

LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Centre on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies:- DCC Councillor Edgell

21 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2019/20

RESOLVED, that Councillor Halliday be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council until re-appointments are made in the next municipal year.

22 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2019/20

RESOLVED, that Councillor Beer be appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council until re-appointments are made in the next municipal year.

23. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd April 2019 were approved as correct a record and signed by the Chairman.

- a) There were no matters arising from the previous meeting

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

25. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no questions from Parishioners

26 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following planning applications:

- a) Application 66561 Erection of roof over existing silage clamp, East Bradninch, Bradninch

Recommended: APPROVAL

Councillor Lane declared a Personal Interest in the above application as he knew the Applicant.

- b) Application 66499 Erection of dwelling together with modification to existing private driveway, land adj Denes/Acland Road, Landkey

Recommended: NO OBJECTIONS

The Council waived standing orders to enable the applicants Mr and Mrs Hookway to address the Council.

Councillor Lane wished it recorded that he did not vote on the above application.

27. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

In the absence of Councillor Edgell there was no DCC report

28. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Luggar reported that a report had been considered and agreed by NDC Senior Management Team to initiate a dog bin emptying service provided by NDC. A fee structure had been agreed and an agency worker would be recruited on a temporary basis

29. COMMUNITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND, BIRCH ROAD - UPDATE

The Clerk reported the receipt of an e mail from the Parish Council's Solicitor requesting confirmation from Landkey Parish Council regarding the legal fees, the transfer of the allotment land and the rental of the compound area.

It was noted that Devonshire Homes had offered to increase their offer towards the legal fees to £2,000 excluding VAT.

It was agreed:

- a) To accept the increased offer of £2,000 from Devonshire Homes towards the legal costs
- b) That the allotment land be transferred to Landkey Parish Council and the transfer of both parcels of land transferred together as one transaction to reduce legal fees.
- c) That the rental of the compound area be as previously agreed.
- d) That the Council's Solicitor be requested to provide a breakdown of the legal costs to date and to be incurred.

Councillor Halliday reported that Ian Smith, Devonshire Homes had offered to meet Councillors on site to discuss the access into the Community land area and clarify the transfer of the two parcels of land. Once a date had been agreed Councillor Halliday agreed to invite Councillors to attend.

30 APPOINTMENTS OF SUB COMMITTEES

It was agreed:

- a) That all Members of Council be appointed to the Planning Sub Committee, Old School Centre Sub Committee and Community Engagement Sub Committee.
- b) That Councillor Lovell be appointed Chairman of the Planning Sub Committee
- c) That Councillor Beer be appointed Chairman of the Old School Sub Committee
- d) That Councillor Mrs Hommell be appointed Chairperson of the Community Engagement Sub Committee

31. POLICE

There were no issues to report.

32. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following issues were raised:

- a) That the Car Park had been resurfaced by NDC
- b) That the grass had been cut by DCC on one side of Denes Road but not the other. This was questioned as the visibility of on-coming vehicles was obstructed by the un cut area.
- c) That the street sign for Four Oaks Close was rusted
- d) That the road surface at the Bableigh junction was pitted

It was reported that the weeds around the village needed spraying.

It was agreed that Councillor Lane be authorised to ask Ross Keenor to cut the grass verges and spray the weeds in the village

33. PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported that the annual inspection had identified a few issues that needed attending to and that he had asked TK Play for a quote to undertake the work.

He reported that a quote had been received from TK Play of £3,180.00 including Vat to undertake the work identified as being required by the inspection.

It was agreed that as the issues needed to be rectified as a matter of urgency that the quote from TK Play be accepted.

34. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues to report.

35. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

It was reported that the broken window would be fixed the following week.

36. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

37. COMMUNITY SHIELD

It was agreed that the Community Shield award for 2019 be awarded to Chris Williams for services to the village and presented at the next Parish Council meeting

38. NEW BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:

- a) Ecology Report – Re renewal of Planning Consent for the Old School Centre site

The Clerk reported the following quote received to undertake the ecology report

Butler Ecology £300 (no Vat), Orbis Ecology £295 + VAT and Green Ecology £360 +Vat

It was agreed to appoint Butler Ecology who had undertaken the previous ecology report to produce the report.

b) Insurance Renewal

The Clerk reported that the insurance Policy was due for renewal.

Zurich the existing insurance company had quoted £1 year £2,266.60, 3 years £2,167.25 and 5 years £2,067.94.

It was agreed to renew the policy with Zurich for 1 year at a premium of £2,266.60

c) Planning Application

The Clerk reported the receipt of the notification of a major planning application 65448 development on land at Westacott, North of the A361.

It was agreed to invite the NDC Planning Officer to an Extra Ordinary Council meeting to outline the relevant details.

d) Councillor Training

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Fremington Parish Council offering Planning Training for Councillors on 1st June 2019

It was agreed that Councillors Beer and Mrs Hommell be authorised to attend at a cost of £30 per person

39. FINANCE

RESOLVED:

a) Payments

The following payments were approved: -

M. Isaac	Clerk's Expenses	£	25.10
Zurich Insurance	Policy Renewal	£	2,266.60
Lonsdale	Newsletter	£	120.30
S.Pollard	Payment to Mr McCarthy (Grass Cutting)	£	25.00
Village Hall Committee	Grant	£	300.00
Landkey AFC	Grant	£	800.00
Millennium Green Trust	Grant	£	600.00
St Pauls Church	Grant	£	800.00
Landkey Playing Field Cttee	Grant	£	400.00

40. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to put the following item on the next agenda – Community Governance Review of number of Councillors on Landkey Parish Council. Concern was expressed that the number of Councillors on the Council had been reduced from nine to seven

41. NEXT MEETING

It was noted and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held in the **OLD SCHOOL CENTRE** on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.