

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Hommell

162. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to minute 147 being amended to emphasise that the figure of £500 was an illustrative working figure
- b) Matters Arising – There were no matters arising

163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest announced.

164. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no issues raised by Parishioners:

165. COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the transfer documents for both parcels of land had been signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman before Christmas and had been passed back to the Council's Solicitor for signing by Devonshire Homes.

Councillor Halliday reported that the allotment association had prepared and submitted an allotment holder's rental agreement which had been previously circulated to all Members. He had also submitted a draft lease agreement to the Council's Solicitor for comment and he had responded to questions raised by the Solicitor.

Councillor Lane raised the following issues for clarification:

- Was 'No Livestock' safeguarded in the draft lease agreement?
- Had there been any changes to the 1906 allotment act referred to in the draft lease?
- Who was responsible for the maintenance of the fence? Councillor Halliday stated that the Parish Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the fence but that the allotment association would be responsible for the maintenance of the inside boundary
- Was planning permission required for sheds/poly tunnels?

Councillor Halliday stated that he had asked the Solicitor to ascertain who it was intended would use the car park

Two representatives of the Allotment Association informed the Council that all the plots were half plots (total 20 plots) and to date 17 plots had been allocated and 1 allocated to Landkey School free of charge. The Association had also obtained public liability insurance.

166. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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

167. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Luggar stated that Tawstock Parish Council along with NDC Councillor Lofthouse were looking at the provision of wild flower areas in the Parish and would welcome a joint initiative with Landkey Parish Council if considered acceptable. Tawstock Parish Council had identified some funding approx. £600/£700 towards the project.

168 PROVISION OF SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE

Councillor Halliday stated that following the last Parish Council meeting he had received a quote from Blue Orange of £518.40 incl. VAT for four 900mm x 300mm signs. The signs would be erected on existing posts.

Councillor Lane stated that a previous meeting the Parish Council had agreed that the LANDKEY sign be relocated nearer to the Landkey junction.

It was agreed:

- a) That the quote from Blue Orange of £518.40 incl. VAT for four 900mm x 300mm signs be accepted.
- b) That DCC be formally requested to move the LANDKEY sign closer to the Landkey junction and advised that the Parish Council would be willing to contribute towards its relocation

169 PROVISION OF WILD FLOWER AREAS

Councillor Prowse stated that to date he had been contacted by only one family following the article in the newsletter.

It was agreed:

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

170 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk reported that there had been no further information

171. POLICE

It was reported that some garages/sheds had been broken into in Church Meadow.

172. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was reported:

- a) That that the large pot hole near the Bus stop at the top of Blakeshill Road that had been repaired just before Christmas had reappeared
- b) That it had been mentioned that speed monitoring equipment had been installed at the Swimbridge Newlands end of the village
- c) That a fallen tree was blocking the footpath in Venn Wood
- d) That a small amount of earth had fallen onto the road in Acland Road

173. PLAYING FIELDS

The Council considered a letter from the Landkey Playing Fields Association (previously circulated) raising the following issues of concern:

- a) That since the dog waste bin had been removed on the Millennium Green side of the footbridge, linking the Playing Field to the Millennium Green, dog walkers were filling the general rubbish bins in the Playing Field with dog excrement. This was obviously unacceptable and not nice for the volunteers who undertake the task of emptying the waste bins. There is now only one dog waste bin in Millennium Green. It was considered that it would be advantageous if the dog waste bin sited inside the Playing Field entrance off Tanners Road, was moved next to the rubbish bin by the picnic area, so that the dog walkers would see this bin in the first instance. It would also be advantageous to put some formal signs on the general rubbish bins saying “No Dog Mess in this bin please”, or words to that effect.

It was agreed that as the dog bin in question was owned by the Millennium Green Trust that a meet of representatives from the Parish Council, Millennium Green Trust and the Landkey Playing Fields Association meet on site to discuss further

It was agreed that Councillor Lovell be appointed to represent the Parish Council

- b) It was reported that the slide to the play equipment was missing.

The Parish Council was not aware of its removal and Councillor Halliday agreed to investigate

- c) It was reported that the fence surrounding the play area had a number of broken/or loose timbers.

Councillor Lovell reported that the damaged fencing had been repaired

- d) It was reported that when the contractors recently undertook the paving and drainage works on behalf of the Parish Council, they have either taken, or misplaced the padlock and chain to the main gate to the Playing Field, which as a result is now left unlocked.

The Parish Council had no knowledge of any such works being undertaken

174. MILLENNIUM GREEN

- a) There were no issues to report
- b) Minute 154 (b) Safety concerns regarding the Swale

The Clerk reported that Devonshire Homes had advised that they had passed the matter to the management company responsible for the Swale below the MUGA in Landkey to action.

175. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

- a) Councillor Beer reported that a couple of doors had swollen
- b) Minute 155 Disposal of Rubber Chippings

There was no update

176. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

The Council recorded its thanks to Lynne and Janet for producing the newsletter

177. NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Council noted an e mail from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner
- b) The Council noted an e mail from the Environment Agency advising of works required Mill Leat and the required road closure

178. FINANCE

RESOLVED:

Payments

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Payment	£14.90
T. Hommell	Purchase of Village Christmas Trees	£19.98
Lonsdale Direct Solution	Printing Newsletter	£121.00

The Council recorded its thanks and appreciation to John and Janette Stitt for their fund raising for charity over Christmas

179 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Application:70879 Application under Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992 notification by Devon County Council in respect of Outline planning permission for the provision of a foot/cycle bridge (DCC/4157/2019) at Land West of Landkey Junction Barnstaple**

RECOMMENDED that the application be supported but made the following comments:

- i) That in the long term provision be made for safe cycle/pedestrian access from Landkey to the bridge
 - ii) That assurance be given that a tarmacked track be provided back to the junction suitable for pedestrians and cyclists
- b) Planning Sub Committee. Report of Chairman

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

180. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

There were no issues raised.

It was agreed that an informal meeting of the Parish Council be held on 19th February @ 7.00 p.m. to consider some initial thoughts for the use/way forward for the development of the Community land.

181. NEXT MEETING

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.

DCC Councillor Edgell unfortunately arrived after the conclusion of the meeting due to attendance at another Parish Council meeting