

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



**Present:** Cllrs. Atkinson, Corkery, Fishleigh, Haddrell, Hamilton, Hassall, Heard, Phillips, Smith & Stevens.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Hopkins. TDC Cllr Pennington. DCC Cllr Dezart.  
In attendance: PCSO Liz Rendle.

***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.***

**1552 - Registration of Members Interests:** No additional registrations were required.

**1553 - To confirm Minutes 1541-1551 of the Parish Council Meeting of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

Minutes were Proposed as correct by Cllr Stevens. S: Cllr Heard. All agreed [Minutes signed by Chair].

**1554 – Matters Arising:** Cllr Hamilton confirmed that the Village Hall Committee would be contacting the developer of the Shutta Farm site in due course to chase the proposed funding for the V Hall. He also apologised that he had not yet been to HSBC to sign the new Mandate forms. Cllr Atkinson had travelled on the 372 bus route to ascertain usage and thoughts from passengers prior to his attendance at the meeting on this subject with the other Parishes affected. There were 20+ passengers, though only 2 from Littleham/Landcross, and all said that they would be disadvantaged if the route were discontinued. It was agreed that Cllr Atkinson should press for continued subsidy of this route by DCC, at the meeting.

**1555 -PLANNING - Applications:**

**1/0025/2015/FUL – Moor Park, Littleham – new build holiday let.** Cllr Smith opposed the application on the grounds that it would cause traffic access problems, especially when used by visitors not used to the local road conditions; and it was replacing a shed, not an existing building. Cllr Haddrell believed that the proposed timber cladding would not be in keeping with the surrounding environment. Cllr Corkery suggested that if a new build was allowed it should be for permanent residence, not a holiday let, given there is an apparent shortage of homes in Torridge.

Cllr Smith proposed Refusal.

S: Cllr Corkery.

All Agreed.

**1/1299/2014/FUL – Mill Cottage, Landcross – replacement garage, covered decking and alterations to existing building.** There were no objections to this Application.

Proposed for Approval by Cllr Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Phillips.

All agreed.

**Notifications:** None.

**Other:** 1/0100/2015/CPL – former Apps Brewery, Littleham – lawful commencement of 1/0806/1990.

After discussion the Clerk was asked to reply to TDC with the statement “Councillors have no knowledge to dispute the facts given”

**1556 - District & County Councillors’ Reports.** None received from DCC Cllr Dezart or TDC Cllr Pennington.

The Chair asked PCSO Rendle if she wanted to make a report to Council. She stated that they have not, to date, been able to uncover any information regarding the house sign stolen in Littleham, despite the story being covered by local Press. PCSO Rendle also advised that the local PCSO team had undertaken house to house visits to “vulnerable” households, as part of the “Jessica Operation” to warn them of the various scams that are being perpetrated at the current time. If Councillors know of anyone worried about this topic, please advise the PCSO team, and they will visit; she left leaflets on this subject for distribution.

**1557 – Highways.** Notice of Closure - Chapel Lane, Littleham – patching, from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Councillors expressed pleasure that this problem was at last being addressed. The Clerk is asked to chase for a reply to the letter of January regarding the Road Warden scheme and costs of the Whitehall traffic control.

### **I558 - Finance & Insurance:**

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

Bank balance: - at 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 stood at £4530.02 [no change from last statement]. Cashbook figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. No cheques outstanding. Payments requested: £94.50 to Littleham Village Hall & range Field Charity – for room hire for Council Meetings to March 2015. £73.16 to H Stanley as reimbursement for phone/broadband charges and printer ink.

Proposed as accepted Cllr Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Phillips.

All agreed.

**Other Financial or Insurance Matters:** None.

**I559 - Correspondence Requiring Attention:** DALC – Promoting the Elections. Councillors were made aware of the points made in this DALC communication – Noted.

Letters from the Longhouse Appeal, North Devon Hospice – letters addressed to both Landcross and Littleham Parish Councils [as they are separately listed on the Town & Parish Funds Scheme] received thanking for the donations of £251 [Landcross] and £985 [Littleham] – Noted.

**I560 - Other Correspondence received:** Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2015..

**I561 - E-Mail correspondence received:** RSN Weekly Digest[x4]: RSN – Rural Vulnerability Newsletter [x1]: Fields in Trust – March: RSN – Spotlight on People: Torridge Crime Report [x3]: DCC – Community News Roundup: TDC – Pre election Period: Plantlife.org – National Plant Monitoring Survey: Devon Communities Together – Village Green, Spring Issue.

**I562 -AOB.** - The Clerk handed out Nomination Papers for the May Elections, and ran through the procedural requirements and dates for Nominations to handed in to TDC, by 4pm, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**I563 – Next scheduled Meetings: 2015 – 23 Apr: 21 May[2]: 9 July. 10 Sept.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.