

LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillor Councillor Halliday (Chairman)

Councillors Beer, Mrs Hommell, Lane, Lovell, Medland, Mrs Morton and Prowse

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

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs Pollard

202 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2019 were approved as correct a record and signed by the Chairman.

- a) Matters Arising – Minute 189 Renewal of planning consent, Old School Centre – Appointment of Architect

The Clerk reported that Woodward Smith Architects were happy to act on behalf of the Parish Council to renew the existing planning permission on the Old School Centre but no information had yet been received regarding costs.

203 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

204 QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

A Parishioner asked when the salt bags would be replaced/distributed.

NDC Councillor Luggar stated that in liaison with the Clerk he would investigate and seek to obtain a supply from DCC

205 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Luggar reported that the Councillor Community Grant budget and the Parish Grants would remain for the following financial year but that there would be an 8% reduction in grants to external organisations.

He stated that contrary to some reports the NDC Members Allowances had not been increased. The DCC Councillor Members Allowance had however been increased.

206 APPLICATION 66095 NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO MODIFY A PLANNING OBLIGATION UNDER REGULATION 3 OF THE T & C P (MODIFICATION & DISCHARGE OF PLANNING OBLIGATION) REGULATIONS 1992 IN RESPECT OF REVISION OF SCHEDULE 6, CLAUSE 2 TO ENABLE DEVONSHIRE HOMES TO CONTINUE TO OCCUPY THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES LAND FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR MAZZARD VIEW PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT, LAND AT BIRCH ROAD, LANDKEY

The Council recorded its interest in the above application as it intended to be the landowner after the variation had or had not been agreed by the LPA. Councillors considered the application acting solely in the interests of the citizens of Landkey and not as prospective landowners.

Following discussion of the application it was agreed to make No Comment.

207 COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE

The Chairman reported that the Council's Solicitor was working towards the transfer of the Allotment land by March and the Community Land now.

The Clerk reported a communication from the Council's Solicitor regarding the payment of legal fees. Devonshire Homes had only agreed to pay £1,000 inclusive of VAT towards the transfer of the Community land only as per a 'heads of terms' that had not been agreed by the Parish Council and nothing towards the transfer of the Allotment land. It was considered that the legal fees would be more than this amount and it had been asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to meet the additional legal charges.

It was considered that it would be less costly to transfer both parcels of land at the same time.

It was agreed that Councillors Halliday, Beer, Lovell and Prowse be appointed to meet with the Council's Solicitor to discuss the best way forward.

208 PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL DOG BINS

Councillor Lovell stated that complaints had been received regarding dog mess in the village. He further stated that in certain parts of the village there were no dog bins and he therefore considered that additional dog bins were required to be located in these areas.

It was agreed that Councillor Lovell be authorised to obtain costs for the provision of and emptying of additional dog bins in the village.

209 PURCHASE OF ANOTHER DEFIBRILLATOR

Councillor Lovell reported that 11 people had attended the defibrillator training. The receipt of certificates, provision of a plaque outside the shop and signage were awaited.

210 ASH DIE BACK

Councillor Prowse reported that he had attended a AONB Partnership briefing by Devon Wildlife Trust regarding the serious nature of the Ash die back across the Country. The disease had arrived in North Devon. He stated that most of the Ash trees were on boundary hedges and in private ownership. It was anticipated that 90% of the Ash trees would die. It was hoped that some of the saplings would become immune and survive.

He wanted to raise the awareness of the plight of the Ash and that by compiling a list of iconic Ash trees commemorate the 'passing of the Ash'.

211 COUNCILLOR DROP IN SESIONS

Councillor Halliday stated that he hoped to arrange another ‘Councillor Drop-In Session’ perhaps in April.

It was agreed that Councillor Lovell confirm an appropriate date and advertise in the Parish newsletter.

212 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

DCC Councillor Edgell updated Council on the Link Road improvement works. He stated that the 1st phase from Portmore Roundabout to Filleigh cutting had been approved and work would commence next year.

In answer to a question he stated that following an independent assessment DCC Councillor Members Allowances had been increased by 15%, the first increase for 9 years.

213 POLICE

It was reported that a car had been keyed in Bakery Way and 5 people had been arrested following the armed robbery at the shop.

214 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Edgell reported that DCC had been given £18 million by Government for further pot-hole work.

215 PLAYING FIELDS

The following issues were reported:

216 MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues to report.

217 OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

There were no issues to report.

218 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

219 NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

220 FINANCE

RESOLVED:

a) Payments

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Clerk's Expenses	£ 14.86
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	- Defibrillator Training	£ 85.20

221 PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman updated the Council on the Planning Application considered at the Planning Sub Committee meeting held prior to the Council meeting.

222 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

There were no issues raised.

223 NEXT MEETING

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.