

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE 2021 AT 7.00 pm**

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

NDC Councillor Luggar and DCC Councillor Henderson

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - 1

52. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Morton.

53. MINUTES

a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

Minute 30 – ND Link Road Closure: DCC Response

It was noted that as part of the contract, the County Council had made the Contractor Alun Griffiths responsible for complaints, press releases and general communication with all, including Parish Councils. This responsibility sought to focus the Contractors thoughts on planning the works efficiently and look to lessen the impact that they had on the minor road network and neighbouring villages. The Contract also placed restrictions on the number of days/times of day that traffic signals, closures and other highway management can be used to reinforce the process above. The County Council staff are on site and repeatedly reminding the Contractor of these obligations. The c was aware of the parking situation on Blakeshill Road. The County Council would continue to monitor the situation regarding volumes and speed through the ATC's that were installed.

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

There were no issues raised.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

56. PUBLIC SESSION

A Parishioners raised the following issues:

a) Condition of the road through the village. Concern was raised with regard the number of potholes and general condition of the road through the village.

It was stated that the Parish Council had reported the bad condition of the road and potholes to DCC.

It was considered that DCC should undertake an audit of the road.

b) Latest position regarding the proposed new housing development.

It was stated that the Parish Council had recommended refusal of the Planning Application but that NDC Planning Committee would make the final decision.

57. NDC COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

NDC Councillors Luggar reported the following:

- That NDC were looking at delegating power to local volunteers/groups to enforce dog fouling in their areas.
- That DCC had thanked residents for their assistance and understanding during the recent ND Link Road night closures.
- That DCC had appointed a contractor to undertake structural work to the old railway bridge in Rock Park.
- That NDC was undertaking a public consultation regarding a request to purchase land from NDC for an access road through an existing play area at Westacott, Whiddon Valley.

It was agreed that the Council lodge an objection to the proposal that would not only destroy the existing play area but create a second long term cul-de-sac into Whiddon Valley.

58. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP

The Council considered and noted the minutes of the Community Building Group meeting held on 27th May 2021 (previously circulated).

Councillor Halliday reported that Sue Pollard and Richard Slaney had resigned from the group due to personal reasons.

He stated that there would be two surveys, one for existing users of the Village Hall and Old School Centre and another for residents of the village. These would be accessible on-line through the group web site. Signs would be placed around the perimeter of the site informing people of the proposal.

He agreed to circulate a copy of the two surveys and the web site address and sign wording to Members.

The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Sue Pollard for her work as Chair of the Group.

It was noted that the lowest quote for the signs was £132 + VAT.

NDC Councillors Lane and Luggar agreed to fund the signs through their NDC Community Grant fund.

59. COMMUNITY SHIELD AWARD 2021

The Clerk reported that there had been several nominations for John and Janette Stitt. However, John and Janette had declined their nominations and had put forward nominations for Norman Tucker for work on the Millennium Green and Janet Dymond.

It was noted that Janet was the current recipient and that in support of John and Janette's nomination it was agreed to award the Community Shield for 2021 to the Millennium Green Trust Committee in recognition of their work over the last 21 years and that of Norman Tucker.

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

There were no issues raised.

61. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Council approved the following grants to community organisations 2021/22:

Landkey Brownies	£250
Landkey Allotment Association	£340

62. TANNERS ROAD PLAY AREA

Councillor Beer stated that he had cut the grass around the picnic tables and concrete base and considered that there was no problem.

It was agreed:

- a) That no action be taken at present but that the area be monitored and the decision reviewed if required.
- b) That a quote be obtained to cut the area on a fortnightly basis.

63. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Chairman welcomed the new DCC Councillor Paul Henderson to the meeting.

Councillor Henderson stated that he was aware of the issues in the village regarding the ND Link night closures and the condition of the main road through the village and would be taking up an offer for the DCC Lead Member and Officers to meet on site to look at the issues of concern. He would advise the Clerk of date/time for Parish Councillors to attend.

Councillors stated that due to the speed of large lorries and traffic in general it was dangerous to cross the road and more people were now tending to use the road via Landkey rather than the ND Link Road.

