

LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also Present: M. Isaac Parish Clerk, DCC Councillor Edgell and 6 Parishioners.

Apologies: Councillors Lane and Prowse and NDC Councillor Luggar

205. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

i) Minute 182 (b) (i) moving of LANDKEY sign

Councillor Lovell reported that he had met Richard Sables, DCC who had agreed to relocate the sign closer to the junction and include it as part of the forthcoming junction works.

206. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest announced.

207. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no questions from Parishioners.

208 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The DCC report was deferred until later in the agenda when Councillor Edgell was in attendance

209. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

In the absence of NDC Councillors Luggar and Lane there was no North Devon District Council report.

210 DEVON AIR AMBULANCE: USE OF LANDKEY FOOTBALL PITCH AS A LANDING AREA

Toby Russell, Devon Community Landing Sites Officer attended the meeting.

He stated that the proposal was for an Air Ambulance night landing site. Currently there were 144 night landing sites and by next year about 220. The football pitch had been assessed and was considered an ideal site for such a landing sight. A single 10m column with 2 LED lights would be required operated via a mobile phone. Planning permission would be required and he would

assist with putting together the application. The column would need to be sited on the northern side of the pitch at the halfway point to optimise the lighting of the pitch.

He further stated that the costs of the equipment and installation would be £5,721.10 + VAT. Devon Air Ambulance would be able to offer the Parish Council a grant of £2,877.42 to cover the labour costs. The equipment costs would need to be funded by the community.

Mike Batten stated that he had written to a couple of local charities and obtained some pledges from parishioners. He further stated that the Parish Clerk had submitted a grant application for £1,200 to DCC Councillor Edgell.

RESOLVED:

- i) That to raise awareness and seek Community involvement in the project it be advertised in the Newsletter again and on the Parish web site and Landkey Facebook page
- ii) That the use of the Landkey Football pitch as a night time air ambulance landing site be agreed.
- iii) That the tender from MAT Electrics of £5,721.10 to provide the capital equipment and installation be accepted and the required planning permission sought

211. COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE

Allotment Land

The Chairman reported that the draft Allotment lease and letting agreement had been sent to the Allotment Association for comment. He stated that a hardstanding area had been created and the digging of the ground had commenced and most of the plots had been allocated.

Community Land

The Chairman updated Council on the informal get together of Councillors to consider the way forward to provide a Community Centre on the site.

It was agreed:

- i) To raise Community awareness that the land is now in the ownership of the Parish Council and its intended use for the provision of a Community Facility and that the Council will be looking to engage the Community in the project in due course.
- ii) That arrangements be made for Councillors to visit 2/3 built Community facilities in the area

212 PROVISION OF WILD FLOWER AREAS

In the absence of Councillor Prowse there was no update to report.

213 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk reported that NDC Electoral Services had informed that the Parish Council's request was valid and should go forward for review

214. POLICE

There were no issues to report

215. HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no issues to report

216. PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported that the new Dog Bin had been received and would be installed soon

217. MILLENNIUM GREEN

a) There were no issues to report

Councillor Beer reported that another 2 trees (Now 4 trees) had fallen over in the field adjoining the Millennium Green, Landkey and were causing a water flow problem in the Millennium Green.

218. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

It was reported that the fire exit door needed to be fixed.

Councillor Beer reported that the kitchen door had been repaired

219. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

220. NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

Councillor Mrs Hommell reported that she had received a request to use the Council's PA system from a resident.

It was agreed that the PA system be loaned out but on the conditions that it is returned in good order and if damaged will be repaired or replaced

221 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Edgell stated that for the first time in 9 years DCC had had an increase in Government grant funding

He further stated that there would be a 10% increase in adult social care funding, 5% in highways (with a focus on drainage works and less on patching work) and 8% on children social care.

222. FINANCE

RESOLVED:

Payments

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Payment/Ink	£53.90
C. Waldron	Web Site Annual Domain Fee/Hosting Fee/Maintenance	£100.20
Lonsdale	Newsletter Printing	£121.00
North Devon Council	Dog Bin Emptying	£66.00
Swimbridge Jubilee Hall	Room Hire	£18.00

Bank Balances as at:

31 January 2020 Treasurers Account £35,126.25

9 January 2020 Business Account £23,253.65

223 PLANNING MATTERS

There was no planning to report.

224. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

There were no issues raised.

225. NEXT MEETING

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.