

LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Chairman Councillor Halliday
Councillors Beer, Mrs Hommell, Lane, Lovell, Mrs Morton and Prowse

Also Present: M. Isaac Parish Clerk and DCC Councillor Edgell and 9 Parishioners

Apologies:- None

80. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

i) Community Governance Review:

The Clerk reported that he had received a response from Mr Miles, NDC regarding the Parish Council's request to increase the number of Parish Councillors by 2 to its previous number of 9 Councillors. He had advised that during the Parish Review that was carried out last year it had become clear that there was a wider need to review the structures and representation on a number of Parish Councils across the District. Carrying out such a review was a significant piece of work. At the present time, because of the recent elections and the fact that NDC were now dealing with the annual canvass, there were no resource to complete the review but it was something that NDC had promised to do.

It was agreed that the item be included as a standard item on the agenda until the matter was resolved

ii) Provision of cycleway/lane from Landkey to Newport, Barnstaple

The Clerk reported that DCC had advised that as part of the Mount Sandford Road development a small section of cycleway was being provided along the frontage of the site and that as part of the Venn Quarry development there would be £126,000 to continue the path to Cradleman's Corner. However at present there was no funding or scheme to continue the path into Landkey

iii) Dog Bins

Councillor Lovell reported that the 2 dog bins had been installed and were located in the Church Meadow/Landkey Bridge area and at Acland Cross

81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

82. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

A Parishioner reported that following works by DCC to clear a blocked road drain at Swimbridge Newlands which had necessitated the need to break open the pipe in Valley View to clear a huge tree root, the pipe had not been repaired and rubble not removed.

DCC had advised that pipe would be repaired and rubble removed when resources were available. Concern was expressed, that the rubble may wash into the open pipe and again cause flooding to properties.

It was agreed to contact DCC and request that due to the potential risk the repair is affected as soon as possible.

A Parishioner reported that there had been many accidents at the top end of the village, generally resulting in disturbance to the residents of Brocksham and Rosejane from speeding vehicles. In the last couple of years there has been 2 near fatalities resulting in the vehicles being written off and considerable damage to the roadside borders which were maintained by residents. When drivers leave the speed restriction from Swimbridge and the road straightens out until the bend they are exceeding the national speed limit even after passing the 30 mph sign. This was more prevalent when cars are removed to accommodate a diversion.

The following suggestions were made by residents:

1. At the top of the road on the bend signs are erected with advisory arrows in black and white banded in fluorescent yellow.
2. Just before the warning signs 'Dangerous Bend' with 'slow' is painted on the road.
3. Rumble strips are repainted near the 30 mph sign
4. The trees near to the aforementioned signs are pollarded
5. That 'Please drive slowly through the village' is added to the village sign
6. That 'Thank you for driving slowly through the village' be included at both end of the village.
7. The derestriction signs be changed to 40 mph and then removed after the bend at the top of the hill. This would have a calming effect, slowing traffic 5 - 600 metres before the 30 mph limit

It was agreed due to the urgency of the problem to request DCC address the matter as a matter of priority and undertake a speed count as soon as possible.

Councillor Halliday welcomed several representatives of the new allotment group to the meeting. He stated that the allotment group were looking to arrange a meeting with the SW Counties Allotment Association to progress matters

It was agreed that Councillors Halliday and Beer be appointed to meet with the SW Association and assist with formulating a lease.

83. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The above report was deferred until later on the agenda when by Councillor Edgell was in attendance

84. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Lane stated that due to the August recess there were no NDC issues to report.

85. COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE

It was noted that there was nothing further to update on the progress of the leases

- a) Sealing of Documents.
 - i) It was resolved, in accordance with standing orders that the documents in relation to the transfer of the Community land and Allotment land at Birch Road from Devonshire Homes be authorised to be sealed and signed.
 - ii) That Councillors Halliday and Beer be authorised to sign the aforesaid document
- b) The Clerk reported that following a Locality grant application to DCC Councillor Edgell for funding towards the provision of a fence around the allotment area, £1,000 had been awarded

86. CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The Council noted the receipt of a letter from Prof Peter Howard regarding the setting up of a Climate Emergency Network.