Councillor Henderson also stated that he had been appointed to the Venn Quarry Working Group and the Public Footpaths Committee.

64. POLICE

Councillor Beer reported that travellers had taken up residence in Whiddon Valley.

65. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) Minute 40 Venn Woods – Footpaths. Land Ownership and Title.
Councillor Nel stated that she had just received the relevant plans and would report at the next Council meeting.
- b) Speeding in the Village.
The Council noted an email from DCC stating that the concerns regarding speeding had been raised at the recent SCARF meeting. The data produced by the monitoring device at Newlands confirmed the volumes were slightly elevated but speeds were compliant and therefore no further action was recommended.
In respect of the vehicle activated sign (mobile sites) it was suggested that the Council could approach Swimbridge and possibly Filleigh to consider sharing the cost of one sign which could be moved between the parishes thereby meeting the DCC criteria of “Mobile”
- c) Public Footpath Styles from Millennium Green to Birch Road.
Councillor Lane stated that there were 2 styles on the public footpath between the Millennium Green and Birch Road. The elderly and peoples’ dogs were having problems climbing over the styles and suggested that consideration should be given to having them replaced with kissing gates.

It also stated that there were the same issues relating to the style on the footpath from Harford to Landkey.

It was agreed:

- a) To contact the DCC Public Footpaths Officer to look at replacing the styles with kissing gates.
- b) To seek the support of the landowner for the suggestion.

DCC Councillor Henderson stated that there may be funding available from the ND Link Road Contactor to replace the styles.
Councillor Halliday agreed to send plans of the footpaths to Councillor Henderson.

66. PLAYING FIELDS

- a) Minute 178 Condition of the entrance by the gate into the playing field on Tanners Lane.
Update re quote/specification to tarmac the entrance.

Councillor Lane provided a quote from Nelson Birch as follows:
Tarmac pathway 7x2 metres £950 + VAT and all pathway area 7x6 metres £1460 + VAT. The quote was noted.

Councillor Lane agreed to provide the specification in order to obtain like for like quotes.

- b) Exposed pipe adj. Football ground.

The Clerk reported that following an incident the exposed/broken pipe had been removed and the area filled in. Estimated costs £180.

- c) Overgrown Footpath from Football Club Car Park towards the Landkey Playing Field Bridge.
Councillor Lane stated that width of the footpath had been drastically reduced by grass growing over the edge on both sides. Water was also crossing over footpath.

It was agreed that Councillor Lane seek a quote from James Isaac to scrape back the grass and sort the water drainage problem.

67. MILLENNIUM GREEN

It was noted that the Millennium Green were holding a 21st Birthday Party in early September.

68. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

There were no issues to report.

69. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

70. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac Expenses (incl. Ink)	£27.30
HMRC Income Tax Payment – Clerk Salary	£125.20
Tawstock PC Contribution to zoom package	£36.00
W. Hommell Grass Cutting	£100.00
B. Totterdell Survey Monkey subscription (Landkey Community Hall Project)	£384.00
Landkey AFC Grant	£500.00
Millennium Green Trust Grant	£300.00
St Pauls Church Grant	£500.00
Landkey Playing Field Cttee Grant	£300.00
J. Snooks Internal Audit	£200.00
Lonsdale Newsletter	£137.00
S. Harman Supplies OSC	£6.77

b) Current Financial position

That the current financial position as at 27 April 2021 - Current A/C £53,354.63 and - Business Reserve 9 April 2021 £23,261.81 be noted.

c) **Annual Governance and Accounting Statements**

That the following Annual Governance and Accounting Statements be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk:

- i) The Annual Governance Statement as outlined in section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21.
- ii) The Accounting Statement as outlined in section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accounting Return 2020/21.

71. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications to be considered.

72. CORRESPONDENCE

Church Annual Meeting – Councillor Halliday reported that he and Councillor Beer had been invited to attend the Church Annual meeting. Neither could attend but report outlined the challenges facing the Church and that the Church was actively looking at other uses for the building and installing a new toilet.

73. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Parish Council meeting start time - It was agreed that future Parish Council meetings commence at 7.00 p.m.

74. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 30th June 2021 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.