

LITTLEHAM& LANDCROSS PARISHCOUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 13th December
2012.



Present: Cllrs. Sue Beer, (Chairman), Atkinson, Hamilton, Hassall, Hopkins, Heard, Loraine Kindley, Smith and Stevens.

Apologies: Cllrs Corkery, Pat Fishleigh, Pru Phillips. TDC Cllr Pennington. DCC Cllr Robinson.

In attendance – Parishioners Mr & Mrs Haddrell, Meadows Reach, Littleham.

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.

1273 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1274 - To confirm Minutes 1260-1272 of October 25th, 2012.

Minutes resolved as correct. P: Cllr Atkinson.

S: Cllr Stevens.

All agreed: Minutes signed by

Chair.

1275 – Matters Arising – Not Covered by Agenda:

- a) The Clerk summarised a telephone conversation with **Mr Pickard of Littleham Court Cottages**. He was concerned about the recent flooding, and what could be done to alleviate the perceived causes – debris from hedge cutting blocking the drains; he also asked if it was possible to have a grit box situated near his home. The first item was discussed under Highways, the matter of a grit box is to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting; meanwhile Cllr Heard will deliver 2 bags of grit to Mr Pickard.
- b) **Changes in Planning re Localism:** The Clerk had invited Kate Little to attend, awaiting confirmation – it is likely that to be in the New Year.

1276 –Planning Applications: 1/1075/2012/FUL: Newridge, Littleham – replacement dwelling.

Application approved. P: Cllr Hopkins. S: Cllr Atkinson. The Vote: For-7. Abstain – 2. Resolved that application be approved.

Notifications. 1/0805/2012/FUL: Littleham Cross Reservoir – conversion to B1, including new access, parking & cesspool. TDC advise that Permission Granted- subject to 16 conditions. It was noted that the premises were now for sale.

1/0737/2012/FUL: Iris Hideaway, Edge Mill, Littleham – change of use from Pumping Station to studio with lean-to store.

TDC advise Permission Granted, conditions include no overnight accommodation or residential use.

Other items: The Clerk confirmed that he had responded to TDC to inform that this Council required future Applications/Notifications to be sent by post [as now] and not by digital means.

1277– Atlantic Array:

- 1) Hallsannery compound. Response from RWE – no amendments yet made to the detail in the Draft ES as given in the plan in Annexe 5.2. The spoil destination will be determined by the contractor, RWE will only indicate likely routes in the ES.

- 2) Cllr Beer advised that Vanessa Saunders of TDC had organised a walk of the entire cable route for the % parishes group; on the first date it was not possible to complete the whole route, a second meeting was organised for December 6th., which Cllr Beer could not attend. It is thought that this “walk” will enable the group to better understand the problems associated with this major project. Matt Collins [Highways DCC] agreed that the road between Abbotsham X and Littleham should remain open throughout the cable construction project – he will liaise with RWE. Cllr Beer will chase the latest minutes for the Steering Group.

The Minutes of the 5 Parishes Group meeting of 6 November 2012, and for Steering Group dated 11th October 2012 were tabled. Letter from RWE [Craig Horwood, AA Development Mgr] received advising that Application to the Planning Inspectorate is now expected in Spring 2013.

1278- Highways: 1) Parking at top of Church Lane – The Council had received a letter from several residents affected by this issue, and Mr & Mrs Haddrell attended to represent them. A second letter from the Secretary to St Swithins Church PCC had also been received regarding the same problem ie: cars parking beyond the white line at the top of the Lane which restricted access for – not only Emergency vehicles, but also – at times any vehicle. The letters request a sign to be erected “that parking on or beyond the line prevents access for essential services and should be kept clear at all times”. Councillors agreed that this was an issue – Cllr Smith suggested a letter to all nearby residences; Cllr Hamilton suggested strategically place concrete bollards. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to PCSO McGovern to liaise with the Haddrells, and to discuss ways forward. Reversion to the Council at a letter date if needed.

