

LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL



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The Meeting of the Council [Council Meeting and Precept Meeting] will be held at Littleham Village Hall on Thursday 11 January 2024 at 7.15pm

The following Councillors are summoned to attend:

P Jollands (Chair), S Beer (Vice Chair), G Gray, S Read, N Tregoning, M Brooks, I Lawrence, A Longstaff, C Hassall and G Smith.

Also invited to attend: County Councillor Linda Hellyer and District Councillors Philip Pennington and Robert Hicks

Members of the Public are cordially invited to attend and raise any matters with the Council at Public Open Question Time (The Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 members of the public are welcome to attend)

AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome – The Chair to welcome everyone to the Meeting and to accept any apologies. A minute silence will be observed as a mark of respect and to remember Rosemary Gent and David Pinney who both passed away recently.**
- 2) Declarations of Interest**
Councillors are invited to declare any declarable interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. They are also reminded to consider whether any items within their Register of Interests should be updated.
- 3) Public Open Question Time – The Council will RESOLVE to suspend Standing Orders and adjourn the Meeting to receive questions and comments from the public.**
(Time limited to 15 minutes in total - Public can only speak for 3 minutes per person)
- 4) To receive the Reports by County and District Councillors and for any questions to be made by Councillors and/or members of the public.**

The Council will reconvene

- 5) To Approve Minutes 2780 – 2788 of the Parish Council meeting held on 07 December 2023**
 - 5(a) Matters Arising**

6) PLANNING

To consider the Council response to the following application:

Planning reference: 1/1133/2023/FUL

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Removal of existing single storey extension and erection of single and partial double storey extension with porch.

Coach House, Littleham, Bideford Devon

7) FINANCE:

a.The Council will RESOLVE the Precept for the Council Year 2024/2025.

The draft budget is as follows:

Calculations/items to be considered:

Defibrillator annual amount to set aside	£1000.00
Clerk salary	£2200.00
Hire of Village Hall	£ 300.00
DALC membership	£ 192.00
Auditor (Internal & external)	£ 400.00
Website costs	£ 350.00
Training (costs expenses & travel)	£ 250.00
Community information/ marketing/communication	£ 150.00
Repairs & maintenance (Bus shelter Notice boards)	£ 100.00
Grass cutting - Range Field	£1200.00
Parish Paths Partnership	£ 100.00
Biodiversity Projects	£ 500.00
Sub total	£6742.00

This will result in an annual payment of £29.03 for a Band D property. Previous year the payment was £29.24

b.To consider making any Grants to local Charitable organisations. An application was received from the Citizens Advice Bureau and Rosemary had asked that consideration be given to the North Devon Museum.

An additional £100 on the Precept would increase the Band D payment to £29.46.

c. To consider setting aside a sum to fund a memorial for Rosemary and David.

It is proposed that the Council work with the BioDiversity Group and Village Hall and rope off the corner where Pat Hadrill's tree is and plant more trees which would certainly be fitting way to remember Rosemary. That corner is never used for anything and would not interfere with any space requirements for the village fete.

8) To discuss the response to emails and enquiries by the Council with regard to priority and the role of the Clerk and Councillor with regard to how each enquiry is dealt with. In addition to resolve the action to be taken with regard to the specific issues raised.

This relates to the following:

1. At the top of my lane(from Cornerways to Summer Ridge) there is a public footpath which gives access to the Tarka Trail commonly used by villagers, my main concern is that this public footpath is constantly being used by Tarka Trail users as a public convenience, I have lost count of the number of times I have walked down towards the bottom only to find men urinating just inside the entrance to the trail. I often have to stop and look in the opposite direction and wait whilst they do their deed to avoid embarrassment, when I walk with my two granddaughters it is very unpleasant and stressful, this is totally unacceptable in this day and age!

In answer to this problem, can I ask the Parish Council to consider cutting back part of the hedge to the secluded entrance, opening up this area and erecting a Public Footpath

sign to discourage people urinating and defecating on a commonly used 'Public Footpath'!

2. Several years ago an entrance was created by Devon County Council to access the Tarka Trail on the corner of the main road that runs through Landcross, this is opposite the public footpath from Watertown Farm, many parishioners use these public footpaths as a route around the village, this is an extremely dangerous corner to cross, can the Parish Council consider the erection of two signs, one for each side of the road to warn motorists of pedestrians crossing and maybe some traffic calming measures and the reinstatement of the white line that denotes the edge of the carriageway.

3. I wondered if you could help.

I have forwarded the email I received from Devon Highways in August regarding the grit bin on our land.

We would like it removed from our land as we intend to rebuild the wall that is falling down, the green grit bin is going to be in the way but we would also like it to be moved permanently to a new position within the lane in case other neighbours would like to use it.

When looking inside the bin it is very clear that this has not been used for many years and that the grit inside is no longer fit to use.

As the hill leading up to the main road that goes past our property is not the only way out, we feel on the very rare time when weather makes it difficult to climb the hill, us and our neighbours can take another route out to the main road.

Please can you advise us as to how we can arrange for this to happen.

Kind regards, Jayne Brock

9) To discuss the maintenance and locations of the Grit bins.

- **Councillor Brooks has made reference to the loss of the Grit Bin near to Robin Hill.**
- **The owner of Newlands Landcross has asked that the Grit Bin outside their property is relocated as they need to rebuild the wall located by the Bin. (Reference email Agenda Item 8)**

10) To consider correspondence & communications requiring attention. Emails circulated include:

DALC/NALC newsletter/updates/events
Public Sector - various
Devon County Council - various newsletters
Torridge DC – various
Torridge DC - Weekly Planning applications
South West Cyber Resilience
The Rural Bulletin
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

11) Items for next meeting and Next Full Council Meeting - to be confirmed.

(Please can you ensure that any items for the next meeting are received by the Clerk by - to be confirmed)

Date Signed:

David Edwards (Clerk to the Parish Council) on 04 January 2024