

## LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** M. Isaac Parish Clerk, NDC Councillor Luggar and DCC Councillor Edgell and 2 Parishioners

**Apologies:-** Councillor Halliday

### 121. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) There were no matters arising:

### 122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest announced.

### 123. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following issues were raised by Parishioners:

- Air Ambulance. A Parishioner stated that he had met Mr Toby Russell, Community Landing Site Development Offer regarding suitable landing sites for the Air Ambulance.

It was considered that the Football Playing Field may be a suitable site.

It was agreed to invite Mr Russell to the next Parish Council meeting to outline what would be required.

- Millennium Green – Dog Bin. A Parishioner stated that concern had been expressed at the removal of the Dog Bin provided by the Millennium Trustees located by the bridge.

It was asked if the bin could be re-located adjacent to the red litter bin on the bottom path in the playing field.

It was agreed to ask the Millennium Trustees if they would be prepared to relocate the dog bin and continue to meet the costs for emptying.

- New Sewer Pipe, Bishops Tawton. A Parishioner stated that a new sewer pipe was to be installed along the main road in Bishops Tawton and asked where would the traffic be diverted?

It was stated that no date had yet been set for the work but it was agreed that the DCC Highway Authority be requested to consult the Parish Council on a traffic management plan.

#### **124. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

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

#### **125. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Luggar stated that funding for local projects was available through the District Councillors Community Grant Fund

#### **126. COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE**

The Clerk reported an update e mail from the Council's Solicitor and seeking the Council's authority to proceed with the adoption of both parcels of land.

RESOLVED, that the Council's Solicitor be authorised to proceed with the adoption of both parcels of land from Devonshire Homes.

Councillor Beer updated Council on a meeting attended by himself and Councillor Halliday with members of the Allotments Committee. He stated that the Allotments Committee was proposing to charge £50 per year for ½ a plot and £90 per year for a full plot

It was agreed:

- That the Allotment Committee not be charged for the use of the Old School House for a meeting
- That the proposed charges be agreed in principle but that a detailed plan for the use of the allotment site be submitted to the Parish Council for consideration and approval

#### **127. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW: REPRESENTATIONS RE REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILLORS: UPDATE**

The Clerk reported that NDC were proposing to undertake a Community Governance review of Parishes and that he had informed NDC of the Parish Council's request to increase the number of Councillors up to its previously number of nine.

#### **128 PROVISION OF SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE**

The Council considered information provided by Councillor Halliday for the provision of signs at the entrances to the village requesting drivers to 'Please Drive Slowly through the Village' and 'Thank You for driving Carefully'

The cost for a 900mm x 600mm sign was £105 + vat and a 900mm x 300mm sign £75 + vat.

It was agreed:

- a) That in principle 2 900mm x 600mm be purchased

- b) That consent be sought from DCC to erect the signs on DCC land and seek a cost for the DCC contractor to install the signs.
- c) That the LANDKEY sign needed to be relocated to the Landkey junction and be larger in size.

### **129. PROVISION OF A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Council considered the provision of a Village Christmas tree

It was agreed:

- a) That DCC consent be sought to locate a permanent Village Christmas tree on the verge at Acland Cross/Blakeshill Road for future years
- b) That for this year, the landlord of the Castle Inn be approached to ask if a Christmas tree for the Village could be located at the front of the Inn and if he would provide the electricity for the lights
- c) That a maximum of up to £100 be allocated to purchase the tree and lights
- d) That a Christmas tree be purchased for the Church up to a maximum of £50

It was agreed to ask Mr Bill Parker to lay the remembrance wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **130. POLICE**

There were no issues to report

### **131. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Councillor Prowse stated that he had reported blocked ditches/drains on the road to Hannaford – Moorland Hill but had had no action from DCC

It was asked when, had the gullies last been cleared. It was stated that such information could be sought via an FOI request

Councillor Beer stated that he had reported that the street lights were not working

### **132. PLAYING FIELDS**

Councillor Lovell reported that a fence panel needed replacing. He agreed to repair

### **133. MILLENNIUM GREEN**

Councillor Beer reported that some trees in a field adjoining the Millennium Green, Landkey were causing a water flow problem in the Millennium Green.

It was agreed to report the matter to the Environment Agency for action.

He also raised safety concerns regarding the Swale below the MUGA in Landkey. Although the area was gated off, the area looked like a green area but in fact there was approximately water 10 feet deep in it.

It was agreed to report to Devonshire Homes for action

#### **134. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE**

Councillor Beer reported that there was a problem with water puddling in the car park. He and a contractor Mr Dennis had rodded the drain but had only managed to rod up to about 10 feet. It needed to be rodded further but it was considered that the bags of rubber chips were stopping the rods going further.

He had obtained a cheaper price than that previous given to dispose at deep moor tip.

It was noted that the rubber chips had not been advertised for free and Councillor Lovell agreed to approach the riding school to see if they would be interested in taking them

#### **135. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER**

There were no issues to report.

#### **136. NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report

#### **137. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Edgell reported that Councillors were now in the purdah period following the dissolution of Parliament. He stated that the planning application for the bridge over the Landkey junction would be submitted soon.

#### **138. FINANCE**

RESOLVED:

##### **a) Payments**

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Clerk's Expenses	£	12.50
Woodward Smith Architects	Architects Fee	£	933.90
Lonsdale Direct Solutions	Printing Newsletter	£	121.00
Devonshire Homes Ltd	Provision/installation of allotment fencing	£	1,760.00
TK Play	New Play Equipment	£	1,965.60
North Devo Council	Dog Bin Emptying	£	24.00
Mr Parker	Daffodil bulbs/Materials for War Memorial	£	45.33
Landkey Carols	Grant	£	500.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£	50.00
Mr N. Dennis	Clearing Drains	£	20.00

#### **139 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted for the renewal of consent for the OSC site and the War Memorial step

**140. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING**

The following issue was raised:

Provision of wild flower planting

**141. NEXT MEETING**

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

**Chairman**

**Meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.**