

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3rd
March 2106.



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson, Corkery, Fishleigh, Haddrell, Hassall, C Phillips, Smith, Stevens.

Apologies: Cllrs. Hamilton, Hopkins, Pru Phillips and Whittington.
TDC Cllr Pennington. DCC Cllr Dezart. .

In accordance with Standing Order 28 the Chairperson may adjourn the meeting at his/her Discretion to allow any member of the public wishing to address the meeting, for up to 3 minutes, on a specific agenda item.

1681 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1682 - To confirm the Minutes 1668-1680 of the Parish Council Meeting of 14th January, 2016.

Minutes Proposed as correct by Cllr Phillips. S: Cllr Haddrell. All agreed [Minutes signed by Chair].

1683 – Matters Arising. The Chair advised that a neighbouring Council had applied for change of use for their redundant telephone box – the costs were high; this should be considered if we move forward with the Littleham box. Councillors Haddrell and Stevens had reported, online, excess road surface water near Higher Boundstone – possible blocked drain, or water leak. The Clerk is asked to advise DCC highways [Roskilley] of this and excess surface water opposite the Methodist Chapel, Littleham. Cllr Phillips requested to know why Councillors were not able to participate in the Speedwatch scheme; with the recent closure of the Torrington road traffic flow, and speeding had increased in Landcross. Cllr Fishleigh stated that “the Lane” in Landcross was being used as a rat-run during congestion caused by the Torrington road closure – could new “Slow” signs be placed at either end

of the lane during the A386 closure. The Clerk is asked to contact PCSO’s on these matters. The Clerk tabled a response from the Holsworthy Rural Community Transport group, who confirmed that they did not provide any services in Littleham/Landcross – but hoped we might utilise any unused TAP funds to support them. Noted.

1684 -PLANNING - Applications: None.

Notifications: 1/1117/2015/OUT – stables land at Littleham. TDC permission Granted.

Other: None.

1685 - Highways: Cllr Smith had tabled a suggested letter of response to DCC regarding the previous roadworks/lights at Whitehall. After discussion further points were raised and it was requested that the Clerk re-write and put before Councillors – by email – before sending.

1686- Future of North Devon Records office. Cllr Atkinson had attended the meeting held by BTC on 28th January, he was surprised that only 3 Parishes were represented; DC Cllr Dezart was present. The meeting confirmed that it was the duty of DCC to look after Records; this duty had been passed to South West Heritage Trust, who would be part-funded by County. The remaining funding could not be sourced via Lottery, as they do not fund running costs. Cllr Atkinson stated that the retention of a local Records Office was important. Cllr Corkery confirmed that to be the case; he had recently had cause to use it. Cllr Haddrell asked if the 2 District Councils had pledged funds... this was not known. The Clerk is asked to obtain an answer from Barnstaple Town Council. After discussion there was no Proposal to pledge LLPC funds for this project.

1687 – District & County Councillors Reports. No reports had been received from either DCC Councillor Dezart or TDC Councillor Pennington [who is on holiday].

1688 – Finance & Insurance: Funds available to the Council as at 20th February, 2016 were £ 6405.79 - cashbook details had been circulated. There were no questions on the Cashbook entries and Cllr Stevens

proposed that it and the Bank Statement be signed. S: Cllr Fishleigh.
agreed.

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Payments are requested to: LLCWS - £25 donation; and £1060.80 to Mr Wivell for grass cutting; and £25 to TTVS membership. After discussion it was decided not to apply for membership of TTVS; payments were to be made to Wivell and LLCWS.

P: Cllr Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Stevens.

All agreed.

1689 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: The Clerk tabled documents and emails from Debbie Holland [not a Parishioner] who felt strongly that the Council should register an objection to the District Council's decision to include a section on "Wind Energy Development" in the Proposed Local Plan. She believed that it would lead to developers targeting North Devon & Torridge as no neighbouring Authorities were including this section. After discussion it was agreed that Councillors would respond as individuals; there was no time to debate as an Agenda item as the deadline for responding to the Consultation was before the next scheduled parish council meeting.

The Clerk advised that he had received updates for the Register of Electors. A response received from Devon Air Ambulance Trust – costs will be incurred by Parishes for any agreed night time helipad – running costs would be minimal, but installation costs would need to be investigated. The Clerk is asked to invite DAAT to talk at our Annual Parish meeting in May. Copy letter received from High Bickington Parish Council – addressed to our 2 Conservative MP's asking them to press for action to improve the state of rural roads. The Clerk is asked to write in support. Local Government Boundary Commission – the results of the recent Review are published. Noted.

1690 - Other Correspondence received: - North Devon Healthcare news, "Pulse" – Winter 2015/16. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2016. Healthwatch Devon – Issue 11.

1691 - E-Mail correspondence received:

RSN Weekly Digest[x6]: RSN – Rural Vulnerability Service Newsletter [x3]: Torridge Crime Report [x6]: DCC – Community News Roundup: RSN – Rural Opportunities Bulletin[x2]: RSN – Rural News Special, Govt Rural Funding Formula [x2]: CAB – monthly news [x2]: RSN – Rural Housing Spotlight: TDC Cllr Whittaker – Devolution for "Devon": Janet Smith – re Scratchy Face Lane: Healthwatch Devon – newsletter: RSN – Rural Spotlight, Young People: Fields in Trust [x2]: CPRE – Neighbourhood Plan Roadshow: DCC – Devon Minerals Plan: Barnstaple Town Council – Environment/Planning School 2016: NHS – NEWDevon Clinical Commissioning Group – "Success Regime", and Vacany for Community rep: North Devon/Torridge Local Plan – consultation, Wind Energy & Starter Home Exception sites: Peninsula Rail Taskforce – update: BTC – Future of ND Records office, meeting invite: DCC Highways – Temporary Traffic Order, A386: DCC – invite to join Countryside Access Forum: RSN – Online Survey.

1692 - AOB. - Cllr Corkery suggested that we should compliment Janet Smith on her help for neighbours during recent flooding in Yeo Vale. The Clerk will action. Cllr Atkinson reminded the Meeting that we would look for Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair at the Annual May meeting.

1693 – Next scheduled Meetings: April 14th. May 26th [x2 Annual meetings]

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.