

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH 2022 AT 7.00 pm**

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

DCC Councillor Henderson and NDC Councillor Luggar

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - 3

279. APOLOGIES

There were no Apologies.

280. MINUTES

- a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

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

The Chairman raised the following matters:

- a) Defibrillator outside the shop.
That the inspection criteria had been received and that a volunteer was required to undertake periodic inspections. Councillor Morton agreed to carry out the inspections.
- b) Informal meeting with the Chair of Swimbridge Parish Council. The following issues were discussed:
- It was agreed to have occasional attendance by the Chair or Vice Chair at each other's PC meetings to have an awareness of neighbouring issues and have a 10-minute agenda item to present relevant updates or Q&A.
 - Traffic issues- shared concerns about speeding on entry to both villages. Need joint approach or awareness campaign. Safe pedestrian and cycle routes from Landkey to Newport was a focus for Landkey and should also focus on a route between Swimbridge and Landkey to provide better access between Landkey and Barnstaple.
 - Swimbridge PC to consider a simultaneous event at the Millennium Green Queens Jubilee celebrations with some shared activity or elements. e.g fun run between the villages
 - Outlined our ambitions in Landkey to have a new community hall above the Millennium green.
 - Shared the draft of the Landkey village plan and highlighted the concern in Landkey for the Fields on the North side of the Swimbridge Newlands Road. This land sits in Swimbridge Parish but given that any development would impact (and effectively extend)

Landkey, we would like to include it and reference it for the purposes of our Landkey Plan.

282. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

283. PUBLIC SESSION

A Parishioner raised concerns regarding the bottom Bus Shelter in Bakery Way and the ongoing issues with regard to skateboarders and anti-social behaviour. Correspondence was produced from 2002/2003 outlining the problems to the Parish Council. It was suggested that the bus shelter be removed to a more convenient location ie where people can catch the bus to Exeter.

284. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Lane reported that the District Council had agreed a 2% rise in Council Tax which equated to an increase of 5p per week for a Band D property.

NDC Councillor Luggar reported that the planning application for phases 3 and 4 at Mount Sandford Green would be considered at the next NDC Planning Committee.

285. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

DCC Councillor Paul Henderson reported the following issues:

- That DCC had increased the Council Tax by 2.99% equivalent to 87p increase per week on Band D property. There had been a 10% increase in adult and children services. £23 million had been taken from reserves to mitigate the increase. Savings of £30 million had also been made.
- That he had been raised concerns regarding the state of the link road surface from the Landkey junction to the Portmore Roundabout and under the bridge at the Bishops Tawton roundabout. The road would to be surfaced dressed but there was no time scale when the works would be done.
- That Chittlehampton Primary School would close in August.

Councillor Lane asked how often had traffic been diverted through Landkey due to the works on the ND Link Road as there was an apparent increase in frequency? Councillor Henderson agreed to find out.

286. SHAPING OUR FUTURE- AIMS AND OBJECTIVES DOCUMENT

The Council considered the 5th draft document (previously circulated).

Mr Wyborn stated that there were a few minor tweaks to wording required and suggested that a small working group be set up to consider a public consultation/communication plan. It was also suggested that the Parish Council on an annual basis update the document against the set targets and concentrate/pursue the delivery of a priority each year.

It was agreed:

- a) That the document subject to the agreed minor amendments be agreed for public consultation.
- b) That Councillor's Halliday, Beer, Prowse and Nel be appointed to consider a public consultation plan.

287. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP

The Chairman reported that 2 village hall visits had been arranged at Swimbridge and Filleigh later in the month.

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

There were no issues raised

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

The Clerk reported the receipt of 2 quotes from TK Play and A Jewell both in the region of £6,000 including VAT. The specifications however differed.

It was agreed that Councillor Halliday meet representatives of the Allotment Association to discuss further.

290. AMENDED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

The Chairman reported following his meeting with the Chair of Swimbridge Parish Council, Swimbridge PC would re-considering its previous response at a Parish Council meeting later in the month.

291. ASSETS INSPECTION

The Clerk reported that following information from Councillor Nel he had contacted a potential contractor to undertake a risk assessment of the Parish Councils assets.

It was agreed that arrangements be made for Councillor Halliday to meet the contractor on site to assess the work required and obtain a quote.

292. NEW COMMUNITY FACILITY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Barnstaple Town Council for details of the company that they used to supply benches.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the WI. who would be considering the proposal at a meet later in the month.

293. PUMP TRACK/SKATEBOARD PARK: UPDATE.

Councillor Hommell reported that there was nothing further to report.

294. BUS SHELTER – BAKERY WAY

Further to the representations made earlier in the meeting it was agreed to seek further information from DCC regarding ownership.

295. POLICE

There were no issues reported.

296. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Beer reported that DCC had responded that there was no problem with the hedges in Manor Road – not the correct location.

There was also a problem with an overgrown hedge in Barleycorn fields that restricted the width of the road.

297. PLAYING FIELDS

There were no issues to report.

298. MILLENNIUM GREEN

It was noted that the litter bins were filling up. It was agreed that a volunteer be sought to empty them.

299. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

- a) Gas Energy Plan Renewal – A 2year fixed plan was agreed.
- b) Side door to alley way/front door/vegetation growth
It was agreed that Councillor Beer seek a quote to repair the two doors and remove the vegetation growth inside the building

300. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

301. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac	Expenses	£24.23
HMRC	Income Tax Payment – Clerk Salary	£125.20
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	Ne Defibrillator Pads	£49.95
C. Waldron	Website	£107.80
M. Isaac	Pay Award Arrears	£120.45

b) Financial position.

The financial position as of 24th January 2022 - Current A/C £51,198.48 and – Business Reserve 10th January 2022 £23,263.56 was noted.

c) Annual Pay Award 2021/22

The annual pay award for 2021/22 of 1.75% was noted and agreed.

302. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 74302 Erection of rear facing pitched-roof dormer window and associated rooflights (amended description and plans received) 1 Challacombe Villas, Blakes Hill Road, Landkey, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED No Objections

- b) 74792 Reserved matters application for the provision of an agricultural workers' dwelling to serve an established dairy business (outline permission 71928), East Bradninch, Bradninch, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Approval

- c) 74789 Variation of condition 3 (access) attached to planning permission 65957 to allow rewording of condition to prior to occupation at Land to the west of junction of Manor Road and Vicarage Road, Landkey, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Approval

Councillor Lane declared an interest in the above application and was not present during the discussion or voting thereon

- d) 74789 Variation of condition 7 (access improvement works) attached to planning permission 73430 (Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) 3 (access improvements) and 4 (Materials) attached to planning permission 65957 (erection of two dwellings (amended access details to those approved by planning permission 64024) to allow amended house design) to allow re-wording of condition to 'prior to occupation' (amended description) at Land to the west of junction of Manor Road and Vicarage Road, Landkey, Barnstaple

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303. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

304. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The following issues were agreed:

OSC Caretaker – Payment
Introduction of Beavers in Venn Stream

305. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 6th April 2022
@ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.