

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LITTLEHAM
VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2011.

Present: *Cllrs. Atkinson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Beer (Chairman), Hamilton, Hassall, Heard, Hopkins, Poole, G Smith,*

M Smith and Stevens.

TDC Cllr Pennington. DCC Cllr Robinson [from 7.50pm].

Apologies: *Cllrs Mrs Galvin, Miss Lamb.*

In Attendance: Loraine Kindley [member of the public].

Members of the public wishing to address the meeting on a specific agenda item, were, in accordance with Standing Order 24 and Paragraph 12(2) of Statutory Instrument 2007/1159, permitted to do so before that Agenda Item.

1017 - Registration of members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1018 – To confirm Minutes 1011 - 1016 of 9th December 2010: the Minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting. P: Cllr Hassall. S: Cllr Heard. Resolved unanimously.

1019 - Planning:

a -1/1022/2010/ful: 9, Mt Pleasant, Littleham: Permission Granted. TDC Planning Dept `phoned the Clerk to explain the reasons behind their decision: DCC had not sought to deny on parking; the revised drawings were considered satisfactory; the conversion of the garage to accommodation was permitted development [therefore no requirement to provide further parking was necessary].

b - 1/0976/2010/ful: retrospective consent for engineering works , land adjacent Pillmouth Cottage

Landcross: Application refused.

1020 – District & County Councillors Reports:

- TDC Cllr Pennington reported that the Central Government cutbacks were setting the agendas at TDC. It was hoped that there would not be any enforced job losses; economies of scale by co-operation with neighbouring Authorities were being considered; it seemed inevitable that front line services would be affected. The Localism Bill may see a reduction of Service responsibilities, which together with a suggested transfer of Benefits to be assessed by a central “one-stop-shop” were causing concern with regard to the continued role of LA`s. The Council was aware that a rise in Council Tax would have a negative impact on the Torridge low-wage economy.
- DCC Cllr Robinson reported: There was disquiet at DCC at the prospect of privatisation of the Search & Rescue Operation and the proposed cutbacks in the Coastguard service. He was still pushing for provision of a bus-stop at Landcross, offering to use some of his discretionary funds. He had raised the issue of HGV Designated Routes and had been informed that Highways were to look again – including the areas around Littleham/Bideford. Bideford town Council had not been consulted adequately on the traffic light proposals at Westleigh Junction, and would be pushing for a roundabout to be installed, even though the costings seen were slightly higher. Highways had been criticised by some rural parishes for the lack of road clearance/gritting during the recent bad weather [though not by Littleham & Landcross], and he offered to consider the use of his discretionary funds for purchase of grit boxes/bags if deemed necessary by this Parish for next winter.

1021 – Highways & Footpaths:

- a.** Provision of Dog Waste Bins: discuss provision of further bins in Littleham. [Item deferred from November].

Cllr Poole had been asked to raise this subject by Parishioners.

It was resolved that the costs for another bin should not be incurred in this time of budget constraint; dog owners should be encouraged to take waste home, and an article on this would be placed in the Crosslet. The Parishioners are to be thanked for bringing this issue to the Council.

P: Cllr Mrs Beer.

S: Cllr Hamilton.

All agreed.

1022 – Torridge District Council: consider a response to the Council`s draft policy for Regulating Sex Establishments.

The document was noted.

1023 – Finance & Insurance:

- a.** Authorisation of Payments and Report on Bank Balance:

Statements #88 & 89 were signed showing balance of £3432.32 with no payments/cheques outstanding.
Payments authorised: £705.60 to Mr Wivell for grass cutting and maintenance during 2010; £380.04 to H E Stanley for Clerk services.

P: Cllr Atkinson.

S: Cllr Hopkins.

All agreed.

- b. Other Financial or Insurance matters: None.

1024 – Correspondence & Communication Requiring Attention:

- a. **Environment Agency – Community Flood Planning:** offer of help to create Flood Plan; and latest newsletter. Noted.
- b. **TDC – Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge:** an opportunity for community outdoor space to be permanently protected. Noted – no action needed for the Parish as the Community Fields were already protected.
- c. **Letter from Mrs Melville [28.12.2010], Moor Park, Littleham:** The Clerk is to answer her questions, and DCC Cllr Robinson will also write to her with an update on his correspondence with County Highways.
- d. **Letter from TDC re Parish/Town Elections, May 2011:** procedures will be outlined at the next TAAG meeting on January 5th, 7pm at Torrington Town Hall. All welcome to attend. Noted.
- e. **TDC – redevelopment of part Atlantic Village Retail Park, Bideford:** Noted.

1025 – AOB:

- a – Cllr M Smith asked that TDC should enforce parking provision on land adjacent to Edgemill cottages, as a car has been seen parked on numerous occasions on a hedge prior to Pollards bungalow on the Bradworthy carriageway, it is believed that the car belongs to the new owner of 3 Edge Mill cottages. Councillor Smith believes it was a condition of a previous planning application that off road parking should be provided as shown in the original application. Clerk to write to the Enforcement officer at TDC.
- b – Cllr M Smith was asked on progress of the Broadband survey. The format is nearly finalised, and Cllr Smith has asked that members help him with a door-to-door survey. TDC Cllr Pennington advised that once completed the results should be given to North Devon+ to help with evidence of need for increased broadband capacity in rural Torridge.
- c – Cllr Heard reminded Members that the TDC “Grimebusters” team would be in Littleham on January 28th; and Members should use them to clear unsightly areas.
- d – Members asked that we discuss management of the Jubilee Tree, Littleham at the next meeting.

1026 - a -Other Correspondence Received: British Legion – Poppy Party Weekend 10-12th July: D& C Constabulary- Safe & Sound newsletter autumn 2010: Gladson Ltd – Dog waste bins catalogue.

b - On-line Correspondence received: CPRE best kept village competition and Pam Parker village map award 2011 - alert: DCC Tough Choices public meetings report: DCC Putting People First in Devon - winter update 2010: TTVS Snippets Bulletin x2: TDC Rural Cleaning Schedule: DCC County Councillor funding 2011/12:

1027 – Next meeting: Thursday 10th March, 2011 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.