

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00 p.m.**

Present: - Councillor Prowse (Chair)
Councillors Consterdine, Dymond, Hommell, Lane and Warwick.

NDC Councillors Haworth-Booth and Lane

DCC Councillor Tyldesley

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – None

229. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Conchie, Davies and Halliday.

230. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no issues raised.

232. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

233. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised by Parishioners.

234. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Council noted the report (previously circulated) from DCC Councillor Tyldesley. DCC Councillor Tyldesley also reported that it was planned to re-surface Blakeshill Road in the summer and that the existing DCC speed warning sign had been repaired.

He further added that he was keen to establish a Division Parish Assembly a semi-regular informal forum bringing together all 14 parishes in the division. These would be roughly two-hour meetings designed to share experience, ideas and practical solutions. This idea was supported by the Parish Council.

Provision of New Vehicle Activated Speed Warning Signs.

The Council noted information (previously circulated) from DCC Councillor Tyldesley regarding guidance on the procurement of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and DCC Internal step guidance for considering applications. VAS signs could be either located in a permanent location or be mobile.

NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth reported that at present the Landkey Road/Mount Sandford area was the worst area for speeding. He added that the Speed Watch group would be happy to move a Mobile VAS sign to required locations as required and he would be happy to keep the battery charged.

DCC Councillor Tyldesley agreed to obtain information/data regarding speeding by/near to the 30 mph sign at the Landkey Newlands end of the village.

It was noted that further information and data needed to be obtained before an application could be made.

Following discussions it was agreed:

- That in principle the long term aim was to provide a permanent VAS sign at the Landkey Newlands end of the village and temporary mobile VAS signs for other areas of the village.
- That the possible use of DCC rented Mobile VAS signs be explored.
- That the outcome of Chittlehampton Parish Council experience be awaited before deciding on the best way forward.

235. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth reported the following issues:

- That he had raised concerns that the NDC Recycling collection teams were not securing the recycling bags after collection and the bags were being blown away. The Parish Council supported Councillors Haworth-Booths concern.
- That the landlord of the Castle Inn had expressed concerns regarding the viability of running the pub. He had raised the concerns with the NDC Deputy Chief Executive seeking support and help from North Devon Council. The Parish Council supported Councillors Haworth-Booths concern.
- That he had reported pot holes to DCC on behalf of the Landkey handyperson.

NDC Councillor Lane reported that NDC were stopping the collection of Trade Waste Recycling.

236. LANDKEY MAZZARD COMMUNITY HALL TRUST WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with a local Solicitor to progress the preparation of a draft lease between the Trust and the Parish Council for the site and a meeting with a funding adviser from Devon Communities Together to provide grant fund raising advise.

237. LANDKEY SHAPING OUR FUTURE

The Chair reported that no comments had been received regarding the amended Landkey Shaping Our Future Document (previously circulated).

It was agreed that the Landkey Shaping Our Future Document as amended be re-adopted and a copy sent to the NDC Planning Manager.

Councillor Lane declared an interest in the document as it may have an impact on any future proposals he may consider.

238. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - NDC ASSETS.

The Clerk reported that expressions of interest were required to be sent to NDC by the 12th February.

It was agreed that expressions of interest be put forward as Community assets for the following 3 sites that should remain in local control:

The Car Park at the rear of the Castle Inn
The Parking area in Bakery Way adj. the school
The lane and parking area rear of Church Lake.

239. POLICE

There were no issues reported.

240. HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no issues reported.

241. PLAYING FIELDS

The Council noted the receipt of a quote from the Handyman to repair the fencing on the stream side of the Tanners Road play area of £1,893 (Materials £1,245 + Labour £648). It was noted that the Support Posts were rotten but the fencing was currently in good condition.

It was agreed that a further quote be sought to only replace the Support Posts.

242. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues reported.

243. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

The Clerk reported that 3 panes of glass had broken and needed replacing. A quote had been received from Camel Glass of £500 excluding VAT.

It was agreed that the glass needed replacing as soon as possible and that the quote be accepted.

Councillor Lane declared an interest in the above matter as had a business account with Camel Glass.

244. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues reported.

243. SOCIAL MEDIA

The Council noted update reports (previously circulated) regarding the usage of the Facebook Page and Website.

In the year 1 Feb 2025 to 1 Feb 2026 the Landkey Parish Council Facebook Page had 113.4K views, 388 content interactions and 18 new followers.

All posts that were posted on the Landkey Parish Council Facebook page were cross posted to the Landkey Village Forum Page and the Swimbridge Village Forum Page.

In relation to the website a rough indication of activity suggested that around 35 visits to the site were made per day.

244. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

There were no issues reported.

245. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac Expenses	£14.76
HMRC Income Tax Payment/NI – Clerk/Caretaker Salary	£232.16
Printwork X – Newsletter	£130.00
AM Dennis – Cut hedge around OSC	£84.00

(b) The current financial as at 29th December 2025 - Current A/C £34,138.16 and - Business Reserve 9th December 2025 £23,948.73 was noted.

246. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council noted a report by the Chair of the Planning Committee on applications considered prior to the Parish Council meeting.

247. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence reported.

248. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The following issues were raised:

249. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be Wednesday 4th March 2026
@ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman the meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.