

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 23rd
October 2014.



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson, Corkery, Fishleigh, Haddrell, Hamilton, Heard, Hopkins, & Stevens.
TDC Cllr Pennington.

Apologies: Cllrs. Beer, & Hassall, Phillips & Smith. DCC Cllr Dezart.

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.

1503 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

1504 - To confirm Minutes 1490-1502 of the Parish Council Meeting of September 11th, 2014.

Proposed as correct by Cllr Fishleigh.
agreed.

S: Cllr Haddrell.

All

1505 – Matters Arising: Resignation: The Chairman has received a letter from Cllr Sue Beer, asking that her resignation is accepted as a Councillor for Landcross, this is due to increased family commitments. Cllr Atkinson asked the Clerk to write in acknowledgement and to thank her for her hard work and dedication during her time on the Council, and especially her drive to rally opposition to the Atlantic Array groundworks proposals which would have had a devastating effect on the Parish. Cllr Atkinson asked fellow Councillors to make enquiries to fill the vacancy. South West Resilience Campaign: a response from Baroness Kramer, Minister of State for DoT has been received; it stated that funding was being earmarked for transport infrastructure in the South West, and would be contained in the Autumn Statement. This would include improvements to the A361, Roundswell access and the Heywood Rd junction on the A39. The Long House, Holsworthy; confirmation had been sent to Holsworthy Town Council that our allocation under the Town & Parish Funds [£1236] would be pledged to this project if it goes ahead. Bridleway, Edgemill. Tim Freeman, Rights of Way, DCC advised that he had met with Mr Mahoney on site, and the Bridleway was clear at the time. Mr Mahoney advised that “a lot of the equipment belongs to his son, and is destined for his own yard when TDC give him the necessary permissions. It was suggested that a Bridleway route be marked through the site. Cllr Atkinson had spoken to the owner of the land proposed as an alternative route – he is not enthusiastic for such a change at this time.

1506-PLANNING - Applications: None.

Notifications: TDC Granted Permission to:

1/0582/2014/FUL: The Firs, Littleham – alteration to dwelling and new detached garage.

Other: Enforcement: No further correspondence on either Edgemill Nursery or Church Lane Landcross received.

Cllr Hassall tabled a briefing note on “How Planning Enforcement Works” issued by TDC.

1507 – Beaconside House: Cllr Haddrell advised that she had been disturbed by loud music emanating from Beaconside House on October 12 and 27; with music being played until 4am. It is understood that the site, a former hotel was now being hired by wedding parties and other events with a marquee being used. Cllr Pennington suggested that details be sent now, and if there is a further disturbance, to the Environment Dept at TDC. Cllr Corkery also suggested that the Police are informed of any further problems. Cllr Fishleigh advised that there is a similar problem of noise from Hallsannery. The Clerk was requested to write to the owners of both establishments to make them aware of the problem.

1508 - District & County Councillors’ Reports.

TDC Cllr Pennington reported that a recent vote at TDC had opposed the idea of formal joint working with either West Devon or the South Hams. Whilst any further integration with North Devon is on hold, there is continuing co-operation on matters such as the Estuary Catchment area, Planning and Crematoriums. The

continuing Budget cuts have resulted in several “middle” Managers at TDC taking Voluntary Redundancy packages – 80% of the current District Council budget is for staff costs. There is more downward pressure on budgets expected for 2017 and onwards. Cllr Corkery asked Cllr Pennington to provide costs for Redundancies, and also for an update on the proposals for Council run Care Homes in the District.

There was no Report from DCC Cllr Dezart.

1509- Recording of Parish Council Meetings: Following recent Legislation to clarify the Recording of Local Council meetings, NALC have issued Guidance Notes suggesting changes to Procedures to be adopted by Parish Councils. These include a Protocol for recording of meetings and how decisions made by Sub-Committees are recorded – the latter element is not applicable to this Parish.

The Clerk tabled suggested documentation to be agreed which would set out the “Rules” for those wishing to record proceedings at Parish Council meetings; and the control which the Chair of the Meeting has regarding such recordings. Mention is made to protect minors and vulnerable persons from being recorded; or indeed those members of the public who do not wish to be recorded. Documents tabled are: Statement of Council Policy on Recording/Filming; an agreed Protocol to be signed by anyone wishing to record; and a Notice to be displayed if Recording is taking place.

A motion to accept the new documentation was Proposed by Cllr Atkinson. Seconded by Cllr Fishleigh – [who suggested that these documents should be placed on the Parish Website as downloads]. All agreed.

1510 - Finance & Insurance:

a) Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: - at 20th September 2014 stood at £5245.86. Cashbook figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. No Payments requested.

Proposal to accept and have bank statement and Cashbook signed by the Chair, and for Payments to be Approved.

P: Cllr Fishleigh.

S: Cllr Hamilton.

Approved. All

agreed.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters: An updated budget forecast for y/ending March 2015, showing a “deficit” of £1420, with a reserve figure of £3979; and new figures for 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion it was decided to add £150 under “Cap Exp” for the year ending 2016, changing the deficit to £200, with a reserve of £3779. It was agreed that there was no desire to increase our Precept figure. With the resignation of Cllr Beer a new signatory for the Bank mandate is required – Cllr Atkinson agreed to be a signatory: the relevant Mandate forms will be obtained for completion at the next meeting.

P: Cllr Corkery.

S: Cllr Hopkins.

Approved. All agreed.

1511 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: None.

1512 - Other Correspondence received: Healthwatch Devon – Autumn 2014. Devon Senior Voice – Autumn 2014.

1513 - E-Mail correspondence received: TDC – Consultation on: Draft Flood Risk Management and River Basin management Plans: RSN Weekly Digest[x3]: RSN – Rural Vulnerability Newsletter: RSN – Opportunities Bulletin: TDC- TAP Fund: DCC – Tough Choices, Waste Management: Fields in Trust – October: Devon Highways- Tough Choices: DCC – Community News: RSN – Rural Housing Spotlight: DCC – Countryside Access Forum: DALC – Fireworks & Bonfires: DCC – Mobile Library timetable: Energy Analysis - Rural Community Energy Fund: DCC – Libraries Consultation.

1514 -AOB. - Cllr Atkinson reported that a pothole on the littleham X road had been repaired. Cllr Hamilton noted that the grass at the Moorhead X junction had been cut.

1515 – Next scheduled Meetings: December 11th. 2015 – 22 Jan: 12 Mar: 23 Apr.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.