

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 3rd MARCH 2021 AT 7.00 pm**

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

M Isaac (Clerk) and NDC Councillor Luggar

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - None

164. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from DCC Councillor Edgell

165. MINUTES

a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

i) Minute 154 Drain - Vicarage Road

The Clerk reported that DCC had informed that on the SW Water inventory the pipe belonged to SW Water.

ii) Minute 154 Manhole – Church Meadow

The Clerk reported that the manhole was the responsibility of BT.

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

There were no issues raised.

167. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

168. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from Parishioners.

169. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

There were no DCC issues to report.

170. NDC COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

NDC Councillor Luggar reported the following:

- That the New Leisure Centre was on schedule to open in April 2022.
- That if the High Street funding application is successful NDC had agreed to match fund up to £4.4 million to enhance the Town Centre.

171. FIBRE BROADBAND

The Council received a presentation from Clive Leworthy, Community Ambassador for Airband and Tony Watkins, Devon Business Development regarding the provision of Fibre Broadband in Landkey.

Airband was an independent internet provider who had been appointed as the contractor to roll-out high-speed broadband to homes and businesses in hard to reach areas of North Devon, in partnership with Connecting Devon and Somerset.

Fibre to the premises would replace old copper broadband lines with fibre optic cables that would be run from the local exchange direct to the premises, bringing ultrafast speeds up to 1 Gbps. Typical costs would be installation normally £99 but subsidised to £24.99 and monthly package fees of £24.99 - £34.99.

It was intended to complete the roll out by the 3rd quarter of 2021.

In answer to a question from Councillor Prowse it was stated that Airband would pay BT for access to their poles and infrastructure.

It was agreed that in order to get the message out to the Community that the Parish News letter could be used.

172. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP

The Council noted the minutes of the Landkey Community Building Group held on 11th February 2021 (previously circulated).

Councillor Halliday reported that 3 additional local people had been invited to join the Group and that 1 group member had, unfortunately, had to resign on personal grounds.

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email from Martin Rich, Devon Communities Together providing a cost to assist the group on providing and implementing 'A Road Map' for the initial consultation process with the community:

- To raise awareness in the Community
- Guidance on initial community consultation process and interpretation of results.
- To Produce a Project Plan and timelines.

He stated that normally they would work with the group to put on a public consultation event and follow this up by working with the group on a survey design, and then taking on the input of returns and data analysis. A budget figure would be £3k. The consultation would likely take on board: Levels of support for the project, desire to participate, range of activities, price sensitivity, design features, funding. This would include:

- a 'desk-top' review to assess the impact of/on, other facilities in the locality.
- A community statistical profile as a source of evidence

He further stated that normally projects apply to Awards for All (Up to £10k) for the feasibility stage and this would cover site surveys, Architect's input, planning consent, legal advice, public engagement and project and business planning. This would provide the base for a larger bid to the Reaching Communities Fund and other potential funders.

It was noted, however, that at present lottery funding was being prioritised for Covid relief projects.

It was stated that members of the group may have the expertise to undertake most/some of the work without incurring major costs.

It was agreed that other possible alternative organisations that specialise in delivering Community based projects be explored.

173. RADAR SPEED WARNING SIGNS.

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

The Chairman reported that it had been suggested by a resident that the rumble strips that had eroded, be re-instated at the Swimbridge end of the village, perhaps leading up to the 30 m.p.h. sign.

It was agreed that DCC be requested to re-instate the rumble strips at the Swimbridge end of the village, perhaps leading up to the 30 mph. sign.

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

Councillor Prowse stated that Covid recovery could be a key in seeking funds for the new Community Building in that it is re-building a damaged community.

175. ADOPTED TELEPHONE BOX, CHURCH MEADOW – PROPOSED USES

Councillor Halliday stated that he had not yet had the opportunity to advertise for volunteers and ideas for the adopted phone box via the newsletter and face book page but would do so soon. He would also seek another quote to clean and paint the telephone box.

176. POLICE

There were no issues raised.

177. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following issues were raised:

That the Give Way sign at the Four Oaks junction with Blakeshill Road had corroded and blown over.

178. PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email sent to Councillor Lane regarding the condition of the entrance by the gate into the playing field on Tanners Lane and a request by a resident that it be

tarmacked to provide a smooth access. The husband of the resident had MND and could only get around on a mobility scooter and struggled to get over this area of uneven ground.

It was noted that this area was the responsibility of the Playing Fields Committee.

Concern was also expressed regarding at the condition of the strip of land from the car park into the playing field for disabled access.

It was agreed that Councillor Lane meet a Contractor on site to obtain a specification and quote to tarmac the strip of land at the Tanners Lane entrance.

179. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues to report.

180. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

Councillor Beer reported that he had removed the old shed. He stated that the fence abutting the adjoining property was in a bad condition and needed replacing. He had spoken to the property owner and it was uncertain at present who owned the fence.

181. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

Councillor Prowse stated that there is a facility for Parishioners to raise points of view on the website. He had noticed a comment regarding the dog bin at the top of the new development was poorly located and often full that needed to be responded to. There was a facility for Parish Councillors to respond. Councillor Halliday agreed to respond.

182. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac	Expenses	£19.11
HMRC	Income Tax Payment – Clerk Salary	£125.20
C. Waldron	Annual Web Hosting Fee/Domain Fee/Quarterly Maintenance	£100.20

b) Current Financial Position

That the following current financial position be noted: To note the current financial position as of 25 January 2021 - Current A/C £49,362.22 and 11 January 2021 – Business Reserve £23,261.25

c) Draft Budget 2021/22

The Council considered and adopted the draft budget 2021/22 (previously circulated).

It was agreed that future consideration be given to allocating a sum of monies to support any applications from Parishioners for Covid Recovery aid.

183. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following planning application:

- a) 72901 Replacement of roof to existing conservatory, Songview, Acland, Landkey

RECOMMENDED Approval

184. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following correspondence:

- a) A letter from British Gas regarding a change of tariff.

It was agreed to extend the contract for another year and in the interim investigate a dual tariff supply.

- b) A letter from SSE regarding the installation of a smart meter in the Old School Centre.

It was agreed that a smart meter be not installed in the Old School Centre

185. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items raised.

186. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next virtual or face to face Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.