

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** **HELD AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON** **THURSDAY 12th September 2013.**



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson, Sue Beer, Corkery, Hamilton, Hassall, Pru Phillips, & Stevens.
TDC Cllr Pennington .

Apologies: Cllrs Pat Fishleigh, Heard, Hopkins & Smith. 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.

1369 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1370 - To confirm Minutes 1352-1368 of the Parish Council Meeting of July 25th 2013.

P: Cllr Atkinson.

S: Cllr Phillips.

Approved.

1371 - Matters Arising - Not Covered by Agenda: None

1372 - Councillor Vacancy. Patricia Haddrell of Littleham has been proposed as a Co-opted member of the Council. The Chair asked if anyone had any objections to, or reasons why, this appointment should not take place. There being no objections Cllr Corkery Proposed that Pat Haddrell be appointed as a Councillor; Seconded by Cllr Beer - all agreed. **Approved.**

Cllr Haddrell signed the Declaration of Acceptance, witnessed by The Clerk, then joined the Meeting.

1373 - Planning Applications: None.

Notifications: 1/0538/2013/COU - **Lampton Court, Littleham** - change of use to 2 dwellings. Approval by TDC.

1/0474/2013/FUL - 1, Red Cottages, Littleham - demolish garage, rebuild with workshop & hobby room. Approval by TDC.

Other: Cllr Pennington advised that he had "called in" the Edge Mill Nursery Application, and is yet to be advised of a date for the hearing. Cllr Corkery asked that we chase TDC to take action on the Ragwort evident on this site. 1/0017/2013/FUL - erection of wind turbine, Bowden Farm, Buckland Brewer. Councillors had been asked to respond as individuals if they so wish [deadline 22nd August].

1/0668/2013/FUL: Erection wind turbine, Bilsford Farm, Buckland Brewer. After discussion it was agreed that this site was too far away from Parishioners to warrant any comment.

1374- Atlantic Array:

- 1) Cllr Beer advised that the 5 Parishes Group had registered as an Interested Party [in addition to each Parish] and tabled their list of concerns. It transpires that Kate Little had misinformed the meeting regarding what concerns would be taken note of by the Examiner. David Pinney, ex TDC Planning was helping the 5 Parishes in this regard. Cllr Beer urged individuals to Register as Interested Parties before the deadline of September 16th.
- 2) The Clerk confirmed that he had registered Interest for LLPC and a Reference # 10019675 had been confirmed. He also confirmed that the Council had now received official notifications from RWE - Channel Energy Ltd that the Planning Inspectorate had accepted the Application [DVD copies provided]. RWE had also sent copies of the Section 56 Notices, which have been displayed on Parish notice boards.
- 3) Cllr Atkinson asked that the Council clarify its stance on the Array project - for or against. Cllr Beer replied that the Council took a Neutral view, but on behalf of the Parishioners had to work towards mitigating any adverse effects suffered by the Parish should the project go ahead. Individual Councillors could hold their individual views. This stance was agreed by the members.
- 4) Parish Plan: it was agreed that the parish Plan Group should be resurrected to seek from Parishioners their wishlist for [green] projects which would benefit the Community. This could then be used to make application to any funds made available to the Community from the Atlantic Array developers. Cllrs Beer, Haddrell, Atkinson and Fishleigh will set up an inaugural meeting, looking to co-opt other Parishioners to help.
- 5) Geoffrey Cox, MP had meet with individual parishioners and businesses who would be directly affected by the Cable Route. Cllr Beer hopes that his interest will continue.

1375- Highways: The Clerk had received responses to questions raised at the last meeting from Julian Roskilly; DCC want to move on the Whitehall problem but negotiations with landowner are slow, and DCC funds/priorities give rise to uncertainty as to when the landslip can be repaired. Julian is monitoring the subsidence on the Yeo Valley road, again funding will be an issue, as there are other County roads in a worse condition. The gullies at Landcross have now been cleared by the Lengthsman. No response to date from the Head of Highways - David Witton on these issues. The Clerk will ask if the Lengthsman works to a schedule in the Parish, so in future any problems could be advised prior to his visits.

1376 - Parish Notice Boards. Cllr Atkinson advised that Mr Brend has started repair work.

1377 - District & County Councillors' Reports. There was no report from DCC Cllr Dezart.

TDC Cllr Pennington: – reminded us to Register with the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Atlantic Array; the more issues raised by individuals the more chance we have of effective mitigation. The TAP Fund may not continue given the costs of administration. He encouraged Members to have the Rural Fair Share Petitions circulated and signed by as many as possible – there is a need for Central Government to acknowledge the higher costs of providing statutory services in Rural areas. For instance – care at home, where mileage/time to reach homes are significant factors. The current “good” employment figures for the area may see funds apportioned to areas with worse statistics.

1378- TDC Green Infrastructure Survey. The questions posed were debated and the Clerk will make response accordingly.

1379- Town & Parish Fund: it will not be possible for an application to be made from Littleham and Landcross as separate Parishes.

1380- Rural Fair Share Petition: TDC Cllr Pennington emphasised the importance of this, and urged Members to collect and send in as many names as possible. Cllr Haddrell will place the petition on the Community website, and members took hard copies to gather names from Neighbours.

1381 - Finance & Insurance:

a) Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: - at 20th August 2013 remains as last month at £4542.70.

Payments: £25 to Littleham & Landcross Community Website. £51.41 to H E Stanley, reimbursed expenses.

Proposal to accept and have bank statement and Cashbook signed by the Chair, and to authorise payments listed.

P: Cllr Hamilton S: Cllr Stevens. All agreed.

Approved.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters: Notice of Completion of Audit -Clerk confirmed it had been displayed for the required 14 days.

1382 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: 1] The Clerk advised of the latest change to the Register of Electors. Noted. **2]** TDC letter re TAAG meetings, request that, in future, the Parishes give notice of issues to be raised. **3]** TDC have issued a Review of Statement of Licensing Policy – Noted and confirmed that the Parish Council will not respond.

1383 -Other Correspondence received: DCC – Emergency Management newsletter, Sept. Clerks & Councils Direct – Sept 2013. Healthwatch- Devon. DALC – Annual Report 2012-13. SW Water – Proposals & Choices 2015-2020.

1384 -E-Mail correspondence received: Exeter CVS – Devon Community & Voluntary Sector Survey: TTVS-Snippets [x4]: RSN Digest[x2]: Rural Vulnerability Service [x1]: DCC Community Roundup [x1]: NHW Forum Weekly Crime Report [x6]: DALC Newsletter [x3]: RSN – Weekly Digest [x4]: Devon Playing Fields – Fields in Trust Newsletter : Connecting Devon & Somerset [broadband]- update: Police Commissioner – quarterly Report: CAB- Newsletter: Torrington Town Council – local Community Healthcare: DCC-Highways – Safety Awareness: CCD – Rural Futures Conference: RSN- Funding Bulletin: TTVS-Managers Meeting.

1385 -AOB. Cllr Heard reported that a caravan has been parked at the Old Reservoir site, apparently for storage only. Noted.

1386 – Next scheduled Meetings: October 24th & December 12th 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.