

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE 2021 AT 7.00 pm**

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

DCC Councillor Henderson

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - 6

75. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Nel and Morton.

76. MINUTES

a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

i) Minute 65 (c) Public Footpath Styles from Millennium Green to Birch Road and Harford to Landkey: Update.

The Clerk reported that he had not had a response from the DCC Footpath Officer.

DCC Councillor Henderson stated that he was on the Public Rights of Way Committee and was aware of the issues.

ii) Minute 66 (c) Overgrown Footpath from Football Club Car Park towards Landkey Playing Field Bridge: Update.

It was noted that the footpaths had been cut.

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

a) Homeless Person. Councillor Beer reported that a homeless person with a van had erected a rough shelter and was living in the woodland area off Birch Road. Concerns had been raised by several residents that there was loud music and anti-social behaviour.

DCC Councillor Henderson stated that he was aware of the situation and that the DCC Executive Member had requested that a DCC Officer review the situation. The area in question was DCC land. He further stated that the structure was a NDC Planning Enforcement issue.

Councillor Lane reported that he had raised the issue with NDC Environmental Health and an outreach team had been asked to investigate.

Residents raised concerns regarding the anti-social behaviour.

The residents were advised to report the matter to the Police via the 111 service.

It was noted that all the relevant agencies had been informed of the situation.

It was agreed that the Parish Council also report the concerns to the Police.

- b) Community Shield. Councillor Halliday stated that he had informed the Millennium Green Trust that they had been awarded the Community Shield. It was hoped to present the Shield at the Millennium Green 21st Birthday Party in September.
- c) Telephone Box. Councillor Halliday stated that this would be an item on the next agenda.
- d) Communication. Councillor Halliday stated that a communication had been received following a recent incident and would be considered in Part B at the end of the agenda.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lane declared a Personal Interest in Planning Application 73518 and a Prejudicial Interest in Planning Application 73430 as the applicant.

Councillor Beer declared a Personal Interest in Planning Application 73518.

79. PUBLIC SESSION

A Parishioner read the following statement:

What traffic calming measures are to be put in place during closures of the A361? When asked what was to be put in place the contractor responded that cars parked along Blakes Hill Road would be the traffic calming. The contractor had already written to residents requesting cars not to be parked along Blakes Hill road however, in a telephone conversation they admitted that they did not expect them to be removed. This request, I suspect, is just to protect themselves from any liability should parked vehicles be struck by passing traffic. Parked vehicles are being struck regularly and drivers passing through the village are ignoring the 30mph speed limit. They think they are still on the A361. I have witnessed many vehicles in the mornings and evenings travelling far in excess of the speed limit once they have gone through the main part of the village and are on their way up the hill through the Newland area out to Swimbridge, and when entering the village from Swimbridge.

Secondly, I would like a motion on Council Agenda to install Speed Indicator Devices at both ends of the village, or better still speed cameras as in Newport, and to reduce the speed limit within the village to 20mph. This would make travelling through Landkey less of an attractive option and encourage road users to utilise the A361 which is having millions spent on its improvement. Perhaps the council would like to ask the contractor responsible for the road works to pay for and install speed cameras to help reduce issues over the next 3 years. Or would the Council like to wait until a child falls off their bicycle into the road and is killed before they make a decision? I for one have already been hit by a car wing mirror when walking along the pavement and I have only lived in the village for just over a year.

Newport has a 7.5tonne vehicle limit and a speed restriction of 40mph between Newport and Landkey. Why then is it deemed acceptable to have vehicles in excess of 7.5tonnes trying to pass

through Landkey quite regularly and a speed limit of 60mph between Landkey and Swimbridge. Can a further motion be proposed please to reduce this speed limit and limit the size of vehicles passing through the village?

DCC Councillor Henderson stated he was aware of resident's concerns and that the DCC Executive Member had agreed to meet the Contractor on site. DCC were monitoring and collecting average speed data.

He considered that a temporary 20 mph speed limit may be possible due to the ND Link Road diversion. He also stated that the contractor may fund and move speed indicator signs.

He agreed to pursue the issues raised and report back to the Parish Council.

80. NDC COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There were no NDC issues to report.

81. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

DCC Councillor Paul Henderson reported that he had been appointed to the Community Partnership Safety Group and that the Police Commissioner had agreed to focus on Community Policing with more Police visibility. Also she was looking to re-introduce the Community Speed watch initiative.

82. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP

The Council considered and noted the minutes of the Community Building Group meeting held on 17th June 2021 (previously circulated).

Councillor Halliday stated that the Group had re-named the project the Landkey Mazzard Hall.

83. GRASS CUTTING – VARIOUS AREAS. TO CONSIDER QUOTE RECEIVED.

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following quotes from Wayne Hommell to cut/spray various grassed areas in the Village.

The new Community Hall Site £100

OSC £35

Tanners Road Picnic Area £35

It was agreed that the quotes be accepted, and the areas cut/sprayed as deemed required.

