

LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Chairman Councillor Prowse

Councillors Beer, Halliday, Mrs Hommell, Lane, Lovell, Medland and Mrs Morton

Also Present: M. Isaac Parish Clerk and DCC Councillor Edgell.

Apologies:-No Apologies

23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th April 2017 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

25 QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following issues were raised by Parishioners.

A Parishioner reported that the fence (behind the Church) along the footpath from Manor Road to Venn was rotten and needed repairing.

It was agreed to report to the DCC Footpaths Officer

26 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR

It was noted that there had been only one application from Mrs Sue Pollard to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Unfortunately she was unable to attend the meeting.

It was RESOLVED that Mrs Sue Pollard be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

27 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Council considered a grant request from Methodist Church, Landkey.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be awarded towards the upkeep/maintenance of the Church graveyard

28 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman tabled a draft leaflet outlining what a neighbourhood plan was and seeking Community involvement in its preparation for distribution to all households in the Parish.

The draft leaflet was agreed in principle subject to minor changes determined by the Chairman and distributed with the July newsletter.

It was also agreed to hold a public meeting to test Community interest to be held in the Village Hall at a date to be arranged in July 2017 and that Graham Townsend NDC be invited to attend.

29 POLICE

The Clerk reported pursuant to minute 9 of 5 April 2017 that he had contacted the Police who had advised untaxed vehicles needed to be reported to the DVLA website. Vehicles without MOT needed to be reported to the Police via calling 101 or reporting it to 101 online. The following details would be required i.e registration, make, model, where it's parked etc. Any vehicles that have already been reported may well have had action taken.

It was also noted that abandoned vehicles needed to be reported to NDC.

It was agreed to include information in the next newsletter.

30 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Chairman reported that he had received a telephone call from a lady who had been involved in a near fatal crash at the Landkey junction seeking the Council's support for action to be taken to upgrade the junction.

It was agreed that in advance of future proposals to upgrade the junction temporary measures should be taken to make the junction safer and that in light of the accident on 2nd May 2017 DCC be requested to introduce a 'No right turn' sign for vehicles emerging from the junction wanting to go towards South Molton. Thus requiring traffic to turn left only and use the roundabout near Tesco's if wanting to go in the South Molton direction.

31 PLAYING FIELDS

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk would be chasing contractors regarding the replacement safety surfacing material at the Tanners Road play area.

It was agreed to request Ross Keenor to spray the weeds in the Village with priority given to spraying the weeds in and around the Play area.

32 MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues to report

33 OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

There were no issues to report

34 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report

The Council noted with sadness the passing of Claude Adams a former Landkey Parish Councillor.

35 NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

a) Planning Application Paper Consultation

The Clerk reported the company Wildwestnet did not provide free broadband to village hall and churches. He had contacted NDC and DCC who had advised that there were no providers of free broadband to community/village halls.

It was agreed that a dongle be purchased and information downloaded for Planning Sub Committee meetings from NDC website and that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a projector.

36 FINANCE

RESOLVED:

a) Payments

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Clerk's Expenses	£	17.70
Lonsdale	Newsletter Printing	£	66.80
Landkey Village Hall	Grant	£	800.00
Landkey FC	Grant	£	700.00
Millennium Green Trust	Grant	£	600.00
St Paul's Church	Grant	£	800.00

37 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no Planning matters for consideration.

The Clerk reported that the Westacott Grange Application was to be considered by ND Planning Committee and a representative from the Parish Council was invited to attend and address the Committee.

It was agreed that no representative attend.

38 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Lane reported that the Venn Quarry application had been approved. He stated that an approximate sum of £210,000 had been allocated on a 50-50 split to be spent in Landkey and Bishop's Tawton Parishes, the provision of a cycle route through the Quarry and Mazzard trees.

39 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Edgell stated that pressed for additional funds for repairs to rural roads and had been amazed that he had been successful. He hoped that some of the additional £2 million for the repair of rural roads and an additional £1/2 million for rural road drainage would be spent in North Devon.

He also stated that he had received comments that the flower beds in Bakery Way should be removed and replaced with additional parking spaces.

40 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

There were no items raised.

41 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 9.02 pm.

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