

LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillor Prowse (In the Chair)
Councillors Mrs Hommell, Lane, Lovell and Mrs Morton

Also Present: M. Isaac Parish Clerk, NDC Councillor Luggar, DCC Councillor Edgell and 10 Parishioners

Apologies: Councillors Beer and Halliday

181 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Councillor Prowse was appointed to Chair the meeting

182. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

i) Minute 168 moving of LANDKEY sign

The Clerk reported that Richard Sables, DCC had no objections in principle to the sign being relocated and suggested that its relocation could be included as part of the forthcoming junctions works. However he would wish to meet a representative of the Council on site.

It was agreed that Councillor Lovell be appointed to meet Mr Sables

ii) Minute 180 Informal meeting 19 February re Community Land

The Clerk reported that there was a long term booking on the evening of the 19th February in the Old School Centre.

It was agreed that the booking should be honoured and that the informal meeting be rearranged and held on 26th February 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

183. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest announced.

184. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parishioners raised the following issues:

A Parishioner suggested that when the Council considers possible recipients for this year's Community Award, Mr Dick Barton be considered.

A Parishioner stated that due to cars/lorries mounting the pavement the condition of the pavement at Landkey Newlands was in a dangerous condition and surface badly broken up.

It was agreed to report to DCC

A Parishioner raised concerns at the time taken by the dustcart to collect refuse and blocking up the road/s.

185 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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

186. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Luggar reported that District Councillor Turton from Ilfracombe had awarded a substantial Community Grant Award to the Landkey Allotment Association.

The Council recorded its thanks NDC Councillor Turton for his generous support.

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

The Clerk reported that unfortunately Toby Russell was unable to attend the meeting.

It was noted that the Parish Council supported the provision of an air ambulance helicopter landing site on the Landkey Football pitch in principle and was aware of the costs.

It was agreed that:

- i) Toby Russell be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.
- ii) That Mike Batten seek pledges of financial support from the Community and advertise in the Newsletter, Parish web site and Facebook page
- iii) That the Clerk ascertain whether planning permission will be required for the lights

188. COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the transfer documents for both parcels of land had been now been signed by both parties and the two parcels of land were now in the ownership of the Parish Council.

The Council considered an e mail from the Council's Solicitor regarding the draft Allotment leases agreement.

It was agreed that the draft allotment lease as drafted be agreed subject to the following points of clarification/amendment:

- i) That the Allotments be named The Landkey Allotments
- ii) That the contact names and addresses be sought from the Allotment Association.

- iii) That the Parish Council reserve the right to increase the rent and review the rent beach year.
- iv) That No Bonfires be permitted.
- v) That the maintenance of the hedge and fences be that of the Allotment Association.
- vi) That the views of the Allotment Association be sought regarding the size of sheds

The clarification of other issues raised at the last meeting were noted

189 PROVISION OF SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE

It was noted that the signs had been erected

190 PROVISION OF WILD FLOWER AREAS

Councillor Prowse stated that to date he had been contacted by two families following the article in the newsletter.

It was agreed:

That the initiative be again advertised on the Landkey Facebook page to seek more volunteers willing to take the initiative forward.

191 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk reported the receipt of an e mail from NDC Electoral Services informing that authorisation would need to be sought from the Boundary Commission to consider changes that fall within the 5 year protected timescale.

It was agreed: that NDC be informed that the Parish Council is aware of the time limit but feels very strongly that a mistake was made to reduce the number of Councillors on the Parish Council at the last review. Evidence can be provided that Landkey Parish Council has had 9 Councillors from the early part of last century and although part of the Parish ie Mount Sandford and the part of Whiddon Valley were transferred to Barnstaple, the population of Landkey has grown with large amounts of development and is greater than it ever was. Landkey was one of the largest villages in North Devon.

It RESOLVED that NDC be requested to consider the Parish Council's request to increase its number by 2 to 9 Parish Councillors.

192. POLICE

There were no issues to report

193. HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no issues to report

194. PLAYING FIELDS

- a) Relocation of Dog Bin

Councillor Lovell reported that he had met with representatives of the Landkey Playing Field Association and Millennium Green on site to consider the issues raised by the Landkey Playing Fields Association and the problems caused since the removal of the dog waste bin on the Millennium Green side of the footbridge, linking the Playing Field to the Millennium Green.

He stated unfortunately there was no easy solution to the problem. It was suggested that the Parish Council purchase a new dog bin and take on the responsibility of the dog bins.

It was agreed:

- i) That the Parish Council purchase another dog waste bin to be located at the main entrance to the Millennium Green adjacent to the red litter bin
ii) That the bin be emptied once a week at a cost to the Parish Council
- b) It was reported that the slide to the play equipment was missing.

Councillor Lovell reported that the slide was not missing as there had never been a slide in the play area.

195. MILLENNIUM GREEN

- a) There were no issues to report

Councillor Prowse stated that 100/120 people attended the WASSAIL held last year and he hoped that even more would attend this year's event

196. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

- a) There were no issues to report
- b) Minute 175 (b) Disposal of Rubber Chippings

It was agreed to give the rubber chippings free of charge to Tony Rippon

197. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

198. NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Council noted an e mail regarding the 98th Land's End Trial on 10th /11th April 2020

199. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Edgell stated that he had been approached regarding grant support towards the provision of lighting for the Air Ambulance land strip proposed at on the football pitch, which in principle he was happy to support.

It was agreed that the Clerk submit a Community Grant Application for £1,200 towards the provision of lighting for the Air Ambulance land strip proposed at on the football pitch to DCC Councillor Edgell.

He further stated that that subject to confirmation by Full Council DCC was proposing to increase its portion of the Council Tax by 2% with an additional 2% ring fenced for Adult Social Care and that the ND Link Road Bridge had been approved under delegated authority.

200 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

RESOLVED that the Internal Controls, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, Safeguarding Policy and Community Engagement documents be agreed and adopted

201. FINANCE

RESOLVED:

Payments

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Payment	£ 14.86
S. Harman	OSC Supplies	£ 3.99
R. Keenor	Spraying/Weeding	£225.00
Shaw & Sons	Receipts/Payments Book	£ 74.40

202 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor Lovell updated the Council on the Planning Application considered at the Planning Sub Committee prior to the Council meeting.

203. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

There were no issues raised.

204. NEXT MEETING

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.