

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 25th July 2013.



Present: Cllrs. Atkinson, Sue Beer, Corkery, Pat Fishleigh, Hamilton, Hassall, Heard, Pru Phillips, Smith & Stevens.

TDC Cllr Pennington .

Apologies: Cllr Hopkins. 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.

1352 - Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

At this point the Chair moved directly to the Items on Planning as there were members of the public wishing to speak.

1353 – Planning Applications:

1/0474/2013/FUL – 1, Red Cottages, Littleham – demolish garage, rebuild with workshop & hobby room. Approval proposed by Cllr Corkery. S: Cllr Smith. All agreed.

Approved.

1/0538/2013/COU – Lampton Court, Littleham – change of use to 2 dwellings. Approval proposed by Cllr Smith. S: Cllr Hamilton. All agreed.

Approved.

1/0581/2013/FUL – Edge Mill Nursery, Littleham – retrospective – erection of 2 agricultural sheds. Councillor Stevens left the room for this item. The Agent for the Applicant spoke on this matter. He and the applicant answered Councillors questions; there being some uncertainty as to proposed use of the buildings, which included the growing of plants using artificial light, and possible retail, the need for 20-30 parking spaces was also questioned. TDC Councillor Pennington was uncertain as to why this application had formerly been classified as Agricultural, and was now classified as FUL – the Agent suggested it was on the advice of the Planning department at TDC. After discussion Refusal proposed by Cllr Smith. S: Cllr Phillips. All agreed. **Refused-** on inadequate access, and type of business proposed which may bring unacceptable levels of traffic.

Notifications: None. [Cllr Stevens re-joined the meeting.]

1354 - To confirm Minutes 1336-1351 of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on May 16th, 2013.

Proposed as correct: Cllr Atkinson.

S: Cllr Fishleigh.

All

agreed.

1355 – Matters Arising – Not Covered by Agenda: None.

1356 – Councillor Vacancy. Mr Lee has withdrawn his interest to be Co-opted to the Council. Councillors present are asked to canvas for further candidates.

1357– Atlantic Array:

- 1) Cllr Beer advised that at the next Meeting of the 5 Parishes the individual Relevant Responses from each Parish would be amalgamated. Cllr Smith tabled the list of concerns from LLPC, advising that only one – “Dust” is considered a planning matter the others are “merely” concerns.
- 2) Concern was raised over the published wish list from Bideford Town Council [BTC] on how they would spend the proposed £1m offered by RWE. The reality is that if the money is forthcoming RWE would set out their preferred usage and procedural requirements; and BTC would only receive their “share” of any monies received. LLPC will need to decide on how the Council’s share might be spent; it should be for the Community, perhaps a legacy. Suggestions for improvements to the Village Hall were raised. It was decided that the Parish Plan group should be asked to progress this. # Agenda item at next meeting.
- 3) Cllr Hamilton proposed a vote of thanks to Councillors Beer & Smith for their work to date regarding the Atlantic Array.
- 4) The Clerk is requested to Register the Parish Council as an Interested Party with the National Infrastructure Planning Portal.
- 5) RWE have issued a letter listed FAQ’s following a survey of properties in North Devon – Noted.

1358– Highways: Speed Restrictions: The Clerk has received confirmation that no further action needs to be taken by the Parish Council. A bid for the cost of the works has been made to the County Local Transport Plan budget, which will be prioritised against other schemes. There is high demand for the available funding and as a result time spans cannot be advised at this stage. The Clerk is asked to advise Mr & Mrs Knott accordingly.

Notice of Road Closure – Catborough Cross to Glen Lodge, Monkleigh – 29 July – 2 August 2013.

Cllr Smith requested that we write to the Head of County Highways to ask for urgent action to be taken to repair the landslip at Whitehall so that the traffic control can be removed. Cllr Corkery also asked that repairs be carried out on road subsidence on the river side of the Yeo Valley road, which is apparent all along the road to Nethercleave.

1359 – Parish Notice Boards. Cllr Atkinson will chase again for a quote to repair the Boards.

1360 – District & County Councillors' Reports. DCC Cllr Dezart had presented his Apologies, together with a text for his Report, see Appx 1.

