

**LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT**  
**LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> March**  
**2012.**



**Present:** Cllrs. Atkinson (Chairman), Corkery, Pat Fishleigh, Hassall, Heard, Hopkins Loraine Kindley and Stevens.

DCC Cllr Robinson; TDC Cllr Pennington.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Beer, Hamilton, Phillips and Smith

*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.*

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**1168 - Registration of Members Interests:** No additional registrations were required.

**1169 - To confirm Minutes 1152-1167 of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012.** *(previously dispatched)*

Minutes Proposed as correct by Cllr Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Heard. All agreed; Minutes signed by Chair.

**1170- Matters Arising – Not Covered by Agenda:**

- a) Broadband – Devon & Somerset Funds. Request from Community Council of Devon [CCD] to identify and map the Primary Connection Points [2] for Littleham & Landcross. This was done by Cllrs Beer and Atkinson.
- b) DCC. Part-night lighting. Response received from Mr D'Alesio – after contact from DCC Cllr Robinson on our behalf. The instruction to the contractor will be issued, and the Council will be advised when work is to take place. It is not expected to happen in the current financial year. Councillors expressed their disappointment that this economy measure has still not been implemented.
- c) DCC – Buffet lunch. The Chair and Clerk had been invited to attend at County Hall on February 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the contribution made by Parish Councils to the life of Devon. Neither officer, or alternate Councillors, were able to attend.

**1171 –Planning Applications:**

- a) **1/0057/2012/FUL: Moor Park, Littleham.** Erection of general purpose agricultural building.

Cllr Hassall commented that the building seemed very large for a non-working farm. Cllr Heard responded by advising that the owner intended to store vintage tractors as well as for the stated use. Approved, subject to a request that landscaping be undertaken to lessen the impact of this large structure.

P: Cllr Corkery.

S: Cllr Hassall.

All agreed.

**Notifications:** None.

**Updates:**

-Edge Mill Nursery, Access: Response from Nigel Marshall, Planning Enforcement TDC, by e-mail: will update as soon as able; enforcement of re-instatement is not that simple. Cllr Corkery had been visited by the owner of the property who advised that he would be breeding peacocks rather than mushroom farming.

Cllr Hassall asked that we request Mr Marshall to confirm to us that the Planning Permission is now rescinded?

-Edge Mill Cottages, unauthorised parking hardstand. Response from TDC Planning that this matter has been passed to Nigel Marshall who will contact directly. Cllrs Corkery and Hassall advised that the new parking area was dangerous as it necessitated reversing onto the main road. The Clerk was requested to contact DCC Highways and ask them to assess the impact, and to give their assessment.

**1172 – Atlantic Array:** RWE had published a new booklet on their actions and consultations to date, copies handed to Members. DCC Cllr Robinson referred Members to his report which he updated by advising that John Hart, leader at DCC, had agreed to review the composition of the Working Group, but did not expect that the group would meet in the short term as the Deadlines given to RWE had been put back.

**1173 – 372 Bus service:** request to co-finance the late afternoon [Fridays] service from Barnstaple during the 9 week Petroc summer vacation. After discussion it was agreed that the Council are not willing to participate given that the statistics from last year showed little if any use by Parishioners of this service. Clerk to advise Mr Lowe accordingly.

**1174 – Highways.**

Further responses had been received from Julian Roskilly. On subsidence in Church Lane he will monitor, but no action will be taken at this time. The Lengthsman had looked at problems on the Monkleigh road [opp. Church Lane] and remedial action will be taken. He had not been able to confirm the “Old Rectory” site. Cllr Fishleigh agreed to meet with Julian to go through these problems on site. Clerk to advise Julian.

Cllr Fishleigh advised that PCSO McGovern had – after prompting – written to all residents in “The Lane”, Landcross requesting not to cause obstruction by parking in an inconsiderate manner .

