

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



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson, Beer, Corkery, Fishleigh, Haddrell, Hamilton, Hassall, Heard, Hopkins, Phillips Smith.

TDC Cllr Pennington.

Apologies: Cllr. Stevens. DCC Cllr Dezart

Prior to the Meeting there was a presentation on behalf of Linden Homes regarding the development of land to the south of Clovelly Road.

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.

1401 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1402 - To confirm Minutes 1387-1400 of the Parish Council Meeting of October 24th 2013.

P: Cllr. Atkinson.

S: Cllr. Smith.

Approved, and signed

by Chair.

1403 - Matters Arising - None.

1404 - Planning Applications: 1/0849/2013/FUL: Springwater, Landcross -replacement roof, including raising ridge height. Affecting Public Right of Way. It was unclear how this application could be determined given that Notice of Approval from TDC had already been received. It was proposed to reply as before, and it appears that our comments on PROW & the appearance had been acted upon

P: Cllr Haddrell.

S: Cllr Beer.

Approved: All

agreed.

1/0947/2013/FUL: Iris Hideaway, Edgemill, Littleham - addition of pitch roof over existing flat roof.

Cllr Corkery declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Smith proposed that the application be approved but we should advise of the existence of a power cable [serving this property] which runs along the surface, by the roadside - should it be buried?

P: Cllr Atkinson.

S: Cllr Hassell.

Approved: all

agreed.

Cllr Corkery rejoined.

1/1010/2013/FUL: Lampton Court, Littleham - change of use, residential Institution to 2 dwellings [resubmission to include extension & external appearance].

Cllr Hassall advised that some flat roofs are being demolished and therefore a wildlife trigger should have been undertaken, this was not noted on the application. Subject to this being pointed out the application was proposed for approval.

P: Cllr. Smith

S: Cllr. Hamilton.

Approved: all agreed.

1/0997/2013/LBC: Old Rectory, Littleham - installation of multifuel stove & flue.

P: Cllr. Phillips.

S: Cllr. Heard.

Approved: all

agreed.

Notifications: 1/0849/2013/FUL: Springwater, Landcross -replacement roof including raising ridge height. Approved by TDC.

Other: None.

1405 - Atlantic Array: The Clerk tabled a letter from RWE Innogy GmbH which included the statement: "Due to the technical challenges specific to the zone [Zone 8, Round 3 offshore wind project in the Bristol Channel, known as Atlantic Array] coupled with the current market conditions it is uneconomic for RWE to continue with the Atlantic Array development".

"The Crown Estate has no plans to undertake further work on the Bristol Channel Zone for the foreseeable future". This decision had been widely publicised. Cllr Corkery proposed a vote of thanks to Cllrs Beer & Smith for their lead in organising the relevant 5 Parishes to challenge RWE to mitigate any detrimental effects if the onshore cabling had gone ahead.

1406 - Highways: DCC advised Notice of Closure: From Crossleigh to Old Toll House, Littleham; from January 6th to January 14th 2014. This for surface patching. Cllr Corkery asked that we advise Julian Roskilly that there is flooding at Edge Mills, and could this be remedied whilst the road is closed. Cllr Smith also asked that we advised the presence of the electricity cable at Iris Hideaway. Clerk to action.

1407 - Parish Notice Boards. Cllr Atkinson advised that work is ongoing by Mr Brend.

1408 - Littleham Bus Shelter. Cllr Atkinson led a call for re-imbursement be made to a Parishioner who had painted the bus shelter in Littleham. Cllr Beer had made enquiries of TDC regarding ownership of the Shelter and

reported that it was originally owned by Bideford Urban Council, and had now passed to TDC who had expressed surprise that the property had been painted without permission being sought. TDC's policy was not to paint such block built structures to reduce ongoing maintenance costs. The situation will be referred to Andrew Waite [TDC] and his response will be discussed at the next meeting.

1409 - District & County Councillors' Reports.

