

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 11th
September 2014.



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson, Corkery, Fishleigh, Haddrell, Hassall, Heard, Phillips, Smith & Stevens.
TDC Cllr Pennington.

Apologies: Cllrs. Beer, Hamilton, & Hopkins. 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.

1490 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1491 - Matters Arising: Bridleway, Edgemill. Tim Freeman, Rights of Way, DCC advised that he had not received any response from Mr Mahoney. The situation changes regularly, sometimes vehicles do block the way. Without a response he is not sure of the way forward. He suggests an alternate, new, route be investigated which appears to utilise an existing footpath in Parsonage Wood. He asks if this Council knows who owns the Woods. After discussion it was decided to advise Mr Freeman to renew his efforts and advise him of the Mahoney Transport address: 1 Karen Close, Bideford, EX39 4PQ. [found on the internet during the meeting], he could also trace addresses through the vehicle registrations that block the bridleway. Cllr Stevens will approach Mr Smith – owner of the proposed route to get his views on the proposal.

1492 - To confirm Minutes 1483-1489 of the Parish Council Meeting of July 21st, 2014.

Proposed as correct by Cllr Smith.

S: Cllr Heard.

All agreed.

1493-PLANNING - Applications: None.

Notifications: TDC Granted Permission to:

1/0563/2014/FUL: Ashridge Farm, Littleham – erection of steel framed stock shed.

1/0636/2014/FUL: 1 Old Moor, Littleham – ground floor extension, new dormer window.

Other: Enforcement: Andrew Fenge, Enforcement Officer at TDC has responded on a) Earthworks at Edgemill Nursery. "Nigel Marshall has attended the site with the planning officer and the development is not in accordance with the approved plans. Currently we are waiting for a response from highways regarding the safety of the existing and proposed access and are liaising with the owner to regularise the site. We will keep you informed of any developments."

b) Church Lane, Landcross. "Despite trying to get in touch with the owner I have not yet made contact with him and therefore have not made a site visit. The records left by my predecessor show that the notice had been complied with. On my last visit although I could not get access the area did appear tidy with no current development. I will visit the site again once I have contacted the owner."

Cllr Pennington stated that he had spoken to Enforcement following the last LLPC meeting. At Edgemill Nurseries, the entrance now proposed is not subject of planning approval, there was also concern at a building which has appeared at the top of the site, which is being investigated. On Church Lane, Cllr Pennington advised that TDC had written to Mr Oke [the owner of the site in question], but it is known he is currently unwell, and a response has not yet been received. Cllr Phillips asks that Mr Fenge contact her to arrange a meeting on site.

Cllr Hassall tabled a briefing note on "How Planning Enforcement Works" issued by TDC.

1494 – Parish Notice Boards – Update. The Clerk advised that work had started on the new Notice Board.

1495 – Highways - Landslip at Whitehall – a response from County Solicitor "reassures the Parish Council that this issue is being treated with utmost seriousness and priority by the Highways authority".

Road Closure – Apps Springs to Red Cottages advised for Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th November, 2014.

Councillors had been advised of the New Parish & Town Council Website, created by Devon County; there is possible use to report future problems.

I496 - District & County Councillors' Reports.

TDC Cllr Pennington: – pleased to advise that the new Cattle Market at Holsworthy was recently opened, and it demonstrated the Torridge Councils intent to invest in the Rural infrastructure of the region. The Local Plan will be revised following the 2nd Consultation period which has now closed. At the recent Area Advisory Group meeting concern was expressed that there is a danger of “deregulation of the countryside” giving rise to more development. At a recent TDC meeting concern was raised that if there was a “No” result in the Scottish Referendum more monies would go to Scotland, at possible expense of English Counties. He also advised that TDC had taken action against a Councillor who had made false claims for his expenses.

There was no Report from DCC Cllr Dezart.

I497 - Finance & Insurance:

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

Bank balance: - at 20th August 2014 stood at £5245.86. Cashbook figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. Payments requested for £38.99 to H Stanley as contribution to telephone & broadband costs.

Proposal to accept and have bank statement and Cashbook signed by the Chair, and for Payments to be Approved.

P: Cllr Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Haddrell.

Approved. All agreed.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters: Budget figures for y/e March 2016 will be prepared for the next meeting.

I498 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: TDC Update for Register of Electors. Noted. Police & crime Commissioner, Bideford Surgery had been held on August 6th, no member of the Council had been able to attend. TAP Fund- Hospice Long House Project – Holsworthy Town Council wish to lead a TAP Fund application to provide funding towards the £75k expected costs to build The Longhouse in Torrington. Cllr Phillips advised that the intention was for this building to be run by the North Devon Hospice to provide respite care for those in Torridge. The Clerk advised that LLPC was entitled to £1236 under the TAP Fund scheme.

Cllr Haddrell proposed that we indicate our support for such application. S: Cllr Phillips.

All

agreed.

Right for Parish Councils to sell Electricity, call to support proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act: the Clerk is asked to indicate our support. North Devon Catchment Partnership, meeting Sept 15th - Noted. South West Resilience Campaign, letter of support requested – the Clerk is asked to write a letter of support.

Barnstaple Town Council – Environment School, 11th October - Noted.

I499 - Other Correspondence received: JAAG – Agenda 10.09.2014. Devon Senior Voice – Summer 2014. Clerks & Councils Direct Sept 2104. DALC Annual Report 2013-14. CPRE Devon Voice- Summer 2014.

I500 - E-Mail correspondence received: Plymouth University, Renewable Energy Survey: RSN Weekly Digest[x5]: RSN – Rural Vulnerability Newsletter [x2]: RSN – Opportunities Bulletin: TDC- TAP Fund: RSN – Funding: Connecting Devon & Somerset – update: TDC – NHW Scam Report: DCC – Devon Waste Plan: Fields in Trust [x3]: NHW – Crime Report: CCD- Village Green, & Rural Futures Conference: Gt Torrington Town Hall – Restoration: N D Biosphere – Your Rivers: Devon Highways- Parish Conference: JAAG – Agenda 10.9.2014: DCC – Community News: RSN – Rural Opportunities Bulletin: DCC – Link Road Strategy.

I501 -AOB. - None.

I502 – Next scheduled Meetings: October 23rd; December 11th.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.