

LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL



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The Meeting of the Council will be held at Littleham Village Hall on Thursday 04 April 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, G Smith, and L Batty.

Also invited to attend: County Councillor Linda Hellyer and District Councillors Philip Pennington and 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.**
- 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 2809 – 2819 of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 March 2024**
 - 5(a) Matters Arising**
- 6. FINANCE:**
To ratify and approve the Cashbook (see attached) as at 27.03.2024. Councillor Beer to sign the Cashbook statement and Bank Statement to ratify the balance being reported. Balance as at 27.03.2024 - £6144.62.

i. To ratify the payments agreed previously under the delegated Biodiversity events budget figure of £500:

- Tesco Stores (refreshments re Wilder Littleham Event 16.03.2024) £41.97
- TTS - stationery and paints for event as above £26.94

7. To receive an update on the actions of the Biodiversity Group and a brief report on the REACH Project related to community sustainable energy projects. See extract of E Mail from Donna Sibley - Sustainability and Climate Officer, North Devon and Torridge Councils.

There's an opportunity to work with Regen on an innovation project focused on the decarbonisation of rural areas. REACH: Rural Energy and Community Heat. The project has been funded by network users and consumers under the Strategic Innovation Fund, an Ofgem programme managed in partnership with UKRI.

Our goal is to find 5-10 rural communities to work with over the next 2 months to co-create innovative approaches for meeting the local area's decarbonisation ambitions. These will then be taken forward into a second round of project funding to support feasibility studies. If your organisation represents a rural community that is interested in developing low carbon projects, including renewable generation, EV charging, energy storage, or low carbon heat, then we want to hear from you!

I'm intending to put an EoI in for this project to work with a few communities in North Devon/Torridge, using the Local Plan Review and our ambitions to get community benefit from Floating Offshore Wind as a draw to get Regen to work with a group rather than one-on-one. So far Bratton Fleming are up for it. I've also contacted Braunton. Would Littleham and Landcross be interested in joining this?

You're not committing to anything at this stage, it's just an exploration to see what might be possible. These things always seem to come last minute, I have to get the EoI in by midday on Tuesday 19th March. I would make it clear in the EoI that if Regen weren't amenable to working with a group up here, then individual parishes would be interested in working separate with them.

8. To consider, update and Resolve to approve any changes to the Council Policy documents:

- Co - option Policy
- Management of transferable Data
- Risk Analysis
- Safeguarding policy
- Sickness & Absence policy
- Subject Access (to information) Request Policy

9. To receive an update on the procedures taking place with regard to the Shutta Path as a Public Right of Way.

With regard to Upadown Lane, the Public Rights of Way Committee resolved at its November 2023 that a Modification Order should be made to record the route as a public footpath. However, the report also stated that if further evidence supporting a higher status, i.e. that of bridleway, then this could be considered if received by May 2024. I acknowledge that you have sent in further user evidence forms supporting bridleway status, and I will be evaluating these shortly.

A further report will be taken to the next meeting of the Committee which is on the 11th July 2024, evaluating the new evidence in conjunction with that previously considered. Whatever the outcome of the Committee is, a formal Modification Order will be made. If the additional evidence is sufficient to support bridleway status, then an Order will be made for that status, but if not, an Order will be made for footpath as previously resolved. When a Modification Order is made, it has to be published publicly with copies sent to statutory consultees, affected landowners, and the relevant local authorities, including

your Parish Council. Notices will be posted at either end of the route and in the local press. There is then a 6 week consultation period. If at the end of the consultation period, there are no objections, then the Order can be confirmed. If there are any objections, the process continues, but I will elaborate on that later if we get to that stage.

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
- The Rural Bulletin
- Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Cyber Resilience Centre

11. Items for next meeting and Next Full Council Meeting - 09 May 2024.

(Please can you ensure that any items for the next meeting are received by the Clerk by Monday 29 April 2024)

Date Signed:

David Edwards (Clerk to the Parish Council) on 27 March 2024