TDC Cllr Pennington: – reminded us about the recent Leadership change. There is great concern about the economic effect of Tyco closing, though it is not immediately apparent what TDC can do to mitigate. There has been a report suggesting the creation of a Taw/Torridge Barrage – the majority view at the Council is that this is unlikely to go ahead. Cllr Pennington apologised to parishioners for the errors in the calculation of the Domestic Rates; there have been a series of problems which led to the error, which are now being sorted to prevent a repeat. He thanked this Parish for its lead on the atlantic Array – and in the formation of a cohesive group – The 5 Parishes – to give a voice to the major concerns surrounding the onshore construction.

1361- Town & Parish Fund: the listing of Eligible Parishes gives Littleham & Landcross separately; so technically we might be able to apply to the fund by requests from “both” [adjacent] Parishes. Landcross is allocated £167, and Littleham £667. This needs to be confirmed with Malcolm Harris at TDC. TDC Cllr Pennington advised the meeting that he would also ask this question.

1362- Quiet Lanes: Cllr Hassall had noticed an article on Quiet Lanes which enabled speed restrictions to be put in place and “warning” signs to be erected to allow safe pedestrian access to lanes. He wondered if it might be a way forward to answer the problems of speeding traffic through Littleham. After discussion it was decided that the Quiet Lanes scheme would be unlikely to apply to the roads running into and through Littleham given the volume of traffic seen.

1363 - Finance & Insurance:

a) Report on Bank Balance and Authorisation of Payments.

Bank balance: £4542.70 as at 20th July 2013. Cashbook details tabled which showed net Precept payment of £1024.56 after deduction of DALC Subscription of £101.28, and ½ year Clerk Salary of £699.16 – giving gross total of £1825. The VAT Repayment of £139.93 also received.

b) Payments: £14 to Littleham Village Hall, share of meeting costs for the 5 Parishes Group. To TDC £48 Charge for Payroll Service.

Proposal to accept and have bank statement and Cashbook signed by the Chair, and to authorise payments listed.

P: Cllr Hamilton S: Cllr Fishleigh. All agreed.

Approved.

Other Financial or Insurance Matters: Grant Thornton have signed off the Annual Audit for y/e March 2013. As income & expenditure were both under £10k there is no audit fee payable, and no additional fees. We are reminded to display the notice of Completion of Audit for at least 14 days. [Clerk to action]

1364 - Correspondence Requiring Attention: 1] The Clerk advised of the latest change to the Register of Electors. Noted. **2]** TDC advise that we will receive an email from David Wilson Partnership/JPC who are consultants commissioned by NDC & TDC to prepare a Green Infrastructure Survey. Noted, and it is requested that the item be placed on the agenda when received. TDC Cllr Pennington will also report back on this.

1365 -Other Correspondence received: Devon Senior Voice – July 2013. TAAG – Minutes for 16 April 2013, and Agenda for 23 July 2013. Littleham Arts & Music Festival – event/activities for 22 June to 21 July 2013. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2013. CCD confirmation of membership.

1366-E-Mail correspondence received: TTVS-Snippets [x7]: RSN Digest[x7]: Rural Vulnerability Service [x5]: DCC Community Roundup [x2]: NHW Forum Weekly Crime Report x 10: DALC Newsletter [x2]: RSN – Weekly Digest x7: Devon Playing Fields – Fields in Trust, June. TTVS-Local Buildings Grant. Devon Senior Voice – open mtg Burton Art Gallery:CCD- training events. Devon Remembers- WW1. TDC- Recycling Banks.

1367 -AOB. Cllr Heard reported that a caravan has been parked at the Old Reservoir site, apparently for storage only. Noted.

1368 – Next scheduled Meetings: September 12th; October 24th 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Appendix 1 to Minutes of 25th April

2013.

Hi Dane,

I have a very full day tomorrow, Thursday 25th, and not sure whether I can attend. However I can update as under:

I serve on the following Committees,

Hatoc, Health and Wellbeing, Investment and Pensions, Development Management

With regard to the DP we will be discussing the Atlantic Array on Tuesday 10th September, and have had a site visit of the construction route. I have submitted a representation on behalf of a farmer in Alva Discott who wants to move the compound on his land to another field, and also the medical documentation concerning Mr Dalling. Whilst attending the Littleham Village Fete Sue Beer asked about my Locality Budget with regard to the toilets being adapted for the disabled. I would be happy to allocate £1000 towards this. However, it transpires that I do not have the last word, already 2 requests have been turned down, one on the grounds that a grant was given last year.

Regards,

Gaston