

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Littleham Village Hall on Thursday 7th May 2026
at 18:00 hours**

Present: Councillors: P Jollands (Chair), N Tregoning, G Smith, P Footman,
J Gershon, M Brooks, G Gray, S Read.

Apologies : Councillors: L Batty, M Manley, C Hassall.

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

In Attendance: *Mike Norton Clerk to the Council*

3073 - The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and apologies were accepted.

3074 - 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].

J Gershon advised he had resigned from the Village Hall Committee. No other declarations of interest were made.

The Council RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders and adjourn the meeting at 18:08.

Public Open Question Time

No questions from members of public.

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. At the meeting topic an additional 7 police officers for Bideford District. G Smith commented that the bicycle racks in the town centre were not covered by CCTV.

District Councillor Phillip Pennington congratulated the parish council for embarking on creation a new Parish Plan. The new District Local Plan was being put together and it was likely to require twice as many houses to be built in the next 10 years than the last, it was also to include Nature and Land Use strategies in future. The District Council had launched a new Household fund with a rural focus especially with the increase in heating oil prices.

The Council reconvened at 18:22.

3075 – It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes 3059-3072 of 2nd April 2026 meeting.

3076 – Matters arising from Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

3077 –Planning Appeal

Planning Application: 1/0987/2025/PIP
Proposal: Permission in Principle for construction of up to 3 dwellings
Location: Land at Grid Reference 243351 123501, Littleham.

P Jollands circulated the District Council document “Housing & Economic Land Availability”

It was noted that originally the Parish Council had supported the original application. It was **Resolved** unanimously that in light of the documentation from Torridge District Council that the Parish Council supports the Torridge District Council position to refuse this application.

3078- Planning Appeal

Planning Application: 1/0701/2025/PIP
Proposal: Permission in Principle for construction of up to 7 dwellings
Location: Land at Grid Reference 243351 123501, Church Lane Littleham,

The Parish Council **Resolved** to re-iterate it’s previous objection and supported the Torridge District Councils position to refuse the application. (Vote 7 For and 1 Against).

3079 – Finance

The Parish Council **resolved unanimously to approve** the Cashbook and Income & Expenditure Accounts as at 31st March 2026. The end of year balance was £6794.07.

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3080 – Asset Register

The Parish Council **resolved unanimously to approve note and approve** the Council Asset Register as at 31st March 2026. The Asset value shown as £5,409.27.

next steps were to identify major energy users in the area. The Community Energy Scheme will be published in the next parish newsletter.

3081 – Parish Clerk’s Report and consideration of correspondence and communications requiring attention. The Clerk advised that there were no items requiring at this meeting.

3082 - Next Full Council Meeting - Thursday 04 June 2026 at 19:15PM

3083 Items for next meeting. First Aid Course and Support network

The meeting closed at 18:50.

Signed:

Councillor N Tregoning (Vice Chair to the Parish Council)

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