TDC Cllr Pennington: – advised the sad loss of Steve Clarke former TDC Councillor who had passed away on Tuesday. He was surprised that Linden Homes had made a presentation to the Parish today as TDC had, to date, received no Planning Application. He also wondered if Local Authorities were chasing New Homes funding available from Central Government at the detriment of local communities and infrastructure. The proposed numbers of new houses in Torridge will put enormous strain on schools, hospitals other community resources. Local Authority budgets – an expected shortfall of £2.9m expected over the next few years. Plans for amalgamating services with North Devon have cooled; they are looking at possible closer working with other neighbouring Councils. Cllr Pennington is still awaiting a date for the calling in of the Planning decision at Edge Mills, Littleham – he will continue to chase. Questions to Cllr Pennington from:

Cllr Smith asked why the Local Plan was still not completed. A: not sure why, the last 2 meetings on this subject had been cancelled.

Cllr Hassall suggested that developers were taking advantage of this delay by making application under existing and expected Plans, under which to offer their development land. A: it seems to be the case.

Cllr Beer: which Authority, North Devon or Torridge, had the largest housing requirement? A: between the two there is a requirement to provide 20,000 houses by 2030.

DCC Cllr Dezart: [from email] “-sorry there is a Bideford Town meeting which follows a.m and p.m. meetings at County Hall. You will have gathered from the Journal that they feel a little neglected. I believe I have already advised Sue that the Whitehall landslip dispute over liability should be resolved by the copy of the 1763 Bideford Land Act I have delivered to Julian Roskilly. From this it appears that the onus is on the landowner to remove the "annoyance" or face a fine of 40shillings. I have nothing else to report. Regards, Gaston.

1410 - Finance & Insurance:

a) Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: - at 20th November 2013 was £5530.13.

b) Payments: £39.45 to H E Stanley.

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

P: Cllr Fishleigh

S: Cllr Smith.

Approved. All agreed.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters: Budget & Precept 2014 -15. Letter from TDC [Mike Norton] setting out timescales and information regarding the Parish Precept for 2014/15. The service of deducting the DALC subscription from the Precept will be discontinued. The payroll service for Parish Clerks will continue. It is expected that the Council Tax Support Grant will be £183.82. Further information will follow. The Clerk tabled projected Budget for LLPC for the y/ending March 2015 showing that a precept of £3650 would provide a neutral budget [+ £65] and requested approval to apply for a Precept of £3650 [to total £3650 including any Council Support Grant paid] for the year ending 2015. This request made now as the Parish Council will not meet again before the precept application will need to be made.

P: Cllr. Fishleigh.

S: Cllr. Heard.

Approved: All agreed.

1411 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: 1] Northam Town Council – grass cutting information request/proposal. After discussion the Clerk was asked to reply stating that we were aware that DCC Highways were reducing both the number of cuts and the number of machine widths; previous enquiries suggested that the number of cuts may be reduced to only 2. I suggested that Northam request details from DCC for future proposals before we can have any further discussion; other – factual – answers can be given immediately. Clerk to action.

2] Request from CAB for Torridge, North, Mid & western Devon for a grant. Reply: it is not this Council's policy to award grants. **4] TDC Customer Services Questionnaire:** Councillors will respond as individuals.

1412 -Other Correspondence received: CCD Helping Communities help Themselves. Clerks & Councils Direct. DCC Emergency Management- Winter newsletter.

1413-E-Mail correspondence received: DCC- Public Transport Consultation – Tough Choices: Alan Rayner- Final bulletin Atlantic Array: TTVS-Snippets [x4]:TDC- Waste & Recycling Guide: RSN Weekly Digest[x5]: Rural Vulnerability Service [x4]: Fields in Trust – Update [x2]: NHW Forum Weekly Crime Report [x5]: DALC Nov Newsletter: TDC – Weather Warning: CCD Achievements 2013; and Advice Surgery dates: Heart of the SW, Local Enterprise Partnership – Workshop: Devon CCG – Care Closer to Home – Agenda: Connecting Devon & Somerset [broadband]- updates [x1]:NALC- Council Tax Benefit Support Grant: NDVS – Guide to Services: DCC- Community News: TTVS-Annual Report 2012-13: TDC- Care Closer to Home event: DCC Highways – Impact/Legacy of storm damage 2013: DCC Devon Waste Plan – pre submission consultation.

1414 -AOB. Cllr Beer advised that there had been problems with dog mess in Landcross, she had spoken to the owner of the animal, but the problem persisted so she had asked PCSO McGovern to intervene, which he has done.

1415 – Next scheduled Meetings: 2014: January 23rd; March 13th.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.