

THREE SETS OF DRAFT MINUTES ARE DISPLAYED, TWO IN RESPECT OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD DURING MARCH 2008 AND MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. ALL OF THESE MINUTES WILL BE PRESENTED TO ANNUAL MEETINGS ON 1st MAY 2008.

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE URGENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 27th MARCH 2008

Present: Cllrs Mrs Beer, Hamilton, Heard, Hassall (Vice-Chairman), Poole, G. Smith, M. Smith and Stevens. Torridge District Councillor Pennington was also present. Apologies: Cllrs Atkinson, Mrs Galvin (Chairman), Ms Lamb and Mrs Wilkinson. County Councillor Barton also tendered apologies.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr M. Smith presided over the meeting.

693 Registration of Members Interests: No additional registrations were required.

694 Planning Matters:

Cllr Hassall declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting.

(a) Planning Application 1/10245/2008*: Sea Locks Barn, Anery Kiln
(Landcross Parish: single storey extension for Mr & Mrs Wills:

Cllr Mrs Beer reported concern in Landcross that this extension would change the previously approved camping barn into increased capacity holiday accommodation. There was also concern that noise from the Sea Locks site carries up the cliff to Landcross Church and neighbouring properties. This has caused disturbance in the past.

Mrs Wills was present and advised that sleeping capacity would not increase, only ground floor living space. She said there had been a few noise problems in the past, but she had not been aware of the disturbance of parishioners at or near Landcross Church. Mr & Mrs Wills will make visitors aware of the noise issue and stipulate an 11.00pm curfew if required. They wish to add to the tranquillity

of the site and adjacent wildlife area. The Chairman pointed out the need to consider the planning issues, not site management issues. Cllr G Smith pointed out that access from the A386, over the Tarka Trail could be better and Cllr Mrs Beer commented that the access gate off the A386 needs repair. Members finally accepted that the proposed extension of the camping barn would not be change of use.

RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllr Heard, seconded by Cllr Mrs Beer, that Planning Application 1/10245/2008 is recommended for APPROVAL.

Cllr Hassall was invited to return to the meeting

(b) Planning Application 1/0186/2008/FUL: proposed fire place & chimney at Hollands Court, Littleham (Mr & Mrs Bowerman):

RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, that Planning Application 1/0186/2008/FUL is recommended for APPROVAL.

(c) Planning Application: Summer Ridge, Landcross: agric. building for sheep, Mr & Mrs Willats:

RESOLVED, on the motion of Cllr Mrs Beer, seconded by Cllr Heard, that Planning Application 1/0186/2008/FUL is recommended for APPROVAL.

(d) Edge Mill Cottages: 1/0857/2007/FUL: Parking A letter from the TDC Planning Enforcement Officer, following a visit to this site, was noted.

RESOLVED: -

(1) That the Enforcement Officer is thanked for his timely response and that this matter is kept under review.

(2) That the TDC Planning Enforcement Officer is asked to investigate whether occupation of a dwelling / office in the Edge Mill Quarry Lorry Park opposite Edge Mill and three caravans 200 yards west of Edge Mills Cottages and off the Littleham side of the Class III highway, is authorised. The Parish Council also questions whether the vehicles and plant at the Quarry Lorry Park exceed permitted levels.

Minute 694 (continued): -

(e) Parkham Parish Conservation Assoc: Planning Application 1/02/42/2008/FUL: Wind Cluster at Sedborough Farm, Parkham: Receipt of a letter from the Association was noted. After discussion, members decided that no formal comment should be made.

695 Unitary Devon Proposals:

Parish Cllrs Hassall and M Smith and TDC Cllr Pennington reported on the Special TDC Torrington Area Advisory Group Meeting of 20th March. Cllr Pennington emphasised that Unitary Local Government will happen and that decisions will be made this year. The Chairman commented that Town and Parish Councils will have involvement in building the structures of the new all purpose council. Some towns and parishes could take on more services within the structure. Cllr Poole commented that Parish Councils have insufficient time and information to enable them to make a sound decision on this matter. Cllrs Stevens and Hamilton

thought that there are significant differences between North Devon and “Devon South of the A30” and questioned whether N. Devon would lose out. Cllr Hassall pointed out that Planning Administration would function better under a District administration, which could be achieved through Local Area Service Units, as currently apply to DCC Highways in the Torridge area.

TDC request completion of a questionnaire to indicate Parish Councillors individual, or combined views, on the unitary proposals for (a) Northern Devon, or (b) the whole Devon C.C. area. Replies to this questionnaire, received on 22nd March, were required by 28th March 2008. It was agreed that the responses prepared by Cllr Hassall should be adopted by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: -

(a) That the Parish Council marks the criteria for the new Unitary Council area as follows: -

Unitary	County Unitary	N Devon
Affordability		
	+	
Value for Money		+
Strategic Leadership		
0	0	
Broad		
Support		0
0		
Neighbourhood Empowerment		+

Marks were awarded without any acceptance that the criteria are equally weighted.

(b) The Parish Council requests, that if a County Unitary Council is approved, that the Planning service is administered through Local Area Service Units, as currently apply to Devon Highways.

(c) The Parish Council expresses concern that the re-organisation process is moving at “indecent haste”.

Devon C.C. has rearranged the dates of LISTENING EVENTS. The Torridge event will be held at Holsworthy Memorial Hall, on 2nd April 2008, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Cllrs Mrs Beer, Hassall and Poole will attend.

696 Finance: Payments:

RESOLVED, that the following payments are approved: £96.94 to H G Wivell (3 additional cuts; Min 687a) and £6.96 to N. H. Jackson (postages)

697 Date of Next Meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 1st May 2008 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.07 pm.

