

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 pm**

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

M Isaac (Clerk) and NDC Councillor Luggar

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - 1

75. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from DCC Councillor Edgell

76. MINUTES

a) RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising:

i) Minute 65 b) Parking Area next to the shop: Update

The Clerk reported that DCC had declined the request as it was considered that the location was not safe for Echelon parking and the provision of markings would encourage such parking. Vehicles should not be reversing out onto the main road.

ii) Minute 65 c) Gully – Stoney Lane End to Hunnacott: Update

The Clerk reported that DCC had informed that the watercourse was not ‘Highway Maintainable’ at public expense. DCC did undertake some work, some years ago to stabilise the road edge that was being eroded by the watercourse. A kerb line was installed and the concrete backing to the kerbstones was used to aid the flow of water by reducing the amounts of natural snags, loose vegetation and debris that built up. The work was done to protect the highway from erosion.

The watercourse only becomes the responsibility of the Authority where it is culverted under the road surface. It was considered that the hedge line and watercourse was the responsibility of the adjacent landowner.

iii) Minute 66 Installation of New Dog Bin: Update

The Clerk reported that the new dog bin had been installed

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

The Chairman reported the receipt of an email (previously circulated) from LVA Land Value Alliance regarding an on-line public consultation as part of the Applicants community consultation process for the development of up to 150 homes on land off Birch Road, Landkey. It was agreed to consider the matter later, on the agenda.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

79. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from Parishioners.

80. PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FLOOD KIT.

The Clerk reported that this matter had been raised by a Parishioner

The Council waived standing orders to allow Taz Pollard to address the Council.

She stated that following the recent flooding issues in the village it was considered that provision of a Flood Kit in the village to include a pump, sandbags and rods would be useful to assist residents experiencing flooding problems. The total cost would be approximately £450. The issue of storage and access would need to be considered.

She also stated that she would be happy to fund raise towards the purchase costs.

Councillor Lane stated that he would be happy to contribute towards the costs with a grant from his NDC Community Grant fund.

It was agreed that in principle the purchase of a flood kit be supported and that Taz Pollard research costs and seek support from residents and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

81. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no DCC Councillor update

82. NDC COUNCILLORS REPORTS

NDC Councillor Lane reported that NDC were preparing to support vulnerable residents during the lockdown period.

83. ALLOTMENTS - UPDATE

The Chairman reported that he had received the draft lease and letting agreement from the Council's Solicitor and had passed the documents to the Allotment Association for comment.

84. NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING - UPDATE

The Chairman and Clerk reported that following the last Parish Council meeting they had spoken to Martin Rich of 'Devon Communities Together' on the way forward.

He had stated that a Parish Council was less likely to draw down grant funding and setting up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation or similar, to 'front' the development would be the best way forward. He had advised that the first step would be to recruit a Project Team (6/8 people) by head hunting suitable people and/or seeking expressions of interest from people with a range

of skills able to deliver the project and Devon Communities Together would assist the Team in evidencing need and putting together funding bids, engaging an Architect and scoping the project.

He had also stated for information that a local Architect in Barnstaple had experience of developing community buildings and was currently working on a new build project with Widecombe.

The Chairman stated that he was aware of a few people who would be interested in being part of a Project Team and asked Members to e mail him names of people who may also be interested.

It was agreed in principle that a Project Team be recruited to manage the project subject to further information being received from Martin Rich and considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

85. PROVISION OF NOTICEBOARD ON OLD SCHOOL CENTRE FENCE

The Council considered the provision of an additional Parish Noticeboard in the Old School Centre area.

Councillor Beer reported that he had had a quote from Russell Maynard of £385 + fittings.

The Clerk stated that quotes/prices from other sources were in excess of £1,000.

It was agreed that the quote from Russell Maynard be accepted.

The Chairman stated that he considered that signs should be erected around the perimeter of the Community land informing residents of what was happening regarding the future use of the land.

86. POLICE

There were no issues to report

87. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Lane reported that the works undertaken at Acland Bridge by DCC had not been completed to an appropriate standard and had created a safety hazard.

Buttresses had been installed at both ends of the bridge. At the Birch Road end the buttress was short of the bridge length and someone had filled the gap with a wooden pallet and at the Harford junction end it had reduced the visibility at the junction causing a danger to road users.

The relevance of the work and costs were questioned.

It was agreed that DCC be requested to re-assess the works undertaken at Acland Bridge as it was considered that it had created a dangerous situation at the Harford junction and provide the cost of the works undertaken.

It was questioned how much longer the road at Venn Bridge would be closed as it appeared that work had not yet commenced on the development.

88. PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported that pursuant to minute 39 of 2 September regarding the Devon County Council '[Saving Devon's Treescapes](#)' project, to replace trees lost to ash dieback the Landkey Playing Fields Association felt that at present, they currently had an issue with tree maintenance and that there were not many Ash trees in the playing field area, that would 'free up room'.

It was also stated that one of their committee members who was also on the committee of the football club had stated that they had issues with drainage and would be keen to investigate planting further trees to the surrounds of the pitch.

It was agreed to approach the Football Club to ascertain if they would wish to take advantage of the Saving Devon's Treescapes scheme.

89. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues to report

Councillor Mrs Morton informed the Council that Landkey United Charities had agreed a grant of £1,000 to the Church for the provision of a new toilet.

Councillor Prowse stated that it was unlikely that a WASEIL would be held this year. If however it was possible it would be a on reduced scale and not until next year.

90. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

Insurance Information re use of car park for skateboarding

The Clerk reported that the insurers had advised that subject to the risk being assessed and the area deemed safe and supervised the Public Liability would cover the activity.

Rubber Chippings

Councillor Beer stated that he had contacted Mr T Rippon regarding the bags of rubber chippings and had agreed to help him load them on the back of his trailer. However, he was concerned that the bags may break when lifting them.

91. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues to report.

92. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac	Expenses	£11.14
HMRC	Income Tax Payment – Clerk Salary	£112.20

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Landkey Football Club	Padlocks for Devon Air Ambulance Site	£70.00
North Devon Council	Dog Bin Emptying	£78.00
D. Newton	Repair and Replace timbers to rear door Old School Centre	£160.00
M & E Alarms	Annual Alarm maintenance	£72.00

b) Current Financial Position

That the following current financial position be noted: As of 28 September 2020 - Current A/C £53,878.72 and 9 September 2020 - Business Reserve £23,260.46

93. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) The Clerk report that NDC Planning Committee had agreed that the s106 agreement in respect of Application 65528 Land off Denes Road, Landkey be split 70% Education and 30% Open Space.

It was agreed that the Open Space contribution should be allocated towards the provision of a new Community Building.

Councillor Lane took no part in the discussions on the above matter.

- b) The Council noted the receipt of an email (previously circulated) from LVA Land Value Alliance regarding an on-line public consultation as part of the Applicants community consultation process for the development of up to 150 homes on land off Birch Road, Landkey

94. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report

95. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

St Paul's Church Recovery Plans.

96. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next virtual or face to face Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.32 p.m.