2)- Recent Flooding: Answer from Julian Roskilly tabled. Cllr Kindley stated that there were problems on Waggon Road, from cutting, from field outflow and with banks collapsing. Cllr Stevens replied – the water tables were at a level not previously seen and there was little they could do to stop water leaving the fields. The Clerk is asked to contact Julian again asking for clarification of responsibilities of Highways and landowners for hedge cutting/clearance. Cllr Kindley also asked when the collapsed bank at the bottom of Chapel Hill – currently signed as a hazard – would be repaired; it is noted that damage has been sustained to the highway itself at this point. Cllr Stevens advised that he – and the Lengthsman – had tried to clear the drain at the entrance to Furlong Farm – but it needed the attention of Highways. At Landcross - Cllr Fishleigh [through the Chair]asked that we raise the issue again of water coming out of the entrance to the Old Rectory, which in freezing weather will cause slippery conditions for pedestrians and vehicles. There is also an issue of water coming onto the road from “Cornerways” since the building of new garages. It is requested that Julian contact Cllr Beer on these matters.

The closure of the Tarka Trail at Landcross – 16-20 November, had not caused problems.

1279- Changes to Standing Orders. The Clerk had tabled proposals to effect changes following the introduction of the new Code of Conduct. Councillors were asked to review the documents so that a vote could be taken at the next meeting.

1280 – Dispensation for Members to Vote on Precept. The recent changes to the Code of Conduct, adopted from that provided by TDC, had not included the formerly included dispensation [in respect of their “Interests”] for

Councillors to vote on Precept. Therefore a document [as advised by TDC] was tabled to enable the Clerk to give such Dispensation.

P: Cllr Beer.

S: Cllr Hassall.

All agreed.

1281 - District & County Councillors' Reports. No reports had been received.

1282- Request from Anne Davies. It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a précis of the main topics discussed at Parish Council Meetings, and send hard copy to Anne. No changes should be made to reports before printing, and advise that Parishioners are welcome to attend Meetings, and that the full Minutes can be accessed via the Village website. It was not felt appropriate or practical to place full minutes on the Parish Notice Boards, and that a copy of the full Minutes in a Church Magazine was neither appropriate nor indeed practical given the space available in the magazine.

1283 - Finance & Insurance:

Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: £4221.48 as at 20th November 2012, the second Precept payment of £1125.84 [net] having been received. Payments: To H E Stanley – re-imbursements - £30.85.

Cashbook details tabled. Proposal to accept and have bank statement[s] signed by the Chair made by Cllr Smith.

S: Cllr Heard. All agreed.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters: minute 1279 above requires that the precept figure for y/e march 2014 be re-affirmed at £3650. P: Cllr Smith. S: Cllr Atkinson. All agreed.

Proposal that the DALC subscription should be taken from the first Precept payment due in April 2013.

P: Cllr Hassall.

S: Cllr Hamilton.

All agreed.

1284 - Correspondence Requiring Attention:

- a) Letter from Devon and Cornwall Connected advising that BT had been appointed the preferred bidder to roll out enhanced broadband in the area. Noted.
- b) Town & Parish Fund. The Local Authorities advised of some of the successful ideas received under this fund, together with other ideas which are currently in the pipeline. Noted.
- c) R A Rowe & Co Ltd – a company based in Bude who specialise in the planning and development of medium scale wind turbines, and work with communities to benefit from such proposals. Noted.

1285 -Other Correspondence received: TDC Torridge Connect winter 2012; GTLCP summary of meeting on 27th September & Agenda 29.11.12; Clerks & Councils Direct; DPFA – Newsletter Autumn 2012.

1286-E-Mail correspondence received: RSN Digest[x4]: TTVS-Snippets [x3]:DCC Community Roundup, Oct 2012: TTVS-AGM Reminder: CCD-upcoming events: TAAG-Notice of Meeting: DALC-AGM/Conference: Connecting Devon & Somerset [Broadband] Update: TDC- Draft Empty Homes Strategy.

1287-AOB. None.

1287 - Next Meeting: January 24th, 2013. 7.30pm. [Scheduled meetings for 2013: 14/3, 18/4, 16 & 23/5]
The meeting closed at 9.05pm.