LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Littleham Village Hall on Thursday 1st October 2026 at 19:15 hours

Present: Councillors: P Jollands (Chair), G Smith, M Manley, J Gershon, P Footman, C Hassall, S Read, M Brooks.

Apologies : Councillors: N Tregoning (Vice Chair), G Gray, L Batty

Also Present: M Barry (County Councillor) P Pennington (District Councillor)

In Attendance: *Mike Norton Clerk to the Council*

3121 - The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and apologies were accepted.

3122 - Declarations of Interest

[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].

None notified.

The Council RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders and adjourn the meeting at 19:17.

Public Open Question Time

No members of the public present.

Report by County and District Councillors *(Allowance should be made for the District and County Councillor to speak later in the meeting should they be unable to arrive in time).*

County Councillor Mark Barry had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. Topics covered by the report included the temporary closure of the maternity unit at NDDH and revised rules regarding the placing of 20 is Plenty signage. Although DCC had approved Parish Councils placing 20 is plenty signage 18 months ago this had not communicated to local highways departments.

District Councillor Phillip Pennington advised LGR was now paused by the Government, the proposed Data had been known about by officers in April 25 with district councillors being told about it in June 2026. Planning rules are changing with most decisions devolved to officers for smaller non-contentious applications. A further £229k of funding had been allocated to Appledore Maritime Centre to set out units.

The Council reconvened at 19:47.

3123 – It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes 3107-3120 of 3rd September 2026 meeting.

3124 – Matters arising from Minutes.

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The Clerk was awaiting a reply from Vision ICT regarding additional email addresses for councillors (3112)

First Aid Responder (3115) Following receipt of clarification from Jonathan Gershon regarding how the parish council may proceed with First Aid Responders the clerk had communicated this to DALC on 24th September for their guidance. It was agreed that Jonathan Gershon would work with the clerk (DALC and Insurers) so clear options could be brought to a future meeting.

3125 – Planning

1/0709/2026/FUL Wood Cottage Landcross. Following discussion it was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council response would be No Objection with additional comment that the development retained the character of the village.

3127 – Finance

(a) The Cashbook and Income and Expenditure accounts with bank reconciliation were unanimously approved.
(b) Payments for £72 DALC (Clerks conference attendance), £4.25 Lloyds bank charges and £1,380.90 Torridge DC (Clerk's salary April-September) were unanimously approved.
(c) Chrisopher Hassall requested that the Parish Council consider an interest bearing account in order to mitigate that costs of the bank charges. The Clerk was requested to bring options for councillors to consider back to the next meeting.

3128 – 20 is Plenty signage.

The Council discussed the update from County Councillor Mark Barry regarding 20 is Plenty Signage. Although Devon County Council approved the placing of 20mph signs by Parish Councils the local DCC Highways Office had not issued any guidelines and that was why the Littleham signs were ordered to be removed. It was unanimously resolved that the parish council will pause placing additional signage until clear guidance on acceptable signage and placement is received from Devon County Council. The clerk was instructed to write to the Whitehall resident to provide an update on the current position.

Peter Jollands recorded his thanks to Mark Barry for the work that he had put in on 20 is Plenty signage.

3129 – Parish Newsletter.

Martin Manley had produced a draft newsletter that was circulated to councillors at the meeting. Peter Jollands thanked Martin Manley for producing the draft. Sarah Read asked that a Defibrillator update be included following South West Ambulance Service gifting the defibrillators to the parish.

3130 – Biodiversity.

Peter Jollands reported that the Biodiversity Group were considering the Nature Trail.

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3131 – Parish Clerk's Report and consideration of correspondence and communications requiring attention.

No urgent correspondence had been received. Patricia Footman asked about an enforcement enquiry, the clerk advised correspondence with Torridge DC planning department was ongoing. Christopher Hassall requested that communications be in ODF/PDF format wherever possible to ensure compatibility with councillors home systems and this was noted by the clerk.

3132 - Next Full Council Meeting - Thursday 05 November 2026 at 19:15PM

3120 - Items for next meeting. Peter Jollands proposed that Parish Council policies be reviewed over the next few meetings. Also following the national increase in pay scales for Clerks that November meeting would consider the parish clerk's remuneration.

The meeting closed at 20:20.

Signed: …….
Councillor P Jollands (Chair to the Parish Council) Date…….

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