

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 pm**

Present: - Councillor Halliday (Chairman)
Councillors Beer, Mrs Morton and Prowse

M Isaac (Clerk) and NDC Councillor Luggar

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - 1

34. APOLOGIES

No Apologies were received.

35. MINUTES

- a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Matters Arising:
- i) Minute 27 Tanners Road Play Area- Remedial Works

The Clerk reported that the remedial works identified in the Annual RoSPA report for the Tanners Road Play Area had been completed.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

37. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from Parishioners.

38. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no DCC Councillor update

39. NDC COUNCILLORS REPORTS

NDC Councillors Councillor Luggar reported the following:

- That Devon County Council was providing support for the national lottery funded 'Saving Devon's Treescapes' project, which was engaging local communities around the county in planting and nurturing trees to replace those lost to ash dieback. The intention was to secure the future for Devon's precious treescapes through the planting of 250,000 trees over the next five years. The initiative was being led by the Devon Wildlife Trust on behalf of the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum.

He had been in contact with the Devon Wildlife Trust who had a limited number of trees available to Parish Councils and would be happy to liaise with them on behalf of Landkey Parish Council if the Parish Council wished to be part of the project.

Councillor Prowse stated that the impact of the Ash Tree die back was profound and we should engage with the Landkey Playing Fields Committee to identify a small area for 5/6 trees in a corner of the playing field.

Councillor Luggar agreed to contact Devon Wildlife Trust and reserve 5/6 trees for the Parish.

- That North Devon Council was anticipating a budget deficit, due to Covid 19 of £400,000 and was waiting to hear from Central Government on funding grant support.
- That the Leisure Centre project was safeguarded and was due to start in October. The Council had granted consent for 240 dwellings at Seven Brethren.

40 RESIGNATION/CO-OPTION

The Clerk reported the resignation of Lee Lovell.

The Chairman stated that he had thanked Lee for his services to the Parish Council.

The Clerk stated that the statutory time for parishioners to request an election had now passed and the Parish Council could now co-opt a new Councillor.

It was agreed to invite prospective candidates to the October meeting

41. BT PAYPHONE ADOPTION – CHURCH MEADOW: UPDATE

The Clerk reported that Landkey United Charities, the owners of the land had given consent for the Parish Council to adopt the BT Telephone box.

It was agreed that the adoption of the telephone box be re-affirmed.

42. ALLOTMENTS - UPDATE

The Chairman reported that he had responded to questions raised by the Council's Solicitor but had had no further update.

He stated that the Association were looking into the provision of a water supply.

43. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING - UPDATE

The Chairman reported that there had been no progress due to Covid 19. The area had however become overgrown with weeds.

It was considered that the Council needed to actively progress the project and prepare a project plan.

It was agreed:

- i) That Councillor Beer seek a quote from Chris Williams to cut the weeds
- ii) That the Clerk be authorised to identify professional advice on the way forward, initially on a no fee basis.

It was suggested that NDC Economic Development may be able to assist.

44. LITTER BIN ON LAND OUTSIDE THE FOEFFEES' ROOMS. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE LANDKEY UNITED CHARITIES TO SEEK ITS REMOVAL/RE-LOCATION.

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that the litter bin had been removed by North Devon Council.

45. GRANT APPLICATION- LANDKEY AFC

The Council considered a request from Landkey AFC for additional support towards the continued heating of the Landkey Sports Pavilion during the winter months as previously requested by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that an additional £100 be awarded to Landkey AFC towards the winter heating costs.

46. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had secured a business support grant due to Covid 19 of £10,000.

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac	Expenses (July/Aug/Sept)	£29.18
M. Isaac	April – September pay award arrears	£91.02
Blue Orange	Sign in Playground	£69.60
MAT Electrics	Installation of night landing lighting for Air Ambulance	£6,865.32
BT	Adoption of Phone Box	£1.00
TK Play	Maintenance work to Tanners Road Play Area	£537.60

b) Current Financial Position

That the following current financial position be noted: Current A/C as at 29 July 2020 - Current A/C £38,870.33 and 9 July 2020 - Business Reserve £23,259.45

c) National Pay Award 2020/21

The national pay award of 2.75% as from 1st April 2020 for the Parish Clerk was noted and agreed.

47. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following planning applications:

- a) 71928 Outline application for the provision of an agricultural workers' dwelling to serve an established dairy business (all matters reserved), East Bradninch, Bradninch, Barnstaple

Recommended APPROVAL

- b) 71905 Change of use of storage area to living accommodation, Lyncroft Stores, Blakes Hill Road, Landkey

Recommended APPROVAL

48. DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL (LANDKEY ROAD AREA, BARNSTAPLE) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER. DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSE UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 TO INTRODUCE A RESTRICTED ROAD ON SPECIFIED LENGTHS OF DEER PARK ROAD, LANDKEY ROAD, SANDFORD CLOSE AND VENN ROAD; 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ON SPECIFIED LENGTHS OF KINGS CLOSE, LANDKEY ROAD, VENN ROAD AND WINDY ASH HILL.

The Council considered the above order to introduce a restricted road on specified lengths of Deer Park Road, Landkey Road, Sandford Close and Venn Road and 30mph speed limit on specified lengths of Kings Close, Landkey Road, Venn Road and Windy Ash Hill.

It was agreed:

- a) That there were no objections to the above order.
- b) That a list of required safety measures from Swimbridge along Blakeshill Road, Landkey and via Mount Sandford Road to Barnstaple be compiled.
- c) That DCC be requested to supply information on the Traffic survey undertaken at the Newlands end of the Village
- d) That Councillor Edgell be requested to update on action d) iii) below.

It was noted that following representations by Parishioners at the Newlands end of the Village it had been agreed at the 2nd October 2019 Parish Council meeting that the following actions be investigated by DCC Councillor Edgell:

- i) That 'Please drive slowly through the village' was added to the village sign
- ii) That 'Thank you for driving slowly through the village' be included at both ends of the village.
- iii) That the de-restriction 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.

(Minutes d) i) and ii) had been actioned by the Parish Council)

49. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

50. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Provision of an additional Parish Noticeboard at Old School Centre
Venn Quarry – Invite representative from Habitat to a future meeting to update on progress of development.

51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next virtual or face to face Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.08 p.m.