

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Littleham Village Hall on Thursday 2nd July 2026
at 19:15 hours**

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

Apologies : Councillors: L Batty, C Hassall, G Smith, J Gershon

Also Present: M Barry (County Councillor)

In Attendance: Mike Norton Clerk to the Council

3094 - The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and apologies were accepted.

3095 - 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. J Gershon passed his updated Declarations sheet to the Clerk

The Council RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders and adjourn the meeting at 19:16.

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. There was no news on Local Government Review, progress being made in SEND and the Exeter/Petroc College merger to create North Devon College had extinguished SEND places however this was being addressed.

The Council reconvened at 19:26.

3096 – It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes 3084-3093 of 4th June 2026 meeting.

3097 – Matters arising from Minutes.

The First Aid Course was fully subscribed with a waiting list. It was **resolved unanimously** approved to pay invoices for course fees and hall hire when received.

3098 – DCC Road Warden Scheme

Jonathan Gershon had enrolled on the training. County Councillor Mark Barry advised that Monkleigh and Weare Giffard were also participating in the scheme.

3099 – Finance

- (a) The Cashbook and Income and Expenditure accounts with bank reconciliation were unanimously approved.
- (b) Payments made since the previous meeting were noted.

3100 – 20 is Plenty signage.

Following discussion it was Unanimously agreed to purchase up to six A3 reflective aluminium signs and fixings to be located on village signs.

3101 – Biodiversity.

A Biodiversity Group meeting had been held on 1st July. The proposed Nature Trail with signs and QR codes were discussed. The trail would be launched in 2027 with an event at the Village Hall with refreshments. It was unanimously approved that the Parish Council submit a National Lottery bid .
It was also noted that maintenance on the village telephone box was planned.

3102 – Community Energy.

The feasibility study was ongoing and was currently looking at grid connections.

3103 – Tarka Trail Bench.

The Parish Council had been requested to support the placement of a bench on the Tarka Trail near the Ironbridge and to fund a plaque with a cost of upto £20. This was agreed and would be put on the website and discussed with Landcross Councillors.

3104 – Parish Clerk's Report and consideration of correspondence and communications requiring attention.

- (a.) The Planning Appeal decision for the proposed development at the Asda end of the village had been reject by the Planning Inspectorate. The decision had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b.) North Devon Council had sent an email regarding the scoping consultation for the next Local Plan. There was no document sent and it was web based with a return date of 11th August. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate the email for councillors to review and send comments to P Jollands to co-ordinate the parish submission.

- (c.) DALC advised that with LGR then the county and district council elections would be deferred resulting in the costs of Town and Parish elections held in 2027 falling wholly on Town and Parish Councils. DALC were requesting that the 2027 Town and Parish Council elections be postponed.
- (d.) The substandard repair to the road near Asda roundabout would receive tarmac on Friday 3rd July.
- (e.) 2 emails had been received regarding the proposed AI Data Campus planned between Weare Giffard and Great Torrington. Councillors discussed what was known about the initial proposal at this time. It was agreed that the Parish Council was aware of the development and will be attending meetings. Given that this is an initial proposal a formal application has yet to be submitted to Torridge District Council at this stage.
- (f.) M Manley advised that the Airband wireless network had now been installed at the village hall.

3105 - Next Full Council Meeting - Thursday 03 September 2026 at 19:15PM

3106 Items for next meeting. None

The meeting closed at 20:19.

Signed:

Councillor N Tregoning (Vice Chair to the Parish Council)

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