

LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: - Chairman Councillor Prowse

Councillors Beer, Halliday, Mrs Hommell, Lane and Lovell.

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

Apologies:- Councillors Angel, Medland and Mrs Morton and NDC Councillor Luggar

144 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

146 QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no issues raised by Parishioners.

It was noted that the Xmas Fayre was on Saturday 10th December 2016

147 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Council noted a report by Councillor Luggar read by the Clerk.

1. That the s106 money was progressing for Bakery Way play equipment and for the football club fence. The funding for both projects should be approved by the NDC Executive in the New Year.

2. Bakery Way Car Park. The Car Park would remain free but limited to 24 hours from 08.00 Monday to 18.00 Friday. No restrictions would be placed on the car park during weekend.

Councillor Lane reported that Landkey would be a trial area for the 3 weekly black bin collection and weekly food collection service

148 PROPOSED FENCE AROUND THE FOOTBALL GROUND

Mike Rippon and members of Landkey Football Club attended the meeting

The Chairman outlined the problem of dog fouling on the football pitch and the requirement of the football club to erect a fence to comply with the requirements of the North Devon Football League.

Mike Rippon outlined the proposed fence and circulated a sample of the metal post/rails. The posts and rails would be galvanised metal and a wire mesh approximately 2 feet in height placed around the bottom to stop dogs running onto the pitch. The cost of the fence was approximately £9,000.

It was agreed:

- a) That the proposed fence be approved subject to the wire mesh being green in colour and the proviso that if required in future the parish Council could have the fence removed.
- b) That the application for s106 funding be supported.

149 NORTH DEVON COUNCIL REVIEW OF CAR PARKS

The Clerk reported an e mail from Helen Bond NDC Estates Officer stating that in the circumstances NDC are not proposing to take any further action at this time. However they will review at some point in the New Year.

150 POLICING MATTERS

There were no issues to report

151 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Council noted an e mail response from Richard Sables DCC regarding the issues raised at the last meeting and the annual cleaning of the gullies. He stated that:

The annual programmed cleaning of the gullies in Landkey had just been carried out. However the gully indicated in your recent correspondence had been reported as not emptied due to the crew being unable to lift the cover (adjacent gullies were cleaned successfully on 30/11/2016).

Unfortunately under the current tough choices policy there were no resources available to instigate extra visits outside of the programmed clean other than where standing /running water was at risk of causing aquaplaning on roads above 40mph.

However I am conscious that Blakes Hill Road was a salting route so I would appreciate it if water was observed surcharging across the road at this location, or the problem was causing significant ice issues.

It was unlikely that the occasional inoperative gully will cause any significant problems with the water simply bypassing and being collected in the next one. Until resource were available to batch together and resolve some of these "problem" gullies it was intended to take no further action.

Concern was expressed regarding vehicles parking on the corner of South Hayes Copse and Tanners Road. It was agreed to contact the PCSO to investigate.

152 PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported the receipt of a quote from Wicksteed to repair the play equipment identified in the RoSPA annual play area inspection. The quote of £1,761.93 was accepted.

Councillor Lane agreed to contribute £400 from his NDC locality fund towards the repair of the play equipment.

It was agreed to consider the resurfacing of the play area at the next meeting.

153 MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues to report

154 OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

There were no issues to report

155 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report

156. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Edgell reported that Planning application 62187 Outline Application For Residential Development Of Up To 149 Residential Units Including Vehicular Access, Landscaping, Open Space, Drainage, Infrastructure & All Associated Development (some Matters Reserved), Land Adjacent to Westacott Grange, Westacott, Barnstaple had been submitted and that DCC Councillor Mathews had concerns regarding access. It was noted that the application would be considered at the January Parish Council meeting.

He further reported that he was attending a DCC meeting the following day regarding the ½ year budget overrun for Adult Social Care and Children Care of £5 million and £2 million respectively and the concerns expressed regarding removal of services at North Devon Hospital.

157 NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Savills apologising for their non-attendance at the last meeting due to a mix up of dates.
- b) The Clerk reported the receipt of two letters from the Landkey Guides thanking the Council for the grant aid.
- c) The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Dr Alison Diamond, Chief Executive Northern Devon Health Care and Peter Heaton- Jones MP regarding the concerns raised by the Parish Council on the proposals to withdraw services from the North Devon Hospital
- d) It was noted that the District Councillors would be meeting with the acting MD of Devonshire Homes

158 FINANCE

RESOLVED:

a) Payments

The following payments were approved: -

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| M. Isaac | Clerk's Expenses | £ | 514.14 |
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| Royal British Legion | Poppy Wreath | £ | 50.00 |
| C. Waldron | Web site maintenance | £ | 30.00 |
| Mr Parker | Pack of Daffodil Bulbs | £ | 20.00 |
| Mr Keenor | Strimming and Spraying | £ | 209.00 |
| Mr Maynard | Repairs OSC | £ | 84.15 |
| Mrs Hommell | Xmas tree/decorations | £ | 32.50 |

b) Precept and Parish Grant 2017/18

RESOLVED that the Parish Precept for 2017/18 be £19,500 (no increase) and the maximum Parish Grant £2,051 claimed.

It was noted that the Council Tax Support Grant for 2017/18 will be £643.26

159 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no Planning matters for consideration.

The Chairman of the Planning Sub Committee updated Council on the application considered by the Sub Committee at the meeting prior to Council.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.