

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ANNUAL LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2026 AT 7.05 p.m.**

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

NDC Councillors Haworth-Booth and Lane

DCC Councillor Tyldesley.

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – None

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Council stood for a minutes silence in memory of Bill Parker, Clarence De la Cour and Keith Woollacott who had all recently passed away and had contributed greatly to the Parish and Community of Landkey.

23. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2026/2027

RESOLVED that Councillor Hommell be appointed Chair for 2026/27.

24. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Prowse

25. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR 2026/2027

RESOLVED that subject to his acceptance Councillor Prowse be appointed Vice Chair for 2026/27.

26. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no issues raised.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were announced:

Councillors Davies and Consterdine in item 13 (a) grant application request from the Millennium Green Trust as Trustees

Councillor Hommell in items 10 (b) Landkey Mazzard Trust Lease as a Parish Council representative on the Trust and 13 (c) grant application request from the Landkey Football Club as her son was the club Treasurer.

Councillor Halliday in item 10 (b) Landkey Mazzard Trust Lease as a Parish Council representative on the Trust.

Councillor Lane in item 13 (b) grant application request from the Landkey Playing Fields Association as a Member Association Committee.

29. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised by Parishioners.

30. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

31. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth reported the following issues:

- That the Community Speed Watch Team had been onsite at Mountview and that he had reported concerns regarding speeding during the evening on the road along the Landkey Road from residents to the Police, who advised that they would attend.
- That he had been informed by NDC Councillor Peter Leaver that now works had begun on the Westacott development the new foot/cycle bridge would be used and that this would put more emphasis on the need for a foot/cycleway link from Newport.

NDC Councillor Lane had no issues to report.

32. LANDKEY MAZZARD COMMUNITY HALL TRUST WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

a) Update. Councillor Halliday reported that the group had met at the end of April and had received an initial funding scoping paper from Devon Communities Together for consideration and advising that the Trust was in a good position. Unfortunately a Lottery Application had been unsuccessful. He had attended a Hallshare meeting that shared best practice and supported Village/Community Halls.

b) Draft Lease Heads of Terms (previously circulated)

The draft Lease Heads of Terms as amended were agreed subject to the following:

- Term of lease 99 years
- Point 4.3 to be amended to state fittings at point of completion
- An additional clause – The Parish Council may appoint up to 50% of the number of trustees

The Chair – Councillor Hommell and Vice Chair – Councillor Prowse were authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the Parish Council.

33. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made:

- a) Planning Committee
Councillors Conchie, Consterdine, Dymond, Halliday, Hommell and Warwick
- b) Landkey Shaping Our Future Committee
Councillors Conchie, Davies, Halliday, Prowse and Warwick

34. COMMUNITY SHIELD AWARD 2026

It was agreed that that nominations for the Community Shield award 2026 be advertised in the Newsletter and sent to the Clerk in advance of the July Parish Council meeting.

35. GRANTS

The Council considered grant requests with supporting accounts from the following local organisations and approved the following grant applications:

Landkey AFC – £600 towards maintenance, grass cutting and heating costs and £70.20 towards a set of new Defibrillator Pads.

Landkey Playing Fields Association – £400 towards grass and hedge cutting and insurance costs

Millennium Green Trust - £750 towards the maintenance of the Millennium Green

Councillor Lane declared an interest in the Landkey Playing Fields Committee application and was not present during the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillors Consterdine and Davies declared an interest in the Millennium Green Trust application and was not present during the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Hommell declared an interest in the Landkey AFC application and was not present during the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Consterdine was appointed to Chair the consideration of the Landkey AFC grant application.

36. POLICE

There were no issues reported.

37. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following issues were raised:

- Councillor Halliday reported that the litter pick in April had been a success and well supported. It was hoped that it would now be an annual event.
- That the hedge of the property at the junction at the top of Acland Road was overgrown and a safety issue for vehicle drivers due to limited visibility. It was noted that due to the bird nesting season the hedge may not be able to be cut back until October. It was agreed to inform Devon County Council.

- That cars were parking adjacent to the Old Chapel Building and Old Pre School on Blakeshill Road causing visibility issues for vehicle drivers. It was agreed to put a general statement in the newsletter requesting people in the area to park sensibly to avoid the possible need for parking restrictions.

38. PLAYING FIELDS

There were no issues raised.

39. MILLENNIUM GREEN

Councillor Davies reported that there had been a spate of vandalism with posts being pull up and thrown in the river and the new noticeboard knocked over. He further reported that the Trust had asked Charles Waldron to set up a Nature page on the website to feature plant and animal species found on the Green.

40. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

There were no issues raised.

41. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues reported.

43. SOCIAL MEDIA

There were no issues reported.

44. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

It was agreed that the Handyman be requested to clean and tidy the sculpture at the bus stop and cut, takeaway and spray the weeds around the perimeter of the Old School Centre.

It was also agreed that the Handyman be requested to identify other areas in the village that required cutting and spraying for consideration.

45. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac Expenses	£28.89
HMRC Income Tax Payment/NI – Clerk/Caretaker Salary	£234.56
Zurich Municipal – Insurance renewal	£2,812.44
R. Grant – New fence Posts Tanners Road Play Area	£480.00
D. Varley – New Boiler Old School Centre	£2,496.00

b) Accounts and Bank Reconciliation 2025/2026.

The accounts and bank 2025/2026 reconciliation were noted and agreed.

The Council recorded its thanks to the Clerk for the work undertaken.

46. PLANNING MATTERS

a) The Council noted that there were no planning applications considered by the Planning Committee prior to the Parish Council meeting.

b) Planning Application -150 dwellings - land South of Birch Road, Landkey: Update

The Council noted the emails (previously circulated) regarding a partnership with Octopus and the developer Allison Homes, for the above site to be developed with 100% of the site providing affordable homes.

It was agreed that the NDC Service Manager (Development Management) and Service Lead – Affordable Housing Officer be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss and explain the proposals.

47. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council considered an Email from resident regarding provision of new play equipment in play area. It was considered that the Tanners Road Play Area owned by the Parish Council was in good order. However, it was noted that the Bakery Way Play Area owned by North Devon Homes required attention. It was agreed to contact ND Homes to ascertain their proposals and funding availability for the play area.

48. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The following issues were raised – Emergency Planning

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be Wednesday 3rd June 2026 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman the meeting ended at 8.53 p.m.