

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 p.m.**

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

NDC Councillors Haworth-Booth and Lane

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – 1

159. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from DCC Councillor Tyldesley.

160. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

The following issues were raised:

a) Local Waiting/Parking Restrictions

It was noted that HATOC had agreed that the proposed parking restrictions in respect of Landkey be not adopted.

b) Remembrance Wreath

It was agreed that Councillor Consterdine lay the Remembrance Wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

c) Birch Road/Tanners Road – Closure

The Council noted the receipt of an email from a resident regarding the effect of the above road closure on residents and the restricted access for emergency vehicles and waste collection vehicles. The closure and the diversion of traffic had also not been adequately assessed.

Councillor Lane reported that he had measured the width of the Tanners Road at the narrowest points due parked vehicles as 2.8 metres. The waste and recycling vehicle had been able to access properties.

d) Pedestrian access and Cars Parking on footpaths

The Chair reported the receipt of a letter from a resident regarding the above issues in the village. The concerns regarding overgrown hedges blocking footpaths and cars parking on footpaths was noted.

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lane declared an interest in the following applications 80985 and 80987 considered by the Planning Committee prior to the meeting.

163. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised by Parishioners.

164. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Council noted the report (previously circulated) from DCC Councillor Tyldesley.

165. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth reported the following issues:

- That he had spoken to NDC Officer Mark Kentell regarding the issue raised by a Member of the Public and the difficulty of waste and recycling vehicles accessing Tanner Road during the road closure and been advised that this had been resolved and waste collected although Lane End Farm had been missed.
- That at the recent HATOC meeting DCC Officers had clarified their policy regarding the provision/maintenance of Electronic Speed Detection Signs. Officers had advised that those provided by Devon County Council would be maintained by Devon County Council and that those purchased by parishes and towns would be their own responsibility to maintain.

It was agreed:

- a) that DCC be requested to upgrade their sign along Blakeshill Road.
 - b) that the Parish Council consider the provision of a sign at the Newland end of the village.
- That at the recent HATOC meeting it had been explained that DCC prioritised repairing potholes, on roads, that had a 40 mm (4 cm) vertical edge and were 300 mm (30 cm) wide as they posed the biggest risk to highway users; that all reports received an onsite assessment within seven calendar days and repairs undertaken by either the end of the next working day, or within seven or twenty-eight calendar days, if confirmed as a priority pothole, dependent on the outcome of the assessment. Smaller potholes and other road surface issues would be repaired as and when resources became available and as part of the Council's planned works programme.
 - That he had again contacted DCC Councillor Tyldesley regarding the abandoned caravan on Manor Road.

The Council agreed to suspended standing orders to allow a resident to raise issues of concern.

The following issues were raised:

- Lack of consultation regarding the Birch Road/Tanners Road closure and the consequential effect on residents and his farm business.
- The road diversion signs that had been erected were incorrect and caused confusion
- That the access road into the Pearce development was not wide enough for vehicles to pass each other and cars were mounting the pavement causing danger to pedestrians.

NDC Councillor Lane had no NDC issues to report.

166. VACANCY: CO-OPTION

The Clerk reported that there had been no interest received to date and the vacancy would continue to be advertised.

167. LANDKEY MAZZARD COMMUNITY HALL TRUST WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

Councillor Halliday reported that the Working Group would be meeting next meeting week.

168. GRANT APPLICATION

The Council considered a grant requests with supporting accounts from St Pauls Church. It was agreed that consideration be deferred to ascertain the cost for maintaining the graveyard and cutting the grass.

169. LANDKEY SHAPING OUR FUTURE

The Chair reported that the document had not been referred to in planning application responses or updated.

It was agreed that Councillor Prowse update the document for adoption at the next Parish Council meeting.

It was noted that progress had been made regarding the provision of a footpath/cycleway link to Newport and increased bus services.

170. POLICE

There were no issues reported.

171. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Councillor Davies reported an incident regarding the 151 bus and damage to the road sign that he had referred to DCC Councillor Tyldesley.

It was noted that the footbridge had not been opened as there was an outstanding safety issue to be resolved. This relate to an opening in the handrail where access to cables was possible. The Contractor was in the process of obtaining an insert to cover the opening.

The final end to works that were split into 3 key dates:

- Opening of the main road, this was achieved last Christmas
- Completion of all the minor works and snagging, expected March 2026
- Completion of the establishment of all the planting including replacement of plants that die etc, 2030

i) Local waiting/parking restrictions in the village
See minute 165 above

ii) Traffic Monitoring through the village
See minute 165 above

It was agreed that there were several highway/planning issues in the village that needed to be addressed and that an on onsite meeting be arranged with Matt Collins DCC, Tracey Blackmore, NDC and the County Councillor, NDC Councillors and Parish Councillors to discuss.

172. PLAYING FIELDS

There were no issues reported.

173. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor Davies reported that there had been evidence of crack being smoked near the containers. Councillor Davies agreed to report to the Police.

174. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

There were no issues reported.

175. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

Councillor Davies suggested and it was agreed that the locations of the defibrillators be advertised in the newsletter

176. SOCIAL MEDIA

There were no issues reported.

177. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

It was reported that the fencing around the Tanners Road play area on the stream side needed attention.

178. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac Expenses	£20.60
M. Isaac – Annual Payment	£500.00
HMRC Income Tax Payment/Ni – Clerk/Caretaker Salary	£231.96
Re-issue of cancelled cheque – Glover Stanbury Payroll Admin.	£290.88
North Devon Council – Dog Waste Bin Collection	£253.65
West of England Fire Protection – Annual Fire Extinguisher Check	£43.20
W. Prouse – General Maintenance	£211.00

Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath

£50.00

(b) The current financial position as at 29th September 2025 - Current A/C £39,440.23 and – Business Reserve 9th September 2025 £23,912.94 was noted.

(c) Budget and Precept 2026/27.

The Council considered the draft budget (previously circulated) and the current financial position and bank reconciliation (previously circulated) and discussed the precept for 2026/2027.

It was agreed:

- i) That the budget 2026/27 (previously circulated) be agreed and approved.
- ii) That the current financial position and bank reconciliation (previously circulated) be noted
- iii) That the precept for 2026/2027 be increased by 5% to £22,573.70

179. PLANNING MATTERS

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

180. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence reported.

181. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no issues raised.

182. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be Wednesday 3rd December 2025 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman the meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.