



THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2024 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL

MINUTES

Before the meeting there will be an update on the new school from Mr Neil Pateman

Public Session

Guest Speakers

Cllr Henderson suggested that the Parish Councillors meet with Matt Collins from Highways to discuss the parking and access to the new school site. He will arrange this.

Cllr Henderson reported that he had been extremely unhappy with Griffiths road contractors as they had indicated to him that night closures of the link road would end on 24th October and he had published this date in Landkey newsletter. However, the closures are continuing nightly until the middle of December.

Cllr Henderson's further report is attached.

Cllr Lane reported that he was concerned that the lane markings approaching the new Landkey Roundabout from Barnstaple did not show a right-turn arrow. He will address this.

Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that he had attended a meeting with Torridge and Barnstaple Planning Departments, and that various ways to accommodate 12,500 additional houses in the area were discussed. There is a consultation being carried out at the moment concerning remote access to meetings and also proxy voting arrangements for those who cannot physically attend. They agreed that remote access was acceptable, but not proxy voting.

2024.100 Apologies and attendance – none received. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth, Haworth-Booth, Ackland and Brown, District Cllr Lane and County Cllr Henderson

2024.101 Declarations of Interest – none received

2024.102 Minutes of previous meeting
Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2024. The minutes were **agreed**.

2024.103 Any matters arising from the minutes

2024.104 Correspondence
Cancellation of Air Band installation
Footpath between Landkey and Swimbridge
Consultation re remote attendance at PC Meetings.
Susie Hind – re garden area in Swimbridge Square. All **agreed** that Mrs Hind could take on the maintenance of this area and purchase some bulbs for the spring,
Jubilee Hall – can SPC support them in Climate and Environment Grant application to allow installation of solar panels. It was agreed that SPC would apply for the grant via JW.

2024.105 Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch – Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that out of 110 vehicles passing in 1 hour, 9 speeding vehicles had been identified in Swimbridge, these drivers will receive police letters.

2024.106 Telephone Box – Cllr Knill has asked Richard Kitchen to have a look at the work required, and also ask Nigel Dennis to quote.

2024.107 Grass Cutting Tender – The new contract with Rob Parish will start on 1st January. **Agreed** to ask Andrew Hutchings to make one more cut before Christmas. Cllrs will meet with Mr Parish before commencement to confirm the schedule.

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2024.108 **Neighbourhood Development Plan** to be considered once the new Government's priorities are known. To remain on agenda.

2024.109 **Committee Reports**

1. Planning

78283 – Watergate, High St, Swimbridge This is actually the Old School Rooms, and has been approved.

79425 – Holywell Wood – Construction of Forestry tool storage shed. Planning committee will visit this site.

The clerk will chase Enforcement re Welcome Farm and Station Hill.

2. Finance

Accounts balances at 31st October 2024:

Current account £11703.41 Reserve account £10522.52 Glebe Field account £1.29

We have been advised that from 10th January Lloyds Bank will start charging £4.25 per month per account. We discussed whether to change banks, or remain with Lloyds, and **agreed** that the unused Glebe Field account will be closed, but we will remain with Lloyds Bank.

Approval of Budget and precept for 2025-2026

The budget was discussed – the clerk has identified where some small savings can be made, but overall all of our costs are fixed and have to be continued, with slight adjustments for inflation. The new maintenance contract will be an additional cost of £2000, so it was **agreed** that the precept application would be in the sum of £18819.00

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field/Green Team

Outdoor Play has carried out the work to the park which was identified by the inspection. Cllr Haworth-Booth has started to cut back the brambles, but it was **agreed** that this would be included in the maintenance contract.

4. Media.

Nothing to report.

2024.110 **Payments for approval**

NDC - Clerks Salary	£321.60
NDC – Dog Bins	£164.11
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
NDC Play park inspections	£123.50
Rhino Contractors	£332.42
Landkey Millenium	£40.00
Jubilee Hall	£123.50
Outdoor Play	£1560.00
Microsoft 365	£59.99
A Bulled (Hedge Trimming)	£158.40
Grant to Churchyard	£200.00
A&M Contractors	£870.00
DCC – Printing	£70.00
Brought forward from October	
I Rowsell	£60.00
NDC – Clerks Salary	£321.60
Amazon – laptop charger	£17.98
Wildflower seeds	£203.48 (Grant of £200 received)
EDF Energy	£127.86
Landkey Millenium Field	£40.00
Rhino Contactors	£332.42

All payments agreed.

2024.111 **Items to be added to agenda for the next meeting.**

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