

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00 pm**

Present: - Councillor Halliday (Chair)
Councillors Beer, Hommell (for minutes 203 – 215), Lane, Nel and Prowse

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - None

203. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Morton.

204. MINUTES

- a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

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

There were no issues raised.

206. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

207. PUBLIC SESSION

A Parishioner raised the following issues:

208. ND LINK ROAD: UPDATE

Simon Hill, DCC explained the current position regarding the ND Link Road changes.

He stated that due to the impact of a hard Brexit on the construction industry, the war in Ukraine regarding the supply of steel, construction inflation at 30% with for example steel prices increased from £600 per ton to £4,000 per ton since the contract price in 2018 (pre covid) many construction Contractors had gone out of business.

The DCC had been in contact with the Department of Transport regarding additional funding but with no success.

In relation to the changes, in particular the provision of the footbridge at the Landkey junction, the removal of the overtaking lane between Portmore and Landkey junction and the footpath from Landkey junction to Acland Road.

He stated that following discussions with the contractor, DCC had decided that it was better

to provide some improvements rather than none. To save monies, it was decided not to proceed with the overtaking lane between Portmore and Landkey junction or the Portmore footbridge and the Bishops Tawton Roundabout.

He confirmed, however that the Landkey Bridge would be provided due to its strategic importance with a link to a large residential development and access to Barnstaple. The footpath link to Acland Bridge would also be provided.

209. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

In the absence of DCC Councillor Henderson there was no DCC report.

210. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Lane reported that he had received an email from Richard Slaney, NDC regarding s106 funding. The s106 in relation to the Birch Road/Harford Way development had yet been signed the Heads of Terms allocated funds to the new community building in the first instance but also included the option to deliver Play Facilities, so a Skate Park/Pump Track would potentially be eligible depending on the final drafting of the agreement.

He also stated that that the s106 for Westacott provided £81,000 for public rights of way works for Landkey.

211. LANDKEY SHAPING OUR FUTURE: CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The Chair reported that the survey results were being collated and would be reported to the February Council meeting.

212. NEW LANDKEY COMMUNITY BUILDING GROUP

The Chair reported that the Awards for All Grant application had been successful and £10,000 granted towards Architect fees for the new Community Building. No response had yet been received regarding the application to the Charity Commission to set up the Trust.

213. PROVISION OF SALT BINS

Councillor Lane reported that he had been contacted regarding the provision of a salt bin at the end of Harford Way. It was also considered that salt bins should be located at Slow Land and at the end of Birch Road.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact DCC to provide additional salt bins at the above locations.

214. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE -RENEWAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The Clerk reported that the planning permission for the conversion of the Old School Building and provision of 2 additional dwellings and garaging had lapsed in October 2022 and needed to be renewed.

It was agreed to engage Woodward Smith Architects who had previously renewed the planning permission to again seek its renewal.

215. 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

It was agreed that the setting up of a Landkey Community Speed Watch Group initiated and facilitated by the Parish Council be pursued and advertised via the Newsletter and Social Posts for potential volunteers interested in forming a Community Speed Watch Group.

It was noted that the submission of an expression of interest required evidential evidence and public consultation.

216. POLICE

There were no issues raised.

217. HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no issues raised.

218. PLAYING FIELDS

There were no issues reported.

219. MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Chair reported that the Millennium Trust would be organising an event on 8th May 2023 for the Kings Coronation.

220. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

a) Fire Risk Assessment

The Clerk reported that the receipt of a Fire Risk Assessment for the Old School Building. There were two types of fire alarm systems a wired system and radio-controlled system both approximately the same cost.

The Council noted and agreed the action outlined in the assessment.

It was agreed that the authority be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair to consider and agree the type fire alarm system to be installed and the quotes to supply and instal a new fire alarm system and emergency Lighting.

The Chair reported that arrangements had been made for a smart meter to be installed and one electricity meter decommissioned on 27 January 2023.

221. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

a) Newsletter Printing

The Clerk reported that the receipt of 4 quotes to print the newsletter.

It was agreed that the lowest quote from Printworkx of £130 be accepted.

222. SOCIAL MEDIA

It was agreed to invite Laura Conway to the March meeting to report the results and benefits of the social media interactions

223. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported the maintenance work undertaken in the last month.

Councillor Prowse requested that the refurbishment of the bench above Stoney End Lane under the Oak tree be added to the list of maintenance work.

224. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

HMRC	Income Tax Payment: Clerk & Caretaker	£101.60
M. Isaac	Expenses	£20.51
W. Prouse	General Maintenance	£125.00
West of England Fire Protection	Fire Risk Assessment	£322.80

b) The current financial position

The financial position as at 28 November 2022 - Current A/C £51,771.77 and - Business Reserve 9 November 2022 £23,26996 and the half year accounts were noted.

225. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications to be considered.

226. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence reported.

227. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no issues raised.

228. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 1st February 2023 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.