

**LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 10th July 2014.**



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson [Chair], Corkery, Fishleigh, Haddrell, Hamilton, Hassall, Hopkins, Phillips, Smith & Stevens.

TDC Cllr Pennington.

DCC Cllr Dezart.

Apologies: Cllr. Beer.

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.

1469 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1470 - To confirm Minutes 1457-1468 of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of May 22nd, 2014.

P: Cllr. Smith.

S: Cllr. Stevens.

Approved, and signed by

Chair.

1471 - Matters Arising – the Clerk advised that discussions with TDC led to confirmation that Former Cllr Frank Heard could carry on as a Parish Councillor despite having moved from the Parish. Mr Heard has intimated that he would be prepared to be re-instated until the Elections in 2015. All Councillors present agreed to re-instate Frank Heard. Clerk to advise Mr Heard.

1472 - PLANNING - Applications: 1/0563/2014/FUL: Ashridge Farm, Littleham – erection of steel framed stock shed. [TDC Cllr Pennington left the room for this debate]. Following discussion this application was Approved by majority vote, there being one abstention. P: Cllr Stevens. S: Cllr. Smith. [Cllr Pennington re-joined the meeting]

1/0636/2014/FUL: 1 Old Moor, Littleham – ground floor extension, new dormer window. The plans for this Application had not yet been received. Decision to be held over until further meeting convened.

Notifications: TDC Granted Permission to:

- **1/0317/2014/OUT – land at Shutta Farm, Littleham – erection of 2 detached houses.**
- **1/1067/2013/FUL – Watershute Farm, Horns Cross – erection of wind turbine.**
- **1/0415/2014/FUL – Linhay, Littleham Court – extension & new garage.**
- **1/0234/2014/FUL – South Heale cottage, littleham – pitch roof to replace flat roof on garage.**

Other: Draft Local Plan: – Consultation. A disc containing the Consultation documents was tabled and will be circulated for Councillors to review and respond as individuals.

Church Lane: - Cllr Phillips had met with the new Planning Enforcement Officer [TDC], Mr Fenge, when he visited the Church Lane Site owned by Mr Oke in response to our request. He stated that TDC records indicated that the site had been re-instated and the Stop Notice rescinded. Cllr Phillips advised him that re-instatement had not taken place, and the Stop Notice should be replaced. Cllr Pennington was asked to take up this matter, and the Clerk is to contact Mr Fenge with information, asking him to take action on re-instatement.

1473 - Parish Notice Boards. Councillors were advised that the Board at Mount Pleasant had been removed on safety grounds. The Clerk advised that TDC were agreeable to erection of a new Notice Board on the Littleham bus shelter. Cllrs discussed the purchase of a new Board and agreed that the Clerk should order new from Martin Turner of Nutaberry Works Bideford. Instow Parish Council had used him, and have iroko/marine ply construction, and the Clerk and been given an indicative quote of £500 inclusive of VAT and fixing. The Clerk is given sanction to spend up to £550.

1474 - Highways: DCC responded to our letter to David Whitton, Head of Highways, DCC written in support of Mari Galvin's request for a 30mph limit on the Yeo Valley Road. Their response indicates that this road does not fit the criteria for introduction of such a limit.

Landslip at Whitehall: a response from DCC received stating that the issue is with the County Solicitor. The Clerk is asked to contact the County Solicitor to urge early progress.

DCC Highways have issued a paper "maintenance of Devon's roads and Prioritisation of Works – tabled and copied to Councillors. The backlog of repair works is estimated at £600m and growing at a rate of £30m pa in light of budgetary cuts

1475 - District & County Councillors' Reports.

TDC Cllr Pennington: – tabled his notes/resume in respect of the North Devon & Torridge Local Plan, urging Councillors to respond by the deadline of August 8th. It is important to re-state any comments made to previous Consultations on this subject, as they may not be “carried forward”. The Budget cuts for District Councils continue to be the major issue/problem.

DCC Cllr Dezart reported that Torrington Council were not interested in using the TAPS funding to repair the Tunnel on the Tarka Trail at Landcross. He has now decided to use £7k of his discretionary Funding towards new lighting and repairs, and hopes that DCC will fund the remaining costs of £5k. He advised that consultation has been opened for improvements to the A361 & A39, and he will keep us informed. He also advised that no final decision on closures of Day Centres has yet been made.. comments will still be accepted by County Council.

1476 – Littleham Emergency Plan: this review brought about by Frank Heard leaving the Parish, he was the designated Snow Warden. It was decided not to appoint a replacement, Cllr Hamilton now has the keys for the store, and in his capacity as Co-ordinator would organise action in the event of ice/snow. The Plan to be amended by the Clerk and distributed.

1477 - Finance & Insurance:

a) Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: - at 20th June 2014 stood at £5485.12. Cashbook figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. Payments requested for £106.50 to Littleham Village Hall for cost of Council meetings period April 2013-april 24th 2014. £37.76 to re-imburse Mr Stanley for 1/3rd BT fixed costs. £95 to MJ Smale for repair to Notice Boards. Proposal to accept and have bank statement and Cashbook signed by the Chair, and for Payments to be Approved.

P: Cllr Smith.

S: Cllr Fishleigh.

Approved. All

agreed.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters: The Clerk advised that Year End figures for 2014 have been signed off by Grant Thornton as external Auditors – the figures have been “Published” via the Parish Notice Boards.

1478 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: TDC Update for Register of Electors. Noted.

1479 - Other Correspondence received: Clerks & Council Direct – May and July 2014. DCC Emergency Management, June 2014.

1480 - E-Mail correspondence received: TDC – re Torrington Area Meeting, Sept 10th: NHW Forum Weekly Crime Report [x2]: RSN – Rural Vulnerability Newsletter [x3]: DCC – Library Service Review: TAAG – Highways Report: DCC – Community News Roundup [x2]: RSN – Rural Opportunities Bulletin [x3]: RSN – Spotlight on Small Business: RSN – Rural Housing: Devon Youth Service- update: TDC – review of Taxi Licensing Policy: DCC –Day Services Review: TDC – Armed Forces week – 23rd June: TDC – Local Plan consultation [x5]: Connecting Devon/Somerset – Jul 2014.

1481 -AOB. An urgent meeting will need to be convened to discuss Planning application – see above.

1482 – Next scheduled Meetings: Sept 11th; October 23rd; December 11th.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.