

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF URGENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LITTLEHAM
VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE 2010

Present: *Cllrs. Atkinson(Vice-Chairman), Mrs Beer (Chairman), Mrs Galvin, Hamilton, Hassall, Heard, Hopkins (from 7.50pm), Stevens, and also TDC Cllr Pennington (from 8.07pm)*

Apologies: *Cllrs Ms Lamb, G. Smith, M. Smith and DCC Cllr Dr Robinson.*

Members of the public wishing to address the meeting on a specific agenda item, were, in accordance with Standing Order 24 and Paragraph 12(2) of Statutory Instrument 2007/1159, permitted to do so before that Agenda Item. No members of the public were present.

956Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

957Planning Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Landcross:

The Chairman confirmed that TDC Planning Enforcement officials are continuing to carefully monitor activities where unauthorised works had commenced, adjacent to Church lane, Landcross. Members agreed to regularly review events at this site.

958Planning Application: 1/0440/2010/FUL: Alterations and Extension, 9 Mt Pleasant, Littleham:

Cllr Stevens declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting after exercising his rights as a member of the public, in accordance with Standing Order 24 and Paragraph 12(2) of S. I. 2007/1159.

As a member of the public he is concerned about the loss of the garage space and former off-road parking in an area of the village which already has serious on-road parking problems. The new plans will increase available accommodation, and may well increase the number of cars owned by occupants.

Cllr Mrs Galvin also referred to the parking problems in the adjacent Church lane and at Mt Pleasant. Cllr Hassall thought the proposals would make matters worse, even if there was room for one vehicle off-road at 9 Mt Pleasant. Cllr Hamilton pointed out that the plans submitted did not show dimensions, were vague in respect of residual designated off-road parking spaces. Several members were concerned about the height of the proposed extension. It could look disproportionate to surrounding properties, especially when viewed from Church Lane.

Members noted that works had started in June 2009, which is not in accordance with planning application procedures. The applicants' reasons for starting work were noted. Members also think the proposed plans will substantially increase the area of the original building. With 3 bedrooms and a box room, additional traffic movement and parking could arise and cause problems in the village centre.

RESOLVED; on the motion of Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Hassall, with unanimous support, that the Parish Council RECOMMENDS REFUSAL because: -

- (1) The application proposes removal of the original garage and a reduction in off-road parking, when there are already serious on-street parking problems in this part of Littleham.**
- (2) The height of the proposed extension is disproportionate to the height of adjacent dwellings and therefore detrimental to neighbouring properties and the street scene, especially when viewed from Church Lane.**

959Other Planning Matters: The Chairman also advised that a Planning Application was being considered by TDC in respect of the Old Chapel, Landcross, but as this property is in Bideford Parish, no action was considered necessary.

960TDC Torrington Area Advisory Group Meeting; 8th June 2010:

Cllr Hassall will represent the Parish Council at this meeting and, with the Parish Council's approval, he will urge TDC to reconsider Regional Spatial Strategy proposals for future housing provision and ask TDC to take account of concerns raised by Gt Torrington Town Council (as reported at Minute 933(c) of 29.04.10).

961 Highways & Footpaths: Direction Sign, Old Chapel Landcross:

RESOLVED, that DCC are requested to promptly attend to the damaged and corroded direction sign at the junction of the C461 Yeo Valley Road and the A 386 at Old Chapel, Landcross.

962 Parish Plan: Gt Torrington & District LCP AGM:

Cllr Atkinson (Vice-Chairman) advised that he would present a brief report on Littleham & Landcross Parish Plan Action Group's progress to the LCP AGM on 10th June. The former Clerk (Mr N Jackson) would attend with him. Cllr Mrs Galvin advised the Parish Plan Action Group's activities should include reference to Affordable Housing proposals and to recent concerns that DCC Mobile Library Service might be withdrawn

from Littleham. Cllr Mrs Galvin was advised to contact PCSO John McGovern at Bideford Police Station, because he is currently co-ordinating PCSO outreach work with visits to parishes by the Mobile Library.

963 Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 24 June 2010: 7.30 pm.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.09 pm.