

LITTLEHAM& LANDCROSS PARISHCOUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 21st June 2012.



Present: Cllrs. Beer, (Chairman), Atkinson, Corkery, Hassall, Loraine Kindley, Smith and Stevens.

Apologies: Cllrs. Pat Fishleigh, Hamilton, Heard, Hopkins and Pru Phillips. 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.

1213 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1214 - To confirm Minutes 1197-1212 of May 17th 2012. (previously dispatched)
Minutes Proposed as correct by Cllr Smith. S: Cllr Kindley. All agreed: Minutes signed by Chair.

1215 - Election of Vice Chairman for 2012-13: There being no other Nominations, Cllr Atkinson agreed to act as Vice Chairman for 2012-13. P: Cllr Smith. S: Cllr Stevens. All in favour.

1216 - Receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office: The Clerk received and signed the Declaration from Cllr Atkinson.

1217 - Matters Arising – Not Covered by Agenda:

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Hassall advised that at the recent meeting of GTLCP Neighbourhood Plans were discussed. Under recent Localism legislation these were designed for Parishes to have a say in the Development of their Parish by producing a neighbourhood Plan which would then be accepted by the District and incorporated accordingly. After discussion it was agreed to await the District plan and consider if we needed to make changes which could be done via a Neighbourhood Plan.
- b) **Daylight Saving – Streetlights:** Cllr Kindley advised that the streetlights in Littleham were still on throughout the night. Cllr Beer suggested that it was unlikely that any changes to the switchgear would now be made.

1218 -Planning Applications:

1/0364/2012/FUL: 4, Edge Mill Cottages – retrospective application for hardstanding parking area.

Cllr Corkery declared an interest – and left the room. Cllr Smith proposed that the application be refused on traffic issues. The creation of this parking area would cause dangerous manoeuvres on a corner of a fast stretch of highway. Furthermore he saw the owners action as a flagrant disregard to the Planning process. There wasn't a former garage as claimed in the application pre-amble – it was only a washroom in which the former owner used to park a m/cycle.

The motion to approve was put to the vote: - For: 1. Against: 4. Abstained: 2.

Application refused.

Notifications:

1/0366/2012/CPE: Sunset, Landcross – certificate of lawful use as a private dwelling.

No objections were raised.

1/0166/2012/FUL: Disused Water Reservoir at Littleham Cross. Conversion to light industrial unit.

TDC advise that the application was refused.

Updates:

Bill to Empower Local Councils: letter received from Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council requesting our support for Peter Aldous MP and Neil Carmichael MP; who have been successful in obtaining a Private Members Ballot in respect of the Planning Applications (Appeals by Town & Parish Councils) Bill. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to e-mail the two MP's giving this Council's support.

1219 – Atlantic Array: Response to our first letter from Nick Harvey MP; who gave us information contained in the latest RWE npower bulletin [June 2012] reducing the number and area of the turbines; he also advises that there are further public meetings to be held through July/August, which includes Abbotsham Old School House on July 12th between 12noon and 8pm. A second letter had been sent to Cllr John Hart as requested by Council [again copied to MP's]. An acknowledgement card received from Geoffrey Cox MP; but to date no response from Cllr Hart. A second Bulletin –May 2012 - from Alan Rayner [in his capacity as co-opted member of TDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee] was tabled. Members requested that TDC Cllr Jane Whittaker be asked to attend our next Council meeting to bring us up to date on the Working Group activity.

1220 – To consider adoption of a new Code of Conduct for the Council [Localism Act 2011]: The Clerk had received advice from TDC requiring all Local Authorities and Councils to adopt a new Code of Conduct by July 1st 2012. TDC and NALC had both provided templates for adoption by Councils. The Clerk, with assistance from Cllr Beer had decided that the TDC format best suited the Council's purpose. The new Code had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, and was now tabled for adoption. The main change is with regard to Registerable Interests – Councillors are now obliged to consider interests of their spouse/partner under new legislation contained in the Localism Act 2011. New Notifications of members Interests were distributed for members to complete, information from these to be sent to the Monitoring Officer at TDC. The Clerk requested that the help received from TDC in this regard be Minuted.

P: Cllr Atkinson.

S: Cllr Stevens.

All in

favour.

1221 – Highways: DCC had issued a request that we respond to their Winter Service Review 2012. Cllr Heard is asked to respond on the Council's behalf. Julian Roskilley had not yet contacted Cllr Beer to arrange a meeting to discuss outstanding items. Clerk to chase and to ask when the Parish lengthsman is scheduled to visit.

1222 - District & County Councillors' Reports. No reports received.

1223 - Finance & Insurance:

Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: £3298.76 [with Funds available at £3132.67] as at 20th May 2012.

Cashbook details tabled, and bank statement[s] signed by the Chair.

Payments: £30 to David Baglow for Internal Audit services. £105.50 to Littleham Village Hall for costs of meeting room April 2011 to March 2012. £37.07 to H Stanley [Clerk expenses]

Proposed: Cllr. Smith.

S: Cllr Corkery.

All in favour.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters: (1) The Clerk advised that he had made a mistake on the Asset Register for y/e March 2012. The correct figure for total assets should have been £1597.70 not £1441.49 as shown on the

previous information tabled. A corrected Register had been sent to the Audit Commission together with a covering letter signed by The Chair and The Clerk. (2)The Audit Commission wrote advising the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP to audit the Annual Return for this Council for a period of 5 years from 1.9.2012. A new scale of fees has been introduced which would see no charge for LLPC as income is less than £10k. Noted. (3) A letter had been sent to HSBC cancelling the standing order to DPFA.

1224- Correspondence Requiring Attention:

- a) Register of Electors: latest update. Amendments noted.
- b) DCC have issued a Consultation document on the Review of Waste Management Strategy for Devon. Copies had been sent to Members, and it was decided that members would respond individually.

1225 -Other Correspondence received: None.

1226-E-Mail correspondence received: DCC In Touch [x2]. Peter Jeffs – Town & Parish News. Coast Marcoms Ltd – Connecting Devon & Somerset – Briefing June. CCD- Village Green. Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge. RSN – 2012 Rural Insight Survey. Bideford College – Co-Operative Trust Status – Consultation. RSN – Weekly Digest.DCC – Community Emergency Planning Newsletter.

1227-AOB. Cllr Smith noticed that the Postbox at Hoopers Water had been tampered with – the post had been partly sawn through; he had advised the Post office. He had reported an incidence of fly-tipping at Cherrytrees – 5 wheels/tyres. TDC had acted promptly to remove them. Cllr Atkinson had received notices from TDC regarding Building Regulations which he asked to put on the Parish notice boards. Cllr Hassall requested that the Village Hall Committee be asked to increase the time limit for the outside light to enable people time to get to their vehicles – last winter the time was too short.

1228 - Next Meeting: August 9th. 7.30pm.

[Scheduled meetings for 2012: 20/9, 25/10, and 13/12. For 2013: 24/1, 14/3,18/4, 19 & 23/5]

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.