals that the Council believed would help make Devon the best place to grow up, and where more of us can live well and prosper. Supporting it, the Council would have annual plans setting out what it would do each year to achieve those strategic goals. It would be asking for the public’s input to the annual plans, inviting people to let the council know what could and should be done in order to achieve the priorities.

Those priorities, available on the council's website, were:

- Helping Devon respond to the climate and ecological emergency, and working to protect and improve our natural environment
- Working together to ensure all children are safe, healthy and can thrive with opportunities to fulfil their potential
- Helping Devon achieve inclusive economic recovery and sustainable growth, ensure more people can take advantage of opportunities, and invest carefully to improve infrastructure
- Making Devon a fairer place, address poverty, health and other inequalities, and ensure support for those people and families struggling most
- Help people to be healthier and more resilient, ensure everyone gets the care they need, and support people to live their lives well
- Support all our communities to be safer, better connected and more resilient with a focus on communities at greatest risk or in greatest need.

- b) That the NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was working with local health and care partners on a project that gave certain patients grants to help them leave hospital when they were ready to go home but still needed some extra care and support for up to four weeks. The Hospital Discharge Personal Health Budget Grant (HD PHB Grant) scheme aimed to facilitate timely, appropriate and safe discharges from hospital. The grant was a one-off payment of up to £1,200 per individual to support a patient's short-term health and wellbeing needs and can be used to pay for additional childcare or pet care so that family or friends can be freed to provide support. It can also be used for transport costs so a person can travel to provide care. The grant also covered the one-off purchase of equipment that can support a patient during their initial recovery at home and where this equipment cannot be sourced through the CCG's existing equipment services. The grant cannot be used for everyday living costs such as rent or utility bills, to pay debts nor for purchasing additional medical treatment, tests, appliances, products and services.

The state of the link road surface from the Landkey junction to the Portmore Roundabout and under the bridge at the Bishops Tawton roundabout were raised.

Councillor Henderson stated that the problem had been reported and he would chase up DCC Officers as to when the patching repairs would be undertaken.

257. SHAPING OUR FUTURE- AIMS AND OBJECTIVES DOCUMENT: UPDATE

It was agreed that an informal meeting be held on 8th February 2022 @ 7.30 pm with David Wyborn to discuss the updated draft document.

258. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP

The Chairman reported that the meeting held on 19th January 2022 had agreed the following objectives for 2022:

- Prepare a Building Scope and specification
- Investigate the Group becoming a limited liability charity
- Investigate Funding opportunities and Fund raising.
- Engagement at the Summer Social on the Millennium Green

- Prepare an A4 leaflet outlining aims and objectives and with an artist impression of proposed Community Building
- Prepare a Project Plan.

259. COVID IMPACT ON THE PARISH – PARISHIONERS AND BUSINESSES.

There were no issues raised

260. PROVISION OF FENCING BETWEEN THE MUGA AND ALLOTMENT LAND.

The Clerk reported that TK Play had been provide a quote of £6,664.80 including VAT. The specification however differed from the other quote received.

It was agreed to defer consideration to compare the quotes received at the next Parish Council meeting.

261. AMENDED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

The Clerk reported that he had not had a response from Swimbridge Parish Council.

262. ASSETS INSPECTION

The Clerk reported that the Council needed to have an asset inspection regime. Following the last meeting he had contacted Barnstaple Town Council and who had provided details of a Play Area inspection company.

Councillor Nel agreed to speak a contact regarding possible contractors.

263. NEW COMMUNITY FACILITY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE.

Councillor Prowse suggested that a possible consideration could be to replace the existing WI bench on the green area near the shop with a longer environmentally friendly wooden bench.

It was agreed:

- To contact the WI to see if they would have any objections
- That the Clerk contact Barnstaple Town Council for details of the company that they use to supply benches.

Councillor Prowse stated that the milestones around the village needed re-pointing and possibly listing.

264. PUMP TRACK/SKATEBOARD PARK: UPDATE.

Councillor Hommell reported that the group were still exploring opportunities/information and were in contact with a group in South Molton who were in the process of delivering a similar project.