It agreed that Councillor Prowse be appointed as the Councils report contact

87. BT PAYPHONE – CHURCH MEADOW

The Clerk reported that further to the report at the last Parish Council meeting that BT were seeking consent to remove the pay phone in Church Meadow, the Parish Council could if it so wished seek to adopt the red heritage phone box for £1 from BT in order to retain it for the village.

It was agreed to seek the adoption of the phone box from BT for £1.

88. ND LINK ROAD FOOTBRIDGE – LANDKEY JUNCTION

The Chairman circulated copies of the plans for proposed footbridge over the ND Link Road at the Landkey junction

It was agreed that the proposal be welcomed and the plans supported.

89. POLICE

It was noted that a Mini car had its windows smashed in near Lorings Field

90. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Council expressed its thanks at the wonderful meadow planting along Landkey Road by Colin Webber at Portmore

91. PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported that following a Locality grant application to DCC Councillor Edgell for funding towards the purchase of the 2 spring rockers at the Tanners Road play area, £1,000 had been awarded.

92. MILLENNIUM GREEN

It was reported that the access path from the new estate to the Millennium Green had been completed

93. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

Councillor Beer reported that the lock on the door to the toilet had been repaired.

It was agreed to ask the contractor for the play area to remove and dispose of the bags of rubber strips that were removed from the play area and stored at the Old School Centre.

It was agreed to get the tables cleaned.

94. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

95. NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:

- a) The Council noted the receipt of an e mail from Mrs Carey regarding the siting of the multi-use games area on the Millennium Green and the potential safe guarding issues

It was agreed to inform Mrs Carey that the MUGA facility was not the responsibility of the Parish Council and that the facility was a Developer (Devonshire Homes) led proposal considered by North Devon Council Planners as part of the Planning Application. As far as the PC was aware no issues/concerns were raised as part of the planning process during the public consultation.

96. FINANCE

RESOLVED:

a) Payments

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Clerk's Expenses	£	11.80
S.Pollard	Payment to Mr McCarthy (2 Months Grass Cutting)	£	50.00
Lonsdale Direct Solution	Newsletter Printing	£	120.30
Woodward Smith Architects	Architects Fee	£	578.46
G. Maynard	Repairs to OSC door	£	62.00
C. Waldron	Web Site Maintenance	£	32.06
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£	240.00

b) Audit

The Clerk reported that the external auditor had signed off the accounts for 2018/19 and had not raised any issues.

97 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Edgell stated that due to the August recess there were no DDC issues to report

98 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) The Chairman updated the Council on the Planning Application considered at the Planning Sub Committee prior to the Council meeting.
- b) **65448 Outline application (with all matters reserved except access) for up to 820 dwellings, up to 0.28 HA Neighbourhood Hub, up to 1.9 HA Employment uses, primary school, community sports provision & network open spaces together with highways & other infrastructure works (amended plans), land at Westacott, North of A361, Landkey**

Resolved that the following comments be made:

- i) The Parish Council welcomed and supported the inclusion of the pedestrian and cycle bridge link at the Landkey roundabout as now proposed by DCC as part of the sustainable transport policy
- ii) At what stage would the secondary access point from the site be provided?
- iii) That the provision of the Community Hub and School be provided at an early stage/at the same time as the residential development
- iv) That, the proportion of Employment Land be on a par with that provided at Whiddon Valley to meet future needs and encourage local employment.
- c) The Clerk reported that the Planning Applications in respect of the renewal of the Planning Permission on the Old School site and the Listed Building application for the provision of a step at the War Memorial had been submitted to NDC
- d) The Clerk reported the receipt of the following planning applications received after the publication of the agenda:

i) Application 70392 Reserved Matters application for the approval of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Stockyard, Phase One, of the Birchwood development, comprising 17 holiday units, natural play area, bin store, visitor parking, together with other operations including the access road, entrance gates and pillars, approval of conditions 1, 2,4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 and revised phasing for Birchwood (outline planning permission 61901) some matters reserved (access), Birchwood, Venn Quarry

ii) Application 70393 Approval of recreational facilities for Phase One Birchwood, natural adventure play areas, croquet pitch, hot tubs, woodland trails and associated new landscaping, Birchwood, Venn Quarry

It was agreed to seek an extension of time and consider at the next Parish Council meeting on 2nd October 2019

99. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

There were no issues raised

100. NEXT MEETING

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.