

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 09 January 2025 at 7.15pm

The following Councillors are summoned to attend:

P Jollands (Chair), N Tregoning (Vice Chair), G Gray, S Read, M Brooks, I Lawrence, C Hassall, L Batty 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.**
- 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 2886 – 2894 of the Parish Council meeting held on 05 December 2024**

5(a) Matters Arising

6) PLANNING

To consider the Council response to the following application:

Planning reference: 1/1034/2024/FUL

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Demolition of existing sheds, development of 5 new dwellings with access and external works.
Land at Grid reference: 243750 (E) 123359 (N)
Furlong Farm, Littleham, Bideford Devon

7) FINANCE:

a. The Council will RESOLVE the Precept for the Council Year 2025/2026.

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	£ 200.00
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
Chairman Allowance	£ 100.00
Sub total	£6852.00

This will result in an annual payment of £27.94 for a Band D property. Previous year the payment was £29.03

b. To consider making any Grants to local Charitable organisations or consider setting aside a sum for any future decision to make a Grant(s).

An additional £100 on the Precept would increase the Band D payment by 41p

c. To resolve that an interest bearing account be opened with Hinkley and Rugby Building Society to hold the Council reserves.

8) To discuss the future operation of the Council with a view to set out a Strategic Plan based on:-

- **a consultation with local organisations and residents.**
- **Councillors to take on a role as the “lead Councillor” for specific topics/initiatives or create Working Groups that would investigate options and provide written reports for the Council to discuss.**

It is suggested that an informal meeting be held to bring together the ideas and thoughts which would provide a more relaxed and flexible atmosphere.

9) To discuss any action the Council can take to support its policy for reducing the Carbon footprint and improving the bio-diversity in Littleham and Landcross. Up date on recent Biodiversity Group Meeting and Lottery Grant Application.

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.

- **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 Monday 27 January 2025)

Date Signed:

David Edwards (Clerk to the Parish Council) on 02 January 2025