

LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Chairman Councillor Halliday
Councillors Beer, Mrs Hommell, Lane, Lovell, Mrs Morton and Prowse

Also Present: M. Isaac Parish Clerk, NDC Councillor Luggar and DCC Councillor Edgell and 2 Parishioners

Apologies:- None

101. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) There were no matters arising:

102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Prowse declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda Landkey Carols as he was the Treasurer.

103. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no questions from Parishioners

104. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The above report was deferred until later on the agenda when by Councillor Edgell was in attendance

105. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Luggar reported the following:

- That NDC had received a presentation from DCC Officers on the proposed improvements to the ND Link Road. A planning application for the Bishops Tawton roundabout would be submitted soon.
- That following representations NDC had supported a motion for a strategic review of the road structure due to the large increase in development in North Devon.
- That NDC had signed up to the Climate Change Emergency to reduce its Carbon footprint.

Concern was expressed at the traffic flow through the village when the ND Link Road improvement works were being undertaken.

It was agreed to request that DCC put in place a traffic management plan for Landkey during these works

106. COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE

It was reported that the site had been cleared and the transfers of land were being progressed. It was also reported that the allotment land had been fenced and turned over. The Community land was yet to be fenced.

a) Draft Allotment lease

Councillor Halliday informed Council that the allotment group had formed a committee, set up a bank account and a constitution.

Advice had been sought from the SW Allotments Association regarding the lease (The draft lease had been previously circulated to Councillors). He stated that there would need to be a clause inserted relating to some basic operating conditions/controls on matters such as erection of sheds, greenhouses etc.

Lease/Rent. – He estimated that given the restriction on the overall size of the plot and the number and size of the individual plots (maximum 20 x 50msq) (in line with other local plot rents) the Allotment Association itself would need to generate circa £1000 per year.

He suggested that to ensure the new facility was given the best chance to thrive and be viable the first year be rent free and thereafter an annual lease be set at £500/year, to allow for some set up, material and equipment costs (year 1 as a new site) and that they be offered either 6 months of first year rent free, to allow them to build up a small cash reserve and a review after 5 years clause could be inserted.

He also suggested that the Site Lease term be 10 years but with the ability to break it there were significant breaches.

Councillor Lane stated that the existing screen fence (between allotments and attainment pond) and the hedge were indicated in the documents as the Parish Councils to maintain.

It was agreed in principle that the draft allotment lease be agreed and that the first year be rent free

107. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW: REPRESENTATIONS RE REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILLORS: UPDATE

It was noted that there was nothing further to update on the review

108. LANDKEY CAROLS. GRANT REQUEST

The Council considered a grant request from Landkey Carols for funds towards the Community Project of reviving old Landkey Carols

It was agreed that a grant of £500 be awarded to the Landkey Carols

Councillor Prowse declared an interest in the above matter and was not present at the meeting during the consideration and voting thereon.

109. POLICE

It was noted that there had been break ins at stables in Bableigh

110. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following issues were raised:

- That there was a small triangle area of grass from Manor Road to Bakery Way that was overgrown and not being maintained
- It was noted that following the raising of the issue at the last PC meeting DCC were due to undertake remedial works at Newlands
- Councillor Lovell stated that he had been asked to raise the issue of the provision of a mirror at Acland cross. It was noted that this had been previously raised with DCC who had rejected the suggestion.

111. PLAYING FIELDS

It was noted that the 2 new rockers would be installed later in the month

112. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues to report

113. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

Disposal of old rubber chips removed from the play area deposited in the car park.

The Clerk reported that he had had a quote from TK Play of £2,544 to remove the rubber chips.

It was agreed to offer them for free and advertise on the Landkey Facebook page.

114. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

It was noted that the litter pick had been successful and agreed that a note of thanks to all those involved be put in the newsletter

115. NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:

- a) The Council considered a letter from Mr Parker seeking sponsorship for a bag of daffodil bulbs to be planted around the village.

It was agreed to sponsor the purchase of a bag of daffodil bulbs up to £25.

- b) The Council noted a letter from CAB seeking a donation towards its services.

- c) The Council noted an e mail from NDC regarding a public consultation on draft supplementary planning documents regarding: Air Quality, Leadengate Design Guide and Rural Workers Dwellings

116. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Edgell reported that he had received a Community Council grant application from Landkey Carols and had agreed a grant of £500. He stated that he always sought Parish Council views on grant application received before making a decision but in this instance due to time constraint he had agreed to support the application.

Following issues raised at the last meeting regarding speeding at the top end of the village he sought the Council's priority views on the list of actions suggested by residents.

It was agreed that the following actions be investigated by Councillor Edgell:

- That 'Please drive slowly through the village' was added to the village sign
- That 'Thank you for driving slowly through the village' be included at both ends of the village.
- The derestriction signs be changed to 40 mph and then removed after the bend at the top of the hill. This would have a calming effect, slowing traffic 5 - 600 metres before the 30 mph limit

117. FINANCE

RESOLVED:

a) Payments

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac Clerk's Expenses	£	36.50
Woodward Smith Architects Architects Fee	£	398.99
DALC Annual Membership Fee	£	455.94
Glover Stanbury Annual Pay Roll Mngt Fee	£	244.80
S.Pollard Grass cutting by Mr McCarthy	£	25.00
S. Harman OSC Supplies	£	3.98
L. Lovell Dog Bin Fixings	£	6.99

It was agreed to make a donation to the Royal British Legion of £50 towards a Remembrance Day Wreath

Councillor Lane declared an interest in the above matter

118. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Councillor Lovell updated the Council on the Planning Application considered at the Planning Sub Committee prior to the Council meeting.
- b) The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Woodward Smith regarding a request by DCC Archaeology for a written scheme of investigation as part of the Planning

permission for the Old School House site. This could be provided prior to the planning consent being issued or at a later stage before any development could commence.

It was agreed not to undertake the study at the current time.

- b) i) **Application 70392 Reserved Matters application for the approval of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Stockyard, Phase One, of the Birchwood development, comprising 17 holiday units, natural play area, bin store, visitor parking, together with other operations including the access road, entrance gates and pillars, approval of conditions 1, 2,4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 and revised phasing for Birchwood (outline planning permission 61901) some matters reserved (access), Birchwood, Venn Quarry**

The Council agreed to make No Comment except to query the name Birchwood as this had no local context in this area and there was a Birchwood elsewhere in the Parish and questioned whether the s106 monies could be phased

- ii) **Application 70393 Approval of recreational facilities for Phase One Birchwood, natural adventure play areas, croquet pitch, hot tubs, woodland trails and associated new landscaping, Birchwood, Venn Quarry**

The Council agreed to make No Comment

119. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

The following issue was raised:

Provision of a Village Christmas Tree

120. NEXT MEETING

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.