MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7.00 p.m.

Present: - Councillor Hommell (Chair)
Councillors Consterdine, Davies, Halliday, Lane (for minutes 156 to 173), Prowse and Stamp (for minutes 156 to 173).

NDC Councillors Haworth-Booth and Lane

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – None

149. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dymond and Warwick and DCC Councillor Tyldesley.

150. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to minute 127 c) by the word triple charger being amended to trickle charger.

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

The following issues were raised:

New Website – That Councillors Halliday, Hommell and Prowse be appointed to meet Seth Conway regarding the design and content of a new dedicated Parish Council website

Planning Committee – That Councillor Davies be appointed to the Planning Committee

NDC Interim Polling District Review – The NDC review was noted as it had no suggested changes to Landkey.

152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

153. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised by Parishioners.

154. NEWSLETTER – INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW EDITOR

David Kallow the new Newsletter Editor introduced himself to Councillors.

Due to the large amount of information received for inclusion in the newsletter it was suggested tat a quote be sought from Printwork X for an A3 folded newsletter.

155. VACANCY – CO-OPTION

The Clerk reported that it had been confirmed that no election had been requested and therefore the Council could proceed to co-opt. He further reported that Hannelore Stamp had expressed an interest in being co-opted.
It was agreed that Hannelore Stamp be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

156. NORTH DEVON BIOSPHERE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Martha Boalch, ND Biosphere Community Animator briefly outlined the Biosphere Community Project.
The project was funded by the Lottery fund Community Fund for 4 years from July 2024 to July 2028. 4 Biosphere Communities hubs had been created in Appledore, Ashreigney and Chulmleigh, Bideford and South Molton. 4 more hubs were now being created in Combe Martin and Berrynarbor, Landkey and Swimbridge, North Tawton and Okehampton.
The Biosphere Communities project sought to empower groups and individuals to champion nature's recovery in their local area and develop sustainable solutions to the shared environmental and social challenges faced across communities in North Devon and Torridge.
The Biosphere Communities Project was supported by a bank of experts with deep knowledge of the community, environmental issues and the green economy and careers in North Devon. She would be working closely with them to ensure that community groups, local businesses and organisations, and young people in Landkey and Swimbridge, benefit from their insights, support and experience.

157. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Council noted the report (previously circulated) from DCC Councillor Tyldesley.

158. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth reported the following issues:

- Local Government Review had been currently paused by the Government for review.
- Speedwatch had now recruited another volunteer and currently had 3 volunteers from Landkey and 2 from Swimbridge. A session along Mount Sandford Road had caught 2 drivers doing 47 mph in the 40 mph area. Another session would be held the next day at the top of Vicarage Road.
  Councillor stated that motor bike riders could be heard speeding at the Landkey Newlands end of the village. Councillor Haworth-Booth agreed to report to the Police

NDC Councillor Lane reported that the Local Government Review was due in January. He also reported that in line with Government edict the Council was looking at an Executive Cabinet and Leader system for decision making.

159 LANDKEY MAZZARD COMMUNITY HALL TRUST WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

Councillor Halliday reported that the group had met in October with the focus on a Fundraising Strategy. A professional Charity Fundraiser had been appointed who had drawn up a spreadsheet of funding avenues for the Trust. 5 potential sources had been identified along with local fund raising and private donors.
Confirmation had been received from HMRCH that the Trust had been registered for Gift Aid.

160. APPOINTMENT OF PREFERRED HANDYPERSON

The Clerk and Councillor Prowse reported that they had interviewed the only applicant Aaron Linwood and recommended that he be appointed the Council's preferred handyperson on an hourly rate of £20.

It was agreed that Aaron Linwood be appointed as the Council's preferred Handyperson.

161. POLICE

It was reported that young lads had been driving around the lanes of the village and high speed on a Quad Bike and Electric Scooters.

NDC Councillor Mark Haworth-Booth agreed to report to the Police.

162. HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no issues reported.

163. PLAYING FIELDS

Provision of gates to Tanners Road Play Area. Councillor Halliday reported that he had contacted Swimbridge Parish Council regarding the type of gate they had for their play area.

It was agreed that quotes be sought from Aaron Linwood and Darren Knill for the provision of 2 picket gates with rubber stops and a spring soft shut with a 1.1m/1.2m opening with no closure latch.

164. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor Consterdine reported that a resident who used a buggy had reported that he had been unable to use the footpath by the Football Club house due to users of the football club parking vehicles blocking the footpath.

165. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the light had been replaced. He further reported that one of the windows in the kitchen did not close properly and required attention.
It was agreed that the Handyman look at fixing the window.

166. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues raised.

167. SOCIAL MEDIA

There were no issues raised.

168. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

There were no issues raised.

169. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

Clerk - Expenses + Printer Ink	£63.42
HMRC Income Tax Payment – Clerk/Caretaker Salary	£243.60
North Devon Council – Dog Bin Emptying	£266.76
West of England Fire Protection – Annual Extinguisher Inspection	£43.20
S. Harman – OSC Sundries	£2.99
RNI Electrical Services – Replace light OSC	£100.00
M. Isaac – Annual Payment	£500.00
PrintworkX – Newsletter	£130.00

(b) The Council noted the half year budget update (previously circulated) and the current financial position and bank reconciliation (previously circulated).

170. PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that there were no Planning applications considered prior to the Parish Council meeting.

171. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reported:

a) Letter from the Smiths regarding state of the Village.
It was agreed that a notice be included on the Social Media web page and Newsletter informing people that if they had any issues to report to include contact details in any communication or attend a Parish Council meeting.

b) Email from Mr Williams regarding the condition of the flower bed in Bakery Way.
It was agreed to forward the email to Norh Devon Homes

c) Email from Mr Waters regarding the signage at the Acland Road/Birch Road junction.

It was noted that this had been reported to DCC Councillor Tyldesley but the sign had been corrected by Councillor lane.

The Council thanked Councillor Halliday for cleaning the War Memorial

172. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no issues raised

173. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 2nd December 2026 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman the meeting ended at 8.52 p.m.