

## LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00 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 3 Parishioners

**Apologies:-** DCC Councillor Edgell

### 142. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Matter arising: Minute 129 Location of Village Christmas Tree on verge at Acland Cross/Blakeshill Road for future use.

The Clerk reported that DCC had advised that it would be unlikely to agree to a tree at this location due to visibility issues. An application however could be made at fee cost of £155 and would require appropriate Public Liability insurance and a qualified operative to sign and guard the works.

### 143. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest announced.

### 144. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following issues were raised by Parishioners:

- a) Concern was expressed that hedges around Lorings Field were growing over the road and reducing visibility when exiting from Lorings Field and required cutting back.

It was agreed that the problem be reported to DCC

- b) It was reported that a Leylandii hedge at 14 Cherry Tree Drive was over growing the pavement.

It was agreed that the problem be reported to DCC

### 145. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Councillor Edgell the Clerk reported that Councillor Edgell's Community grant award of £500 to Landkey Carols had been paid.

#### **146. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Luggar stated that Tawstock Parish Council along with NDC Councillor Lofthouse were looking at the provision of wild flower areas in the Parish and would welcome a joint initiative with Landkey Parish Council if considered acceptable.

#### **147. COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE**

The Clerk reported an update e mail from the Council's Solicitor informing that the transfer of both parcels of land was imminent.

Councillor Halliday reported that the Allotments Committee had set up a bank account and constitution and were keen to agree a lease agreement. He stated that following research he considered that a ground rent of £3.20 per 10 sqm (a rent of £320 a year for the site) would be more reasonable and in line with local/national norms, rather than the original consideration of £500 per annum.

A draft lease agreement had been circulated to Councillors

It was agreed:

- That the draft Allotment lease (previously circulated) be sent to NDC Estates/Legal for confirmation.
- That a ground rent of £3.20 per 10 sqm (£320 per annum for the whole site) be charged

#### **148 PROVISION OF SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE**

Councillor Halliday stated that 4 signs would be required as each would need to be backed up with 'Please Drive Slowly through the Village' on one side and 'Thank You for driving Carefully' on the other

He had received a quote from Blue Orange of £678 for four 900mm x 600mm signs. He had also requested a quote for four 900mm x 300mm signs. The signs would be erected on existing posts.

#### **149 AIR AMBULANCE: USE OF FOOTBALL PITCH TO LAND THE HELICOPTER**

The Clerk read a letter from Toby Russell, Devon Air Ambulance Community Development Landing Officer outlining an overview of what was required to deliver the project.

It was agreed:

- a) That the provision of an air ambulance helicopter landing site on the Landkey Football pitch be agreed in principle and that Toby Russell be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) That information of the proposal be advertised in the Newsletter and on the Facebook page

## **150. PROVISION OF WILD FLOWER AREAS**

Councillor Prowse stated that Tarka Country Trust had just completed an HLF funded project to promote wild flower planting on road side verges across the Biosphere. The project looks to encourage local groups of volunteers to adopt road side verges. There was a lot of work involved and suggested that the Parish Council agrees in principle for it to happen and give support to any local group prepared to take on the initiative and that it be advertised in the village to see if there is a group of people prepared to have a go.

It was agreed:

- a) That the initiative be supported and it be advertised to gauge Community support and seek volunteers willing to take the initiative forward.
- b) That Councillor Halliday contact Colin Webber, Portmore Golf Club regarding his initiative
- c) That Councillor Prowse invite Jo Pullin, Tarka Country Trust Project Co-ordinator to attend a future meeting

## **151. POLICE**

It was reported that a drunk driver had driven into another car at the junction of Blakeshill Road/Acland Cross.

## **152. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

It was reported that that there was a large pot hole near the Bus stop at the top of Blakeshill Road and that there was a crack in the road by the little Old Chapel.

It was also reported that the LANDKEY signs were obscured by over growing shrubbery.

It was agreed to ask Ross Keenor to cut back the growth around the signs and also on the opposite side of the road.

## **153. PLAYING FIELDS**

Councillor Lovell stated that he would repair the fence panel

## **154. MILLENNIUM GREEN**

- a) Water Flow Problem

Councillor Beer reported that he had tried to contact the Environment Agency regarding the trees in a field adjoining the Millennium Green, Landkey that were causing a water flow problem in the Millennium Green but had had no reply. He stated that the Millennium Trustees were not happy for any work to be undertaken at present as a tractor would churn up the ground. Mr Delacour had agreed to undertake the works at no cost. It was considered that the work should be delayed until the better weather to avoid damaging the ground.

- b) Minute 133 Safety concerns regarding the Swale

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from Devonshire Homes regarding the Swale below the MUGA in Landkey.

- c) Minute 123 Relocation of Dog Bin

The Clerk reported the receipt of an e mail from the Millennium Trustees informing that due to the cost of a new bin and that it would be located outside the Millennium Green that they were unable to assist

#### **155. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE**

Councillor Mrs Hommell stated that she would investigate possible options to remove the rubber chips.

#### **156. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER**

There were no issues to report.

#### **157. NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council noted an e mail from NDC regarding details of the Big Energy Saving Network Programme

Councillor Prowse reported that the Landkey Carols had been a great success thanks to support from the Parish Council, DCC Councillor Edgell and others and that they were looking to have a WASSAIL on 17 January 2020 on the Millennium Green.

#### **158. FINANCE**

RESOLVED:

##### **a) Payments**

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Payment	£510.40
N. D Council	Dog Bin Emptying	£78.00
S. Harman	OSC Supplies/Cleaning	£44.24
C. Waldron	Web Site maintenance	£33.00
R. Beer	Purchase of Village Christmas Tree	£25.99

##### **b) Budget/Precept 2020/21**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Parish Precept for 2020/21 be £20,475 (no increase).  
b) That the budget 2020/21 (previously circulated) be adopted

**159 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that the planning application for the provision of a foot/cycle bridge at the Landkey junction had been submitted and would be considered at the January meeting

**160. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING**

There were no issues raised:

**161. NEXT MEETING**

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

**Chairman**

**Meeting closed at 8.28**

**p.m.**