

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 15TH JUNE
2011.



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson (Vice-Chairman), Sue Beer (Chair), Corkery, Hamilton, Hassall, Hopkins, Loraine Kindley, and Stevens.

Apologies: Cllrs Heard, Pru Phillips & Smith. TDC Cllr Pennington. DCC Cllr Robinson.

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.

1074 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1075 - To confirm Minutes 1059 – 1073 of 12th May 2011. (previously dispatched)

Proposed as correct by Cllr Hamilton.

S: Cllr Atkinson.

All agreed; signed by

Chair.

1076 - Matters Arising – Not Covered by Agenda:

- a) New Councillor Training. TDC can offer training, have requested that details for them to conduct a session in Littleham; awaiting response, if possible it will precede a Council meeting.
- b) Dog waste bin, Littleham: Michael Crocker [TDC] advised, by phone, that the bin should be emptied fortnightly, and he will monitor. Cllr Atkinson agreed to monitor the situation.
- c) Recycling charges: letter received from DCC outlining the situation and giving charging rates. The response does not answer our questions on service or receipts for cash payments; members agreed to monitor and will report any future problems.
- d) Sewerage leak at Landcross: Cllr Sue Beer has been following actions taken and had received communication from TDC [Environment] that remedial works are being carried out to the septic tank soakaway of the properties concerned. Work should be completed within 10 days.
- e) Update on Broadband survey for the Parish. – item to be carried forward to July.

1077 - To confirm co-option of Councillor... Patricia Fishleigh for Landcross. Carried forward to July.

1078 - Gifts and Hospitality to Members. Update from the Clerk. Members are reminded of the need to register all gifts and hospitality received which has an estimated value of £25.00 or more. This must be recorded in the Register of Gifts and Hospitality maintained by the Clerk. A Register of Gifts sheet will be held for each Councillor with Register of Interests file.

1079 - Planning:

Applications: 1/0491/2011/ful: Robin Hill Farm erection of solar panels. The Council have no objections to this application. P: Cllr Hassall. S: Cllr Atkinson. All agreed.

Other matters:

- a. 1/0298/2011/FUL: Alverlin, Littleham: advice received that this application had been refused by TDC, on the basis of poor design not integrated with existing.
- b. 1/0152/2011/FUL: Edge Mills Nursery: our letter on re-instatement of oaks/hedgerow has been acknowledged.
- c. 1/0291/2011/FUL and 1/0929/2011/LBC: Coachmans Cottage, Landcross; conversion of annexe: TDC advise that permission granted.
- d. Planning Consultations – NALC - Travellers Sites, and Relaxation of Planning Rules for Change of Use from Commercial to Residential. Both consultation papers are noted, but it is not considered necessary to respond.
- e. 3 Edge Mills Cottages: Concern had been raised at a previous meeting regarding the apparent lack of off-road parking provision, was it a breach of planning approval? A letter had been sent to

TDC, Planning Enforcement. Still no reply from Nigel Marshall has been received. *Action: DS is asked to chase.*

1080 District & County Councillors' Reports. DCC Cllr Robinson's report was read to members, see Appx 1.

1081 Self- Help Emergency Plan – review. The element for Landcross was reviewed and amendments will be made. The element for Littleham will be reviewed by Cllr Hamilton, both elements then to be distributed to members.

1082 Parish Plan: An update from the meeting of April 13th. Carried forward to July.

1083 Finance & Insurance:

a. Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: £3222.84.

Payments: £30 to D Baglow for Internal Audit. £41.18 to D Stanley – expenses; £25 grant to LLCWA.

Proposed: Cllr. Hamilton.

S: Cllr Hopkins.

All agreed.

b. Other Financial or Insurance matters: Letter sent to TDC to initiate payment of Clerk salary.

1084 Correspondence Requiring Attention:

a) Buckland Brewer Parish Council – Bus Service 372: Jim Lowe, Chair of Buckland Brewer PC has negotiated an agreement in principle with Beacon Bus to fund an evening service from Bideford to run each Friday during the 9 week school holiday period.

“Beacon Buses have offered to reinstate the 4.30pm from Barnstaple bus station to Bradworthy as with the current term time timetable if we can guarantee the cost of running this service one day a week (Friday seems the most popular choice). I understand that Petroc will have a nine week break from 5th of July (This has to be confirmed) Therefore for those nine weeks there will be a late afternoon return service from Barnstaple. The cost to Beacon Buses to provide this service over nine weeks is £68 per journey X nine weeks gives us £612 divided between the five parishes gives a cost to each parish of £122.40. this however will not be the final cost as Beacon will deduct all fares paid on this journey including DCC bus passes as a result the final bill could be a lot less. Beacon do not require any money up front but will invoice us at the end of the nine week period.”