**1175 - District & County Councillors’ Reports.**

**TDC Cllr Pennington** – confirmed that the joint working agreement with Teignbridge had now finished. Torridge were now looking to forge working partnerships, on various issues, with adjacent authorities. TDC continued to receive plaudits for the Waste operations, and brickbats for the Planning department. It had been agreed not to raise Council Tax for 2012/13, though there would be an increase proposed by Police and Fire.

Cllr Atkinson asked if the garden refuse collected from Littleham was going to landfill? And Cllr Corkery asked if payment at Caddsdawn recycling centre was available through credit card/ cllr Pennington agreed to look into these matters, and agreed that TDC should review their green waste policy in rural areas. Cllr Robinson advised that the Anaerobic facility at Holsworthy had spare capacity.

**DCC Cllr Robinson** gave his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. [Appx. 1] He also advised that he had funds available to help with forthcoming Jubilee events. As stated in the Report he was very pleased to announce that the building of a layby/bus pull in at Landcross was now on the “list” for construction after many years of trying. He tabled the County policy on repair of potholes which was handed to Cllr Heard.

**1176 - Finance & Insurance:**

- a. Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: £3389.88 as at 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

Cashbook details tabled, and bank statement[s] signed by the Chair.

Payments: £38.74 to Clerk for expenses. £25 donation to Littleham & Landcross Website Association.

- b. Other Financial or Insurance matters: A donation of £10 [cash] had been received from Pat Smith of Britree, Littleham for the chippings which were delivered to them after felling the Jubilee Tree. TDC had confirmed that there is an amount of £38.40 outstanding in respect of Clerk remuneration following the increase agreed by Parish; together with fees for administering the PAYE of £25 set-up, and 4x £10 payslips gave a total outstanding of £78 [incl. VAT] which would be invoiced before the end of March. The Clerk asked that members remind Mr W to submit his invoice for grass cutting.

Proposed: Cllr. Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Atkinson.

All agreed.

**1177- Correspondence Requiring Attention:**

- a) Register of Electors: latest update showing new residents at The Barn, Landcross. Cllr Atkinson confirmed that the Welcome Pack had been delivered to the new Parishioners advised to him at the last meeting.
- b) Letter received from Safer North Devon advising that they have sponsored the Probation Service to set up a new social enterprise called Initiative South West. The services include pressure washing, graffiti removal, ground clearance etc. The Parish is urged to use the service. Noted.

**1178-Other Correspondence received: Brochure:** Glasdon products for Local Councils; Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2012; Torridge Matters [TTVS] for January 2012.

**1179-E-Mail correspondence received:** TTVS- Snippets [x2]; RSN Weekly Digest [x6]; TTVS – Leadership changes; DCC- National Buss Pass renewal DCC, In Touch[x2]; TTVS- training opportunities; TTVS- Funding Bulletin; D&C police Authority – newsletter-Jan 12.

**1180-AOB.** None.

**1181 - Next Meeting: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

[Scheduled meetings for 2012: 17/5 & 24/5.]  
The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

## LLPC Minutes 8.03.2012.

### Appx.1

#### **Report to Littleham & Landcross Parish Council for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**

**1/ C-roads, Lengthsmen and Gulleys.** As I have reported some time ago, I made a claim to a Scrutiny Committee meeting regarding what I considered was the relatively poorer support for the sparsely-populated northern parts of the county, and one example I cited was the focus of repairs on A- and B-roads while we here have the preponderance of C-roads. I am pleased to report that something positive has come out of this: -

11 February 2012 16:31

Good afternoon Stuart.

That is very good news that £5m is to go towards maintaining the C-roads of which we have an abundance up here; that over £½m is for extra parish lengthsmen support, another much-needed resource in my rural parishes; that £150,000 will go towards urban weed-spraying; and that £100,000 is to be provided for gulley maintenance. (With the last named I have suggested to Rhys and Julian that were the lengthsmen to be qualified to use a small digger he could accomplish more ditch-clearing than at present). I am grateful to the cabinet that they have chosen this wise use of the possibly one-off central government support.

