

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.00 pm**

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

M Isaac (Clerk) and NDC Councillor Luggar

**In Attendance:** Parishioner/Members of the Public - None

**141. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Nel and DCC Councillor Edgell

**142. MINUTES**

a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

i) Minute 120 DCC works, Acland Bridge: Update

The Clerk reported that he had not yet received a response from DCC.

The Clerk reported

ii) Minute 131 Venn Bridge: Update

It was noted that it was aimed to get the work completed by the end of the financial year, subject to Environment Agency approval.

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

There were no issues raised.

**144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest announced.

**145. PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no questions from Parishioners.

**146. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The Clerk reported that DCC Councillor Edgell had received a grant request from the Millennium Green Trustees for £1,000 towards the purchase of a new tractor. He was willing to approve the request subject to Parish Council approval.

#### **147. NDC COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

NDC Councillor Luggar reported the following:

- That a litter pick along the Link Road would go ahead this year. 12 tons of waste including tyres and a TV were previously collected. The main cause was people throwing rubbish out of moving cars. The NDC had recently approved a Litter Strategy and have a mechanism for issuing fixed penalty notices.  
It was stated that lots of litter was being left in laybys and pull-ins and the provision of CCTV may assist with the problem.
- That NDC had approved a motion by NDC Councillor Robbie Mack to eliminate plastic body boards and would be actively encouraging traders not to sell them.
- That NDC was lobbying Government to extend the use of remote meeting beyond May this year.
- That he had raised the issue of free parking for Blue Badge disabled drivers in NDC Car Parks.

#### **148. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE AND UPDATE OF FIRST GROUP MEETING**

The Council considered the amended draft terms of reference and the views of the Community Building Group (previously circulated).

Councillor Lane raised the following questions/concerns:

- The Parish Council (PC) had not had a debate about the PC's involvement in the future of the project.
- Will the PC fund the project?
- Will the PC provide a loan?
- The PC has an asset in the Old School Centre. Has the PC got a strategy to secure/retain its assets in the future?
- Will the Community land be transferred or leased to the project group?

It was stated that at present it was impossible to answer those questions. Decisions will have to be made regarding the legal entity of the group and the PC level of control.

The PC may have to provide some funding but there will be a need for fund raising.

It was further stated that it had always been considered that the OSC building would be a realised asset for a future community facility. At present it was not known at what point it would be necessary to release that funding. Funding from the OSC would be a main contributor towards any grant funding applications.

It was also mentioned that Community engagement and the community perception of the project group may be an issue.

It was noted that the minutes of the Landkey Community Building Group would be circulated to all Parish Councillors and made available to the public. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee needed to be engaged in the process.

It was considered that Martin Rich, Devon Communities Together should be engaged to assist with the provision of a project plan with milestones and sequence of events.

It was noted that funding from Awards for All Lottery Fund may be available for to undertake a feasibility study.

It was agreed:

- a) That the amended terms of reference (previously circulated) be adopted.
- b) That in principle Martin Rich, Devon Communities Together should be engaged by the Project Group to assist with producing a project plan with milestones and sequence of events and a community engagement plan and that the cost to provide the service be sought.

#### **149. FLOODING NEWLANDS PARK ROAD, LANDKEY.**

Councillor Lane to report that he had received a complaint regarding flooding in Newlands Park Road. Flooding had occurred a few years ago. The water runs into the field and the current problem has been resolved.

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email from Taz Pollard regarding the provision of flooding equipment.

At the December meeting the Council agreed that the residents be requested to research other community models and prepare a plan/proposals and report back to the next/a future Parish Council meeting. Concern was expressed at the storage and access to a pump in an event.

Though the Parish Council understood the valid concerns raised it was not sure how it could practically assist.

It was agreed that Taz could use the newsletter to seek support/ideas from residents to prepare a plan. The Environment Agency was the body that dealt with flooding and it was considered that residents should contact them direct, so that they were aware of their situation in case of an emergency.

#### **150. RADAR SPEED WARNING SIGNS.**

The Clerk reported that Richard Sables, DCC had informed that the proposal did not meet DCC policy. The main issue was “permanent” rather than “mobile”. The Policy only allowed for Mobile signs. Any proposal would need to be approved via the scarf process.

Councillor Halliday to report

It was agreed:

- a) To contact Braunton Parish Council to ascertain how they over-came the DCC Policy issues.
- b) To contact Richard Sables and ask why DCC previously erected permanent speed warning signs.

#### **151. COVID IMPACT ON THE PARISH – PARISHIONERS AND BUSINESSES.**

It was noted that the pub was providing takeaway meals.

It was agreed that people should be encouraged to shop locally.

## **152. ADOPTED TELEPHONE BOX, CHURCH MEADOW – PROPOSED USES**

Councillor Halliday agreed to seek proposed uses for and volunteers to look after the adopted phone box via the newsletter and face book page.

Councillor Beer stated that he had received a quote from Nigel Dennis to clean and paint the inside and outside of the telephone box for £190. This did not include the paint.

## **153. POLICE**

Concern was raised at two individuals who appeared to be acting suspiciously in the village.

## **154. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The following issues were raised:

- Water coming out of the manhole cover by the pumping station in Church Meadow. It was agreed to ask the DCC Highways to investigate.
- Vicarage Road – Water running down the road causing people to walk in the road and a resident unable to use his driveway. The pavements are also breaking up. It was noted that SW Water had investigated and advised that it was a DCC drain. However, DCC had advised it was a SW Water drain.  
It was agreed to report to DCC as a matter of urgency.
- Concern had also been raised with cars parking on the verge (ND Homes land) in Church Lake.

## **155. PLAYING FIELDS**

There were no issues to report.

## **156. MILLENNIUM GREEN**

There were no issues to report.

## **157. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE**

There were no issues to report.

## **158. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER**

Councillor Halliday stated that he had agreed to put the Newsletter on the Landkey Facebook page.

## **159. FINANCE MATTERS**

### **a) Payments**

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac	Expenses	£20.46
HMRC	Income Tax Payment – Clerk Salary	£112.20

**b) Current Financial Position**

That the following current financial position be noted: To note the current financial position as of 29 December 2020 - Current A/C £49,823.86 and 9 December 2020 – Business Reserve £23,261.04

**160. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council considered the following planning application:

- a) 72792 Extension to dwelling, 2 St Keyes Close, Landkey  
RECOMMENDED Approval
- b) 72740 Removal of chimney to left hand side of property, Brook Villa, Blakes Hill Road, Landkey  
RECOMMENDED Approval

**161. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email from a resident regarding:

- The amount of drink cans, meal boxes and plastic bottles being discarded onto verges, particularly from the Newport Road to Landkey and especially in the layby at the to the car boot field. It was suggested that bins or notices or CCTV be provided to take your litter home and contractor be employed to tidy the verges.
- Motorists and commercial vehicles exceeding the 40 m.p.h limit, particularly between Bay View Garage and its junction with Blake's Hill Road. Spot speed checks were suggested.
- Consideration was also sought to providing a continuous pavement through Landkey and down through Newport where walkers currently, have to walk in the road at considerable risk.

In response it was stated/agreed:

- That a socially distanced litter pick from Landkey to Portmore Golf Club would be arranged.
- That the Parish Council had for a long time been looking to develop a safe footpath along Landkey Road to Newport but all the viable pathways were in private ownership and unlikely to progress in the short/medium term.
- That a Keep Village clean message be put on the Facebook page.

**162. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no items raised.

**163. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next virtual or face to face Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.