

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 22nd
October 2015.



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson, Corkery, Fishleigh, Haddrell, Hamilton, Hassall, Hopkins, C Phillips, Pru Phillips, Stevens and Whittington.

Apologies: Cllr. M Smith.
TDC Cllr Pennington. DCC Cllr Dezart. .

This Meeting was preceded by a talk from John Nolan, of Devon & Somerset Fire Service. He encouraged Councillors to accept a visit from the Fire Service for a review of their home safety – especially those Parishioners considered vulnerable. He also advised the use of both smoke and CO2 alarms. Relevant posters were placed in the Hall, and will be placed on the website.

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.

1638 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1639 - To confirm the Minutes 1624-1637 of the Parish Council Meeting of September 10th, 2015.

Minutes Proposed as correct by Cllr C Phillips. S: Cllr Whittington. All agreed [Minutes signed by Chair].

1640 – Matters Arising. The Chairman advised that some of the potholes on the road to Abbotsham Cross had been repaired. The Clerk advised that we had no response to date from BT regarding the telephone box in Littleham – it will be chased. Cllr Corkery restated that the box should remain operational; and Cllr C Phillips suggested we enquire about having the Box listed [Clerk to obtain information].

1641 -PLANNING - Applications: None.

Notifications: TDC have granted Permission for the following:

1/0784/2015/FUL – Edge Mill, Littleham – 2 storey infill extension to provide garage and living space above.

1/0818/2015/LBC – Rectory garden Cottage, Littleham – additional living accommodation on first floor.

1/0810/2015/FUL – Moor Park, Littleham – new build holiday let.

Other: None.

1642 - Highways: Road Closure Notices - B3227 Watergate Bridge, Clements Hill, Torrington – 1-5 November. Wrangworthy Cross to Collingsdown Cross, Buckland Brewer – 2-4 November. Two Notices for October had previously been emailed to Councillors. – Old Forge to Apps Springs, Littleham and A388 Stibb Cross to West View Cross, Stibb Cross.

DCC Highways advise that grass cutting on roadsides has been limited to maintaining visibility at bends and junctions, and to provide visibility to signs. A letter from Geoffrey Cox, MP, asks Councillors to sign a petition of residents of Torridge urging the Government to make further investment and support for Local Authorities to improve the upkeep of rural roads. This was signed by all present and will be sent to the MP.

Regarding the excessive speeds recorded in Landcross by Cllr C Phillips - PCSO McGovern cautioned “that the use of and the act of recording vehicles with non regulatory equipment and persons not part of a sanctioned PVP (police volunteer programme scheme) stop at this time. This is for reasons of safety and the protection of all. The Clerk is asked to obtain firm costs on the purchase of a sign from County

Highways; and to ascertain if there any ongoing costs regarding re-siting/insurance etc of the machine, especially if purchased by a group of Councils.

1643 – District & County Councillors Reports. No reports had been received from either DCC Councillor Dezart or TDC Councillor Pennington.

1644 – Finance & Insurance:

- a) Funds available to the Council as at 20th September were £ 5347.40 - cashbook details had been circulated.

Cllr Fishleigh proposed that the bank statement and cashbook be signed.

S: Cllr Hamilton.

All agreed.

No Payments requested.

- b) Other Financial/Insurance Matters. None.

1645 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: Will Austin, Town Clerk, Barnstaple asks if the Parish Council would consider making a contribution to the running costs [£60k pa] of maintaining the Barnstaple Records Office which will require increased funding following the substantial reduction of County Funds in 2016 and thereafter. The Clerk is asked to respond that whilst this Council supports the need to keep the Barnstaple Office running it is unable to help with the finances. An e-mail from Holsworthy Rural Community Transport [Registered Charity] asks if The Parish will consider allocating some of our TAP funds to support the Ring and Ride service and the Voluntary Car Scheme. The Clerk is asked to respond that we feel unable to help – this being in line with the Parish policy. Mr Lowe – developer of housing land near the Crealock Arms in Littleham writes stating that he is willing to offer 2 new Village signs for Littleham. The Clerk is asked to respond by thanking him for his offer, but it will not be taken up.

1646 - Other Correspondence received: - TAAG Agenda for 20 October, and Minutes for 28 July 2015. Local Government Boundary Commission – consultation on minor changes for the Electoral Review for North Devon.

1647 - E-Mail correspondence received:

RSN Weekly Digest[x6]: RSN – Rural Vulnerability Newsletter [x3]: Torr ridge Crime Report [x7]: DCC – Community News Roundup [x1]: RSN – Rural Opportunities Bulletin: Devon Voluntary Action – Annual Confce Notice: DCC – Community Survey: DCC Highways – Town & Parish Conference: TTVS – Northern Devon Xmas Fund: Rural Housing Spotlight: Devon Communities – Emergency Plans – Confce: CAB – quarterly News: Devon Countryside Access – Annual Report: Devon Communities Together – Newsletter Autumn 2015, & Rural Futures Confce, Social Enterprise News: Fields in Trust – Sep & Oct news: DALC – Oct news: RSN – Spotlight on Rural Economy:

SW heritage Trust – Devon Remembers Project: N D NHS Trust – Board Mtg Agenda 6th Oct & Decision on Community Beds: Devon Wheels to Work – newsletter: Cllr Hackett –TDC – Hospital Beds Petition: Dev & C`wall Police – Volunteer Roles vacancies.

1648 - AOB. - Cllr Hassall had attended the recent TAAG Meeting at which the Solicitor for TDC had given a talk on the recent changes to Local Authority Code of Conduct, there is a presentation available, and the Clerk is asked to obtain it and send out to each Councillor for information.

1649 – Next scheduled Meetings: 2015 – October 22nd & December 10th.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.