Councillor Mrs Hommell declared an interest in the above matter.

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

There were no issues raised.

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

The Clerk reported that the MUGA management company had agreed to write to resident's

regarding the problems of balls etc being kicked into the allotments had not objections to a fence/netting being erected between the two areas.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet representatives from the Allotments Association to discuss their requirements and explore costs.

86. PROVISION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB. TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PURCHASE.

The Clerk reported the Landkey Football Club were looking to take advantage of an offer for a discounted defibrillator in the Club.

It was agreed that the Parish Council support the purchase of a defibrillator but that the Football Club be encouraged to seek donations from local people via Landkey Facebook page.

87. POLICE

There were no issues to report.

88. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) Minute 65 (a) Venn Woods – Footpaths. Land Ownership and Title.
Councillor Halliday reported that all the footpaths around the ponds were in private ownership. Only the footpath through the wood was a public footpath.
- b) Weed Spraying.
It was agreed to seek a quote from Wayne Hommell to spray the weeds in and around the OSC.
- c) It was noted that due to the overhanging hedges in Denes Road the refuse lorry was unable to access properties in the road, due to restricted access. Councillor Beer agreed to letter drop properties in the road requesting that the hedges are cut.

89. PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Lane reported that several more fence panels around the play area needed replacing.

90. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues to report.

91. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

- (a) Fire Alarm replacement. The Clerk report that following the recent inspection it was reported that the fire alarm needed replacing.

It was agreed to chase up a quote from M&E Alarms

92. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

93. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac	Expenses	£34.71
HMRC	Income Tax Payment – Clerk Salary	£125.20
Landkey Brownies	Grant	£250.00
Landkey Allotment Association	Grant	£340.00
J. Isaac	Removal of Pipe/Footpath Clearance	£400.00
C. Waldron	Website Maintenance	£33.00
R. Halliday	Signs	£158.40

b) Current Financial position

That the current financial position as at 24 May 2021 - Current A/C £51,972.05 and – Business Reserve 10 May 2021 £23,262.01 be noted.

94. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 73430 Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) 3 (access improvements) and 4 (Materials) attached to planning permission 65957 (erection of two dwellings (amended access details to those approved by planning permission 64024) (amended plans)) to allow amend house design at Land to the east of the junction of Manor Road and Vicarage Road, Landkey, Barnstaple.

RECOMMENDED Approval.

Councillor Lane declared a Prejudicial interest in the above application and was not present at the meeting during the discussion or voting thereon.

- b) 73578 Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) for erection of 134 dwellings & associated site infrastructure (outline planning permission 62187 (residential development of up to 149 residential units including vehicular access, landscaping, open space, drainage, infrastructure & all associated development (some matters reserved) (amendments)) Land adjacent to Westacott Grange, Westacott, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED that the following concerns be raised:

- The Open space/play areas were fragmented.
 - The density of this proposal was in excess of that provided in the Local Plan.
 - Concern at the lack of infrastructure provision in this application in isolation of the development of the whole area.
- c) 73518 Erection of 20 residential dwellings - 16 opening market & 4 affordable/social, Land off Birch Road, Landkey.

RECOMMENDED that due to the sensitivity of the site at the entrance to Landkey the application be REFUSED for the following reasons:

- Density - It is considered that it is over-intensive.
- Lack of Public Open Space provision.
- The affordable housing provision on the site does not meet NDC Policy guidelines.
- The removal of the trees on the eastern boundary would have a detrimental effect on existing residents.
- Infrastructure concerns. The local primary school is at capacity leading to additional children having to travel to Orchard Vale on the other side of the Link Road (lack of connectivity).

Councillors Beer and Lane declared a Personal Interest in the above application.
Councillor Lane abstained from voting.

95. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Halliday updated Council on matters relating to St Paul's Church.

The delay in lifting the lockdown had meant, that restrictions on holding services had continued although they had been held in church since Easter, albeit with the wearing of face masks and social distancing. The hope to hold an outdoor service for the village at the end of June was not achievable.

Focus was now on trying to return church life to as close to normality as possible in September. It was hoped to progress plans to make the church fit for the future. A had been taken to install at least one tv-style monitor in the church on which the words to hymns and sermons could be displayed, rather than relying on printed material. The internet connection, installed in October 2020, enabled services, including weddings and funerals, to be broadcast in real time.

There were also routine maintenance tasks which needed to be carried out, including a repair to the north side on the roof above the nave costing around £6000. The installation of a toilet remained under consideration but the projects would require fundraising.

96. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The following issues were raised:

Venn Bridge: Update

Venn Quarry Development: Update

97. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 1st September 2021 @ 7.00 p.m.

98. 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 (s 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.

99 CLAIM.

The Clerk reported the receipt of communication regarding a recent incident.

It was agreed to pass the documentation to the Council's Insurers.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.