

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 pm**

Present: - Councillor Halliday (Chairman)
Councillors Hommell, Nel, Morton and Prowse.

DCC Councillor Henderson

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - 2

110. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Beer.

111. MINUTES

- a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

112. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

The Chairman reminded Members of the Millennium Green Celebrations on 4th September.

He further stated that he was seeking a contribution from the Millennium Green and Landkey United Charities towards the installation of a further defibrillator at the Football Club.

It was reported that the defibrillator at the shop had not been registered with the emergency services.

113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest.

114. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from Members of the public.

115. NDC COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

In the absence of NDC Councillors there were no issues to report.

116. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

DCC Councillor Paul Henderson reported the following:

- The temporary closure of Footpath No. 4, Landkey. The closure was due to start on the 1st September and was necessary to facilitate works related to construction of a new roundabout on North Devon Link Road.
- Venn Bridge: The issue was due to the river scour on both wing walls of the bridge, as well as the river now trying take a more direct course which has caused the recent bank slip, currently the bridge was so badly affected that it was felt it was best to prevent vehicles from crossing the bridge. Pedestrians, Cyclists and horses were still permitted to cross the bridge but no vehicles.
The current thinking was to either install a box culvert and excavate channel to allow the river to take the more direct route, one other option is to remove the bridge and just put in a structure suitable for use by the previous mentioned groups able to use the bridge at present. There was not a quick fix and the bridge would be closed for some time, those individuals who ignored the closure and drive through at their own risk. The police were now taking a driver forward for prosecution for such an issue.
- North Devon Link Road closures. That there would be closures during September to construct barriers from the West Buckland junction to Aller Cross.
- That he had been promised by DCC Officer's that the overgrown trees coming from Swimbridge would be cut/trimmed and re-paint the road markings.
- That the road markings down the centre of the road through Landkey would be re-painted as they had worn away.
- That DCC Overview & Scrutiny Committee were undertaking a review of the highway department.
- That OFSTED had criticised the DCC Children Service's and a new head of service had been appointed.

Following a request from Members Councillor Henderson agreed to look at the provision of radar speed signs at both ends of the village.

117. TELEPHONE BOX: USE AS A BOOK EXCHANGE.

The 2 ladies who had agreed to manage the book exchange in the telephone box attended the meeting.

It was agreed that shelving be installed in the telephone box for the books.

118. PROVISION OF FENCING BETWEEN THE MUGA AND ALLOTMENT LAND.

The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Lane had visited the site and agreed that steel posts were required with high netting located on the outside of the current fence.

A quote had been sought to survey the site and provide and install the posts and netting.

119. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP

The Clerk reported that there was £30,000 of s106 monies available for capital works towards the new community facility. This money however was required to be spent by August 2022. He was in contact with the NDC Officer responsible for the s106 funds to safeguard the monies.

The Chairman reported that a visit by the working group to Willand Village Hall had been arranged for later in the month and that a public event would be held on the survey results in the village hall on 21 October.

120. SHAPING OUR FUTURE- AIMS AND OBJECTIVES DOCUMENT.

The Council noted the 'Shaping Our Future' 4th draft document previously circulated.

It was agreed to invite David Wyborn to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss updating the Document.

121. VENN BRIDGE: UPDATE

See minute 116 above.

123. VENN QUARRY DEVELOPMENT: UPDATE

It was noted that Habitat First had suspended work during Covid.

It was agreed to include the item on the next agenda.

124. BABLEIGH VALLEY – PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS

The Council expressed concern at the re-construction of the landscape in the Bableigh Valley with earthworks being undertaken and the felling of trees. No consultation had been held with the Parish Council.

It was agreed:

- a) Share the Council's concerns with Bishops Tawton Parish Council.
- b) To invite Marie Bailey, the new Service Manager for Development to a future Parish Council meeting.

125. COVID IMPACT ON THE PARISH – PARISHIONERS AND BUSINESSES.

There were no issues raised.

It was agreed to seek the current data re cases in Landkey Parish.

126. AMENDED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

The Clerk reported that the previous adopted neighbourhood plan area required updating following the transfer of land to Barnstaple Parish.

It was agreed to seek to designate the current parish boundary and include land up to Star Cross Farm on the south side of road and to Crossways on the north side in Swimbridge Parish in a new neighbourhood plan area.

127. POLICE

There were no issues to report.

128. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) Temporary Road Markings through village. See minute 116 above.
- b) NDLR Liaison Group.
The Chairman stated that he was unable to attend the next zoom meeting. Councillor Hommell agreed to attend if possible.

129. PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email from the Landkey Playing Fields Association raising the following issues:

- a) It was understood that a member of the public had raised the issue of the access path from Tanners Road not being user friendly for a mobility scooter / wheelchair and that the Parish Council have approached a contractor in respect of undertaking works to rectify this issue. We are obviously more than pleased that this is being looked into, but as the works will be taking place on land under the ownership of the Playing Field Association, could we ask that we be provided with a copy of the proposed works to be carried out for consideration, prior to the works going ahead.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a quote from Nelson Birch for £1,950 + VAT.

It was agreed that the Playing Fields Association be advised of the quote and that there were possible grants available to them to undertake the work as the owners of the land.

- b) A couple of the fence posts at the front far end of the Children's Play Area had broken / rotten through and could do with replacing to maintain the fences integrity.

It was agreed to seek a quote to replace the missing/broken panels.

- c) It was raised at our meeting that the Parish Council were potentially looking at removing the Picnic tables at the far end of the Children's Play Area or putting down new surfacing. Again, it will be appreciated if you can advise of the Parish Council's intentions. We have strimmed the grass around the tables to make them more appealing and usable and will do so again during the peak grass growing season.

It was noted that there were no plans to remove the picnic tables or benches.

130. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor Morton reported that new trustees had been appointed.

It was noted that the Millennium Trustees planned to mark the Queen's Platinum Anniversary. Although the ceremonies and holiday would be next June, the actual date is 6th February. They were proposing to plant a Devon apple on the Green to mark the occasion, and I wondered if the Parish would like to join in.

It was agreed that the Parish Council also mark the celebration and seek the views of the Millennium Green Trustees as to what would complement their proposal. The Chairman agreed to contact Michael Gee.

131. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

There were no issues to report.

132. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

133. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac	Expenses	£13.23
HMRC	Income Tax Payment – Clerk Salary	£125.20
North Devon Council	Dog Bin Emptying	£78.00
Glover Stanbury	Payroll Management	£252.00
Landkey Village Hall	Hire	£13.00
C. Waldron	Web Site Maintenance	£33.00

b) Current Financial position

That the current financial position as at 24 May 2021 - Current A/C £51,972.05 and – Business Reserve 10 May 2021 £23,262.01 be noted.

(c) Policies/Standing Orders

RESOLVED that the Internal Controls, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, Safeguarding Policy and Community Engagement documents be agreed and adopted

134. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 73809 Erection of one dwelling (renewal of planning permission ref: 64254), Land to rear of Ring O'Bells Cottages, Manor Road, Landkey.

RECOMMENDED No comment.

- b) 73772 Erection of one agricultural building, Hill Farm, Portmore, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Approval

- c) 73448 Conversion of existing barn to dog training school, Hill Farm, Portmore, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Approval

Councillor Prowse declared a personal interest in the above application as he took his dog to the training school.

135. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council noted the Braunton Parish Council motion regarding the Housing crisis.

136. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items raised.

137. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 6th October 2021 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.