265. BUS SHELTER – BAKERY WAY

The Chairman reported that he had had several letters of complaint from residents regarding anti-social behaviour from youngsters using the bottom bus shelter for skateboarding and as a goal. Several of the seats had also been ripped out and the residents would like to see the bus shelter removed.

It was noted that this bus shelter had been a long running cause of complaint and maintenance issues.

It was agreed that before considering the future need for the bus shelter it was agreed to establish its ownership and usage via the bus company.

266. POLICE

There were no issues reported.

267. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Beer reported that residents' hedges were over growing the highway in Denes Road. He agreed to contact Devon County Council to action.

It was also reported that there was removal/movement of soil relating to the work on the Link Road on the Car Boot Field.

Councillor Prowse raised concerns at the number of ND Link Road closures when none had been programmed.

Councillor Halliday agreed to raise the issue at the next ND Link Road Liaison meeting.

268. PLAYING FIELDS

i) Litter Bin Emptying

The Clerk reported that NDC had provided a price of £2.50 per bin collection.

It was agreed to take no further action at present.

269. MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Chairman reported that Michael Gee and Charles Waldron were co-ordinating an event in the Millennium Green for the June weekend of the Queens Platinum Celebrations.

It was agreed that the Parish Council support the event as required and loan out any equipment required.

270. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

Councillor Beer reported that the boiler had been repaired and that he had received a quote of £85 + VAT from Current Electrics to provide and instal and new external LED light.

It was agreed that the quote be accepted.

It was reported that the Landkey Horticultural Society were holding a Village show on 3rd September 2022 and had enquired about using the Old School Centre.

It was agreed not to charge the Horticultural Society for the hire of the Centre, if required.

271. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

The Chairman reported that Survey Collection Boxes would be located in the shop, Pub, School and Willows Tea Café.

272. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac	Expenses	£18.83
HMRC	Income Tax Payment – Clerk Salary	£125.20
G Maynard	Provision of shelving in telephone box	£293.00
North Devon Council	Dog Bin Emptying	£78.00
Lonsdale Direct Solutions	Newsletter and Survey	£231.00
S. Harman	OSC Sundries	£2.00

b) Financial position.

The financial position as of 24th December 2021 - Current A/C £51,804.62 and – Business Reserve 9th December 2021 £23,263.36 was noted.

c) Budget 2022/2023

The Council considered and adopted the draft budget 2022/23 (previously circulated).

273. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 74592 Notice of an application to modify a planning obligation under regulation 3 of the T & C P (modification of planning obligations) Regulations 1992 in respect of applications 54923, 59666 and 60487 Mixed use development comprising 250 dwellings together with 2.8 HA innovation Park at Land to the West of Portmore Golf Course (known as Mount Sandford Green) Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Refusal. There was a need for affordable homes in the area and the proposal sought was considered unreasonably and considerably reduced the required percentage of 30%.

- b) 74653 Extension and alterations to dwelling together with erection of garage, 6 Newlands Close, Landkey

RECOMMENDED Approval

- c) 74664 Extension to dwelling 3 Orchard Cottages, Tanners Road, Landkey.

RECOMMENDED Approval

- d) 74670 Extension and conversion of garage to form annex Bradgate House, Acland Road, Landkey

RECOMMENDED Approval

274. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:

Introduction of Beavers – Venn Stream

An Email from Steve Evans, Venn Beaver Group regarding attending a meeting to discuss the introduction of Beavers along the Venn Stream.

It was agreed to invite Mr Evans to the next Parish Council meeting.

Defibrillator outside the Shop

The Clerk reported an incident that had been reported to him regarding the use of the defibrillator and the electric pads.

He had contacted the supplier who had advised on the inspection criteria and the life span and use of the electric pads.

It was agreed:

- a) To purchase new pads at a cost of £49.95
 - b) That the inspection requirements be noted and volunteers sought
 - c) That a notice be installed stating that the defibrillator was provided by donations from the and Parish Council.
- Councillor Halliday agreed to obtain a quote.

275. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no issues raised.

276. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 @ 7.00 p.m.

277. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

- a) That under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended from time to time) namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information).
- b) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as Not for Publication.

278. STRATEGIC LAND PROPOSAL

The Chairman informed Council of a strategic land proposal.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.