**2/ Lay-by at Landcross.** At long last there has been some positive news on this. While this will not happen immediately, I have succeeded in getting the item listed for delivery in 2014/15, and £25,000 has been appropriated for this from the Market & Coastal Towns Rural Foundation funds.

**3/ H M The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.** With parishes planning celebrations to mark this historic event I have established that I may use my locality funds to support these celebrations. One other of my parishes has decided to present a commemorative mug to each child living in the parish; I have agreed to support this provided that some at least of the production of these mugs is being carried out in this country

**4/ Atlantic Array.** For the information of parish councillors I give below copies of emails that I have sent to both cabinet member Stuart Hughes and leader John Hart. The only responses have been verbal – the first to the effect that the composition of the working group had still not been settled; the second, given last Sunday following the County's Civic Service was to the effect that North Devon were to get two representatives: Cllr Mrs Caroline Chugg representing Braunton and a Lib. Dem. Councillor, while the Torridge area will be represented by Cllr. Mrs. Boyle. Given that I have now established that the 1<sup>st</sup> December meeting held at Riverbank House had been coordinated by county when nobody from these parishes received an invitation, I feel that, once again, we in Torridge are being treated as the poor relation.

21 January 2012 16:37

Hello John.

With reference to the Cabinet decision regarding the creation of a working group on the Atlantic Array, I offer a couple of concerns on behalf of my parishes for your consideration: -

(i) Presumably through the overlooking by an officer or officers of Torridge, no invitations were extended, as far as I know, for parish representation at the Presentation and Q & A meeting at Riverbank House on 1st December last. It appears now that the parishes are being excluded once again from a matter that impinges directly on their well-being and livelihoods. I presume that it is Torridge who are supposed to be coordinating the setting-up of this steering group. Can you confirm that that is so.

(ii) The view I have already expressed vis-a-vis Devon and Wales - we get the trouble and nuisance and the Welsh get the economic benefits - could be reiterated vis-a-vis Torridge and North Devon - it will be the parishes of Torridge that will be subjected to the upheaval and disruption of the next three or more years while North Devon appears to be the likely benefactors of any maintenance contracts that might ensue. And I am sure there would be many voices in Torridge raised against any suggestion that Torridge, North Devon or North Devon + might become the bankers and dispensers of any agreed compensation.

(iii) The "call-in" period for the decision setting up the steering group is fast approaching. Rather than seek to have the decision "called in", could I ask you to reassure me that the parishes most immediately affected by the proposed land-based parts of the installation of the Atlantic Array will be permitted representation and equal rights with the

three other entities - TDC, ND and DCC - on the steering group. Otherwise, if it is Torridge who are the coordinators, please let me know. The parishes directly affected are Alverdiscott, Bideford East, Littleham in my Division and Alwington in Alison's. I would hope that those four parishes would be permitted places as equals on the steering group.

Please let me have your observations.

Many thanks.

Sam.

15 February 2012 18:44

Good evening John.

Some time ago I sent a query to Stuart Hughes about the composition of the working group being set up to consider the many aspects of the proposed Atlantic Array. It may well be that the decision regarding the composition is yours. My hope that the ratio will be tilted in the Torridge District county councillors' favour, as it is we who will get all the hassle and North Devon may get some crumbs that are not destined for Wales. Of the parishes most affected, there is already on the Torridge delegation Kathy Murdoch who represents Alwington, for which Alison Boyle is the county councillor. As the district representative for Littleham (Phil Pennington) is deemed prejudiced due to his having land that will be ploughed up, I would appear to be the only other representative to speak up for the parishes of Bideford, Alverdiscott, Huntshaw and Littleham.

Hope to see you tomorrow.

Sam.

Thank you Chairman, Council. Sam Robinson, 21 Bude Street, Appledore, EX39 1PS.

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