

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00 pm**

Present: - Councillor Halliday (Chair)
Councillors Clayton, Consterdine, Hayes, Hommell, Nel, Lane, Prowse
and Warwick.

NDC Councillor Lane

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - None

207. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

208. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

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

There were no matters of urgency.

210. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

211. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from Parishioners

212. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Lane had no NDC issues to report.

213. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

DCC Councillor Henderson reported the following:

- That the Government had allocated £6.663 million for new road projects from the HS2 project.
- That the Government was in advanced talks regarding a Devolution Deal to transfer a range of new powers and funding from Whitehall to Devon and Torbay.
- That there was a Community Self Delivery of Highway Improvements initiative. Whereby the highways service would consider requests from communities for

permission to pay for and make small improvements to a highway in their area. These requests are where communities had funding in place, but the highways service lacked the capacity to deliver it on their behalf as quickly as the community would like.

- That there was also a Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund. This provided an opportunity for local communities to apply for match-bid funding for minor highway schemes or projects in their local area.

Discussion was also held regarding the process for a 20 mph speed limit in the village.

Councillor Halliday reported that he, the Chair of Swimbridge Parish Council and DCC Councillor Henderson had met DCC Officer Richard Sables on site to look at parking in the village. Mr Sables had suggested that he would look at a proposal for yellow lines in limited areas along Blakeshill Road for future consideration by the Parish Council. It was recognised that any such proposal would require formal consultation with residents should the Parish Council wish to support it.

In answer to a question regarding when the new footbridge over the link road would be delivered, DCC Councillor Henderson agreed to find out and report back to the Parish Council.

214. LANDKEY MAZZARD COMMUNITY HALL TRUST WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

The Chair reported that following the recent presentation to Councillors, the Architect had submitted a pre-application application. Ben Totterdell, a Trustee of the Mazzard Hall Trust and Member of the Millennium Trust would be giving an update to the Millennium Trustees.

215. LANDKEY SHAPING OUR FUTURE – ARRANGEMENT FOR SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

It was agreed that a date for a meeting of the Sub Committee be arranged for February.

216. CAR PARK TO THE REAR OF THE CASTLE PUBLIC HOUSE – ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

The Clerk reported that an application could be made to North Devon Council to list the car park at the rear of the Castle Inn as a community asset. If such an application was successful any future decision to dispose of the car park would require the District Council to allow local community groups up to six months to prepare a bid to try and buy it on the open market.

It was agreed to not to pursue an application at this time.

217. POLICE

There were no issues reported.

218. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email from a resident regarding the hedges overhanging the pavements in Denes Road/Birch Road. As this was a Devon County matter it was agreed to inform the resident to report to DCC.

It was agreed that an item regarding the ploughing of ditches in the village be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

219. PLAYING FIELDS

It was noted that a sign had been erected on the gate into the Millennium Green informing 'Dogs on Leads'. It was not known who had erected the sign which was considered confusing.

The Chair stated that he would put information on social media and in the newsletter clarifying the different ownerships of the land in that area.

220. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues reported.

221. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

- a) Damaged guttering and fascia on the outside of the building.
The Clerk reported the receipt of a quote from Lane's Building and Decorating for £1,350.
It was agreed that as the work was urgent to protect the building the quote be accepted.

Councillor Lane declared an interest in the above matter as his brother had submitted the quote and was not present at the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon

- b) Flaying of hedge

It was noted that this work had been completed.

- c) The Clerk reported that he had no further contact from the contractor regarding the installation of a new fire alarm and emergency lighting. It was agreed to seek a quote from another contractor.
- d) The Clerk reported that he had finally been able to speak to SSE regarding the de-energising of one of the meters and awaited a call to undertake the work/

222. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues reported.

223. SOCIAL MEDIA

There were no issues reported.

224. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

There were no issues reported.

225. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac Expenses (Printer Ink £42.00)	£57.00
HMRC Income Tax Payment – Clerk/Caretaker Salary	£133.60
Printworks X – Newsletter	£130.00
Lakeway Ecological Consultancy – New Community Building	£192.00
Woodward Smith Architects – New Community Bldg. Project	£1,140.22
R. Halliday – Small gift for volunteers to recognise work undertaken	£13.47

b) Financial Position

The current financial position as at 27 November 2023 - Current A/C £52,453.66 (£3,274.21 remaining grant ringed fenced for Community Building Fees) and - Business Reserve 9 November 2023 £23,453.38 was noted.

226. PLANNING MATTERS

To Council noted a report from the Vice Chair of the Planning Sub Committee on applications considered prior to the Parish Council meeting.

227. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Millennium Green Trust seeking support from the Parish Council to sign up to the Biosphere Nature Recovery Plan.

It was agreed to consider the request at the next Parish Council meeting to give Members an opportunity to read the plan

228. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no issues raised

229. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 7th February 2024 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.