

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2025 AT 7.00 p.m.**

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

NDC Councillors Haworth-Booth and Lane

DCC Councillor Tyldesley

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – None

49. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Warwick.

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Minute 46 - It was noted that the offer to Mr and Mrs Parker related to the site of the new Mazzard Hall and Millennium Green.

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

There were no issues raised.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest were announced.

53. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised by Parishioners.

54. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Chair welcomed Councillor Tyldesley to his first Parish Council meeting and thanked him for his update report (previously circulated).

DCC Councillor Tyldesley stated that he would send out a monthly update report and would look to attend the Parish Council meetings every 2-3 months. He further stated that a new portal was being established for Councillors to contact officers directly and track updates on issued raised.

Members highlighted the following DCC issues in the Parish:

- The moderation of speed through the village. The current flashing speed warning sign in the village in Blakeshill Road had been broken for many years and required repair/replacement. Additional flashing speed signs would be welcome at either end of the village as well.
- The provision of footpath links - safe cycle/footway route from Landkey to Newport, from Landkey to Swimbridge and up Blakeshill Road to the Link Road bridge.

NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth asked that DCC Councillor Tyldesley raise the footpath issues at the forthcoming HATOC meeting

55. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth reported that 16 cars had been recorded at the recent Speedwatch with the top speed of 52 mph. Independently the Police had on the same day caught 36 cars speeding.

Concerns were raised that cars were speeding in excess of 60 mph. along the road from Portmore to Blakeshill junction, the current DCC policy regarding pot holes and the lengthy process for 20 mph speed restrictions.

NDC Councillor Lane had no matters to report.

56. LANDKEY MAZZARD COMMUNITY HALL TRUST WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

Councillor Halliday reported that the next meeting of the Trust working Group would be in June and that another valuation of the Old School Centre site had been obtained.

57. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING – NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF BIRCH ROAD

The Council considered a request for the street naming of the new development off Birch Road.

It was considered that the suggested names had no reference to the history or locality of Landkey.

Based on an 1842 Tithe Apportionment of field names and fruits grown in the Millennium Green the following names were suggested:

Quarandon Close
Stockbearer Way
Wingate Road
Great Down Close
Little Down Close
Hanniford Way

58. COMMUNITY SHIELD AWARD 2025

It was agreed that that the Community Shield for 2025 be awarded to Creighton and Sharron Kirk for their work and fund raising in the community.

59. DEFIBRILLATOR – BLAKESHILL ROAD

It was agreed that the quote from the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity for a new defibrillator cabinet and pads for the defibrillator in Blakeshill Road of £636.75 be accepted.

60. POLICE

There were no issues reported.

61. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Davies reported that the 155 single decker Stagecoach bus turned off Blakes Hill Road into Meadow Close, a residential area, then reversed into St James Close, which had children and elderly people. The bus then picked people up at the end of Meadow Close, not in a specified bus stop area. He had written to Stagecoach but had not had a response. It was agreed that the Parish Council contact Stagecoach expressing concerns regarding the safety of residents and especially children in the area.

62. PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported the following:

a) Tanners Road Play Area Fencing Repair.

It was agreed that the round top pales be provided at the additional cost of £360.

b) Play Equipment Tanners Road Play Area - Repair.

It was agreed that the quote from TK Play of £696.00 (inc VAT) to repair the play equipment be accepted.

c) Landkey Playing Fields

The Council considered an email from the Landkey Playing Fields Association regarding the emptying of the litter bins, strimming around the play area, picnic tables and commemorative stone and the emptying of bins before and after the Horticultural Society Show.

It was agreed:

- i) That the litter bin in the Tanners Road Play Area be removed by the handyman.
- ii) That costs be sought:
 - A) To empty the litter bin near the picnic area on a fortnightly basis from North Devon Council and
 - B) The removal of the litter bin.
- iii) That the handyman strim around the play area, picnic tables and commemorative stone.
- iv) That, if possible, the litter bins be emptied before and after the Horticultural Society Show.

d) Landkey Football Club

The Council considered a request from Landkey AFC to erect advertising hoardings around the football pitch.

It was agreed that consideration be deferred and further information be sought with regard to size, location and numbers of the proposed hoardings.

Councillor Hommell declared an interest in the above matter as her son was the football club secretary

63. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues reported.

64. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

Councillor Halliday reported that two valuations had been received from local Estate Agents of the Old School Centre to fund aid the new Mazzard Community Hall.

It was agreed that the information should remain confidential at present.

It was RESOLVED

- (a) That under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended from time to time) namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information).
- (b) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as 'Not for Publication'

It was agreed:

- i) That the two valuations received be noted
- ii) That a third valuation be sought from another local Estate Agent.

Following discussions the public and press were re-admitted to the meeting.

65. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues reported.

66. SOCIAL MEDIA

There were no issues reported.

67. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

It was agreed that the handyman be requested to clean the "please drive carefully signs on entry to village at Newlands and Blakes Hill Road, clear the foliage around the direction signs in the layby opposite John Beers Garage and remove the Mazzard View signs still displayed at top of Blakes Hill Road. Also remove the metal bin in the play area and dispose and look at the big red plastic bin near the picnic benches for future removal.

68. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac Expenses	£22.35
HMRC Income Tax/NI Payment – Clerk/Caretaker Salary	£273.88
W. Prouse – General Maintenance	£332.00
PrintworkX – Newsletter	£130.00
Glover Stanbury – Payroll Management	£279.36
Zurich Municipal - Insurance Renewal	£2,699.69
J. Snooks – Internal Audit	£250.00

b) Audit 2024/2025

- i) That the Annual Internal Audit Report be noted and that the Clerk report to a future meeting regarding annual leave.

Resolved that:

- ii) The Annual Governance Statement as outlined in section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk
- iii) The Accounting Statements as outlined in section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accounting Return 2024/25 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

In accordance with standing orders, it was agreed to continue the meeting after 9 .00 p.m. to conclude the remaining business.

69. PLANNING MATTERS

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

70. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence reported.

71. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no issues raised.

72. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be Wednesday 2nd July 2025 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.