

**LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12th**  
**February 2015.**



**Present:** Cllrs. Atkinson, Fishleigh, Haddrell, Hamilton, Hassall, Heard, Hopkins, Phillips & Stevens.  
And TDC Cllr Pennington.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Smith & Corkery. 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.***

**1541 - Registration of Members Interests:** No additional registrations were required.

**1542 - To confirm Minutes 1530-1540 of the Parish Council Meeting of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.**

Minutes were Proposed as correct by Cllr Hamilton. S: Cllr Fishleigh. All agreed.

**1543 – Matters Arising:** The Clerk confirmed that he had written to DCC Highways regarding the Road Warden scheme, and the cost of temporary lights at Whitehall. No response as yet. Under AOB at the last meeting Cllr Hassall had requested that a request from Woolsery PC to support them on opposition to the A39 Free School be placed on the Agenda. Further correspondence with Woolsery has resulted in this matter no longer being required as the Planning deadline date for opposition has passed. Cllr Atkinson expressed a view that we probably would not have added our opposition as this Parish was not in the catchment area for the proposed school. Cllr Hassall had attended the TAAG meeting and tabled a powerpoint presentation on the new procedures for Planning – deadlines and non paper communication as already discussed by this Parish.

**1544-PLANNING - Applications:**

**1/1256/2014/OUT – Land adjacent Langerton Manor, Littleham – outline application for up to 3 residential plots.** Cllr Stevens declared an Interest and left the room. The Chair suspended the Meeting to enable a member of the public, owner of adjacent dwelling, to speak regarding this Application. Cllr Hassall advised that the Tree Officer had placed his comments online – which recommended screening of the plot. Discussion followed which questioned the ownership of the lane to the south of the plot.

Cllr Hamilton proposed Approval of the Application, with TDC being advised of our concerns on ownership. S: Cllr Hopkins. All Agreed. [Cllr Stevens returned to the meeting]

**1/0007/2015/REM – land at Shutta Farm [NGR 243524 123250] – reserved matters application following outline 1/0317/OUT.** The Chair reminded the meeting that outline permission had been refused by this Council at a former meeting, on grounds of reducing light to adjacent properties and overbearing development. Cllr Hamilton understood that the developer had been in discussion with neighbours and amended his plans to their advantage.

Cllr Hopkins proposed Approval of this REM Application. S: Cllr Atkinson. Decision taken to a Vote:  
For – 6. Against – 2. Abstained – 1. Proposal Carried.

**Notifications:** TDC advise Permission granted to 1/1026/2014/FUL – High Park House, Littleham – conversion of domestic building into a 2 bedroom holiday letting.

**Other:** Cllr Haddrell advised that she had seen – on the TDC website – that the High Park Application for 5 holiday units at High Park – discussed at our last meeting had been refused. A response from TDC Planning following our request to see a copy of “policy or ruling” regarding the imposition of the “21 Day Response Rule” has been received. This confirmed that the new processes had been introduced by Councillors and Managers needing to streamline processes and reduce wastage in time, resources and costs.

**1545 - District & County Councillors’ Reports.** None received from DCC Cllr Dezart.

Cllr Pennington advised that the main area of debate at TDC was the setting of the Council Tax levels; proposals currently range from 0% to 1.99% increase. Decision not yet made. There were no questions to Cllr Pennington.

**1546 - Finance & Insurance:**

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

Bank balance: - at 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 stood at £4530.02. Cashbook figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. No cheques outstanding. No payments requested.

Proposal to accept the figures and have bank statement and Cashbook signed by the Chair.

P: Cllr Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Hopkins.

**Approved.** All agreed.

**Other Financial or Insurance Matters:** Cllr Atkinson advised Cllrs Hassall and Hamilton that they were required to visit HSBC, Bideford with relevant identification, to confirm that Cllr Atkinson be added to the list of signatories for the Council's bank account.

**1547 - Correspondence Requiring Attention:** *Tough Choices – DCC consultation on annual public transport budget.* Cllr Atkinson advised that we should be concerned about the cuts to the 372 route which serves 5 rural villages, linking them to Bideford & Barnstaple. The proposal is to reduce the daily service to Tuesdays and Fridays only. Cllr Hopkins stated that this was more than a 50% cut, and expected taxpayers money to subsidise these vital rural transport routes which are the only means of travel for many. It is acknowledged that the service may not be heavily used, and those using it may predominantly be bus pass holders or students, both subsidised traveller groups. It is also suggested that, if it would reduce costs, the service could terminate in Bideford, as there were many onward connections to Barnstaple. The Clerk is requested to respond accordingly. *Bradworthy Parish Council – re the cuts to the 372 bus service* - have suggested a meeting of the affected Parish Councils [Bradworthy, E&W Putford, Parkham, Buckland Brewer and ourselves] to discuss a joint reply to DCC. Cllrs Atkinson and Hamilton agreed that one of them will attempt to attend. Clerk to contact Bradworthy PC. *Littleham & Landcross website* – have asked if the contact details for each Councillor can be placed on the website. It was decided not to do so – and for communication to come through the Clerk.

**1548 - Other Correspondence received:** None.

**1549 - E-Mail correspondence received:** RSN Weekly Digest[x3]: RSN – Rural Vulnerability Newsletter [x1]: RSN – Opportunities Bulletin [x1]: Fields in Trust – February: NEW Clinical Commissioning Group – Care Closer to Home: RSN – Rural Housing spotlight: Torridge Crime Report [x3]: DCC – Public Transport Review – details and poster: DCC – Community News Roundup: CAB Newsletter – January: DCC – Torridge Community Environment event – March 3<sup>rd</sup>: DCC – Scrutiny Task Group – Communities – consultation.

**1550 - AOB.** - Cllr Fishleigh suggested that any future extra meetings called for Planning should have the briefest possible Agenda – containing only previous Minutes, Planning and any urgent business. All agreed that the Clerk should run future extra meetings on that basis.

**1551 – Next scheduled Meetings: 2015 – 12 Mar: 23 Apr: 21 May[2]: 9 July. 10 Sept.**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.