

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 22nd May 2014.



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson, Beer, Corkery, Fishleigh, Hamilton, Hassall, Phillips, Smith and Stevens.
DCC Cllr Dezart, and TDC Cllr Pennington. PCSO J McGovern.

Apologies: Cllrs. Haddrell & Hopkins.

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.

1457 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1458 – To elect a Chairperson for 2014-15. Cllr Sue Beer stated her intention to stand down due to personal reasons. Cllr Smith nominated Cllr Atkinson as Chairman, who accepted.

S: Cllr. Stevens.

All Agreed.

1459 – To elect a Vice Chairperson for 2013-14. Cllr Fishleigh was nominated.

P: Cllr Phillips.

S: Cllr Beer.

All Agreed.

1460 – To Receive Declarations of Office from Councillors [so elected]. The above elected Officers and the Clerk completed, signed and dated the required Declarations, which were placed in Register of Interests file.

Cllr Atkinson took the Chair and thanked Cllr Beer for her hard work and dedication to the role over the past few years; and especially for her work in co-ordinating the 5 Parishes affected by the proposed Atlantic Array to form an effective voice to campaign for mitigation from the effects of the groundworks & cable laying disruption that would have ensued had the project gone ahead.

1461 - To confirm Minutes 1443-1456 of April 24th, 2014.

Proposed as correct: Cllr Hamilton.

S: Cllr Smith.

All agreed.

1462 – Confirmation of decisions made at the above Meeting in respect of Annual Parish Council Meeting items:

- a) To confirm that Members have a copy of Current Standing Orders.
- b) To confirm that Members have a copy of current Self- Help Emergency Plan[s].
- c) To agree the Risk Analysis Statement 2013-14.

Items a) to c) above were confirmed.

- d) To Appoint the Trustee of Littleham Village Hall & Rifle Range.

Cllr Beer Proposed to re-elect Cllr Hamilton. S: Cllr Stevens.

All Agreed.

1463 - Matters Arising – Not Covered by Agenda:

- Cllr Phillips asked if we had news from the Enforcement Officer on the land at Church Lane, Landcross. The Clerk advised that he was in contact with the new Enforcement Officer, Mr Fenge and hoped to have a response from him for the next meeting.

1464 –Planning Applications: 1/0234/2014/FUL – South Heale Cottage, Littleham: pitch roof replacement of flat roof to garage.

1/0415/2014/FUL- Linhay, Littleham Court – extension and new garage. There being no objections from Councillors or communication from Parishioners the above Applications were approved unanimously.

Notifications: None.

1465 - Finance & Insurance:

- a) Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: £5400.12 as at 31st March 2013. There were no changes from previous Cashbook figures, and no new Bank Statement had been received.

- b) Payments: £727.20 to Mr H Wivell for grass cutting at the Playing Field during 2013.

P: Cllr Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Phillips.

All Agreed.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters:

To approve the Final Accounts for year ending March 2014.

P: Cllr Smith.

S: Cllr Beer.

All Agreed.

The Final Accounts were duly signed by Cllr Atkinson and the Clerk.

To approve Sections 1&2 of the Audit Return for y/ending 2013.

P: Cllr Corkery.

S: Cllr Smith.

All Agreed.

The relevant Sections of the Audit Report were signed by Cllr Atkinson and the Clerk.

1466 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: 1] TDC Review of Licensing Policy – Sex Establishments. Noted, Councillors will reply as individuals using the online response. 2] TDC – First World War – Fallen Heroes Memorial. Noted. Though it was unclear if TDC were proposing to erect a new Memorial. Cllr Pennington was not aware of this correspondence. The Clerk was asked to respond stating that the Parish Council did not have such information, and to suggest that the Parish Churches were approached; they have memorials in place.

3] A letter received from Parishioner Mary Brooks complaining about the frequency of heavy & noisy agricultural vehicles going through the village, at speed and late into the night, causing nuisance and damage to the roads and hedges. Cllr Beer felt that this letter was prompted by a recent discussion on Radio Devon on this subject. Cllr Stevens, and others, stated that the work must be carried out at the opportune times with regard to weather, and farmers are working late into the night to get the job done; it is a “fact of life” when living in a rural community. PCSO McGovern advised that any reduction in speed limits, or action taken to curtail this activity would require a change in Street Orders for the Parish by County Highways, and would be based on reported incidents for the area. The Clerk is requested to contact Mr C Withecombe [farmer] at Ashridge to make him aware of the complaint and to ask for his drivers to show all consideration possible.

1467 -AOB. None.

1468 - Next Meeting: Thursday July 10th.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.