Proposed by Cllr Loraine Kindley that we agree to contribute £122.40 to this project, and would like to see a breakdown of passenger usage to establish the benefit for Littleham residents. S: Cllr Hamilton. All agreed.

b) TDC re Standards Committee vacancies: new members being sought from existing Parish Councillors,

Application forms available.

c) Register of Electors update: it was agreed that members would like to know changes received.

d) Steve Shaw – Sustainable Communities Act: proposal to require proposal is to require applicants of major developments to - attend a meeting of the local Town or Parish Council, or of a duly called Town Meeting, to answer questions on the application for development; and - fund the council or duly called town meeting to commission an independent report on the application and critique of any reports that the applicant has submitted in support of the application for development.

It was resolved to support this proposal. P: Cllr Hassall.

S: Cllr Corkery.

All agreed.

e) Paul Crockett – Local Radio: we are asked to respond to Ofcom on proposals to allow digital services to be expanded from Exeter & Torbay. The Clerk is asked to respond [on-line] - Councillors are concerned that FM radio may be lost – a service which currently is used in times of emergency; and that a switch to Digital/DAB may reduce radio service coverage in the area; also the consequences of replacing existing receivers for new DAB – where satellite signals are not available/used.

1085 - Other Correspondence received: CPRE newsletter: TAAG Agenda 7.6.2011 & Minutes 8.3.11: D&C Police Authority news June 2011: TDC External Overview/Scrutiny – Annual report.

1086 - E-Mail correspondence received: DevonRCC – engaging with young people; Devon RCC – Land & Society Commission report; DCC In Touch [2]; TTVS Snippets [2]; TTVS Link Devon; TTVS Funding bulletin; TTVS training courses; TTVS – Straw Poll; Sustainable Gov – Public Service news; DCC Emergency Planning newsletter; Police Authority matters; RSN – News [2].

1087 -AOB. Cllr Hassall referred to the recent Planning application at LA Stables, Bideford for 3yr permission to site a residential caravan; asking if the Council wanted to respond/comment given that objections were raised in the past with regard to the safety of horses trekking through, and in the vicinity of the village. It was decided that no response should be made regarding the siting of the caravan. It was noted that Bideford Town Council had refused permission on the grounds that there is no indication on how foul water will be removed.

Cllr Stevens advised that he had contacted Highways [N Devon] Torrington depot regarding flooding at Edge Mills, on the Landcross Chapel to Hoopers Water road where a drain had been blocked by stones/rubble being knocked down from the hedgerow. The drain had been cleared but Cllr Stevens requested that the Council write to Highways asking them to undertake remedial works to the opposite side of the road to widen the carriageway so that damage to the drainside banking can be reduced.

Action: DS.

1088 Next Meeting: July 28th.

Scheduled meetings: 8/9; 20/10; 8/12; [2012]19/1; 15/3; 19/4; 17/5 & 24/5.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.

LLPC Minutes, June 15th 2011.
Appx. 1

Report to Littleham & Landcross Parish Council, for Thursday 15th June 2011.

1/ Refuse Charges. I have sought from the Cabinet member responsible, Cllr. Croad, answers to the following regarding aspects of recycling: -

- Why were plasterboard and rubble specifically being charged for?
- Can I be supplied with a copy of the schedule of charges and conditions for the chargeable items?
- Why cannot payments be made by either cheque or credit card?
- Why are receipts not issued for payments, as I understand that any cash payments are required to be receipted?

And regarding renewable energy: -

- What is the rationale behind the decision to bring the power cable from the Atlantic Array ashore at Cornborough, in an AONB and a CPZ, instead of at Fremington, where some of the necessary infrastructure is already in situ?

I await his responses.

2/ Reorganisation of County Directorates. The formerly five directorates have now been merged into two – Strategic Director (Place) (Heather Barnes) and Strategic Director (People) (Jennie Stephens). Below them are: -

Place- Economy & Enterprise, Ian Harrison; Highways & Traffic Management, Lester Wilmington; Planning, Transportation and Environment, David Black; Capital Development & Waste Management, David Whitton; Services for Communities, John Smith.

People- Child & Adult Protection, Rory McCallum; Education & Learning, Vacant; Social Care Commissioning, Tim Golby; Social Care Provision DCC, Vacancy.

3/ Leakage of Sewage onto Tarka Trail. I trust that the representations made to Torridge District Council have by now been acted upon. I will be asking for TDC and DCC to determine what procedures are in place to activate remedial works when owners cannot be easily contacted.

4/ Localism Promotion. To advance the concept of localism, DCC have just now announced that £300,000 is to be disbursed to County Committees in all the Districts of Devon. Needless to say, the powers that be have decided that the distribution will be in the ratio of the individual regions populations, which of course leaves Torridge at a disadvantage. This cynic would suggest that, had the situation been reversed, another formula would have been found! However, the important point is to ensure that the local voice is heard when these funds become available for drawing down, and locally-agreed projects can be advanced for consideration. I will be asking my parish councils for guidance. However, even with the residue from the Airport sale and this, possibly c. £26,000, they won't exactly solve all our problems.

5/ VAT and PRSI and Parish Councils. Some neighbouring parishes are very concerned about the implications of the new requirements for Parish Clerks to be registered for PRSI, etc. This note is to draw this Parish Council's attention to the matter possibly the more so that you may be able to offer guidance as to the best way forward.

Thank you Chairman, Council.

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