

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANDKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00 pm**

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

NDC Councillors Haworth-Booth and Lane

DCC Councillor Henderson

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - None

230. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Nel.

231. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

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

There were no matters of urgency.

233. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

234. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from Parishioners

235. NDC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NDC Councillor Haworth-Booth reported the following:

- Footpath/Cycleway, Landkey Road. That he had a meeting with DCC Officer Matt Collins who had advised that the scoping/planning work would start in the next financial year. The cost of the project was estimated at £2 million. A new footpath had been installed that passed the Lawns.
- That he had attended a s106 briefing that stated that s106 requirements needed to be identified at the planning application stage.

- That he had been contacted regarding 3 illegal caravans located at Hunnacott Farm. The owners had been contacted and enforcement deferred for 1 month to 1st March to enable their removal.
- Speed Watch – Two more sites had been identified and agreed at the top of Blakeshill Road/Vicarage Road and at Valley View.

NDC Councillor Lane reported that the Strategy and Resources Committee had agreed a 2.99 % Council Tax increase and that a One Stop Shop would be located in the Green Lanes Shopping Centre.

236. LANDKEY MAZZARD COMMUNITY HALL TRUST WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

The Chair reported that an informal presentation on the proposed new Community Building had been made to the Millennium Trustees who broadly supported the proposal. The Architect had received a favourable response from the NDC Planning Officer following the Pre-Planning application. The next meeting of the group would be at the end of February/beginning of March.

237. MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST - LETTER REGARDING BIOSPHERE NATURE RECOVERY PLAN

The Clerk reported that this item had been deferred at the last Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed that the letter from Millennium Green Trust seeking support from the Parish Council to sign up to the Biosphere Nature Recovery Plan be considered at the next Parish Council meeting to give Members an opportunity to read the plan.

238. POLICE

There were no issues reported.

239. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was again reported that the zebra crossing at the entrance to Barleycorn Fields required re-painting and cleaning.

It was noted that the new Landkey Bridge was now planned to be completed by Easter.

It was agreed not to pursue the ploughing of ditches.

240. PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Lane reported that the Playing Fields Committee had contacted NDC regarding the provision of ‘Dogs on Leads’ signs.

241. MILLENNIUM GREEN

There were no issues reported.

242. OLD SCHOOL CENTRE

The Clerk reported that following communications with SSE Energy the electricity meter will be removed on 29 February.

The Chair reported that the hedge debris had been cleared from the car park and would be taken away in the Spring.

243. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

There were no issues reported.

244. SOCIAL MEDIA

There were no issues reported.

245. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

There were no issues reported.

246. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

M. Isaac Expenses	£15.00
HMRC Income Tax Payment – Clerk/Caretaker Salary	£131.20
Woodward Smith Architects- Renewal of Planning Old School Centre (Architect fees and resubmission)	£1,178.00
PrintworkX – Newsletter	£130.00
North Devon Council – Dog Bin Emptying	£234.00
S. Harman – OSC sundries/printing	£8.39

b) Financial Position

The current financial position as at 27 December 2023 - Current A/C £49,202.51 (£3,274.21 remaining grant ringed fenced for Community Building Fees) and - Business Reserve 11 December 2023 £23,480.11

247. PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that there had been no Planning applications to be considered.

248. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email from the Friends of Landkey PTA seeking grant support for a complete playground restructure.

In accordance with the Council policy, it was agreed to request a copy of the latest accounts and projects costs.

The Chair reported the receipt of an email from a resident regarding the ND Link Road closures and parking restrictions.

249. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORT

DCC Councillor Henderson reported the following:

- Landkey Bridge – The preparation work would be completed before Easter and the new bridge lifted into place after Easter. The roundabout was also planned to be completed at the same time.
- Road Closures – Traffic lights would now be in operation along the Link Road rather than total closure. Umberleigh Bridge was also going to be repaired with closure during February/March.
- ND Link Road Signage – The damaged signage will be replaced.
- Budget 2024/25 – The Council Tax will be raised by the maximum but there will be cuts to services and staffing
- Devolution – The devolution proposals had been announced on 25 January.

250. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no issues raised

251. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 6th March 2024 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.