

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Littleham Village Hall on Thursday 3rd
September 2026 at 19:15 hours**

Present: Councillors: N Tregoning (Vice Chair), G Smith, G Gray, M Manley, J Gershon, P Footman.

Apologies : Councillors: L Batty, C Hassall, S Read, M Brooks P Jollands

Also Present: M Barry (County Councillor)

In Attendance: Mike Norton Clerk to the Council

3107 - The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and apologies were accepted.

3108 - 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 19:16.

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. Topics covered by the report included the temporary closure of the maternity unit at NDDH, Road Warden Scheme, Farmers drought support, SEND, Energy costs and revised rules not permitting 20 is Plenty signage being placed on DCC land.

District Councillor Phillip Pennington was unable to attend and sent a brief report covering LGR, the Devon Data Centre and the referendum for Northam Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council reconvened at 19:35.

3109 – It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes 3094-3106 of 2nd July 2026 meeting.

3110 – Matters arising from Minutes.

The National Lottery bid for the Nature Trail (minute 3101) had been successful.

Community Energy (minute 3102) the connection to the National Grid had been costed and made the project unviable. Other solutions were being looked into.

Jonathan Gershon advised that the Tarka Trail bench (minute 3103) was to be made of oak and construction was now in progress.

3111 – Planning

Land to the north of Church Lane Littleham, it was noted that the Planning Inspectorate had refused the appeal on this application.

3112 – Registration with Information Commissioners Office

The registration was noted and the Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost of obtaining parish council email addresses for all parish councillors.

3113 – Finance

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

3114 – 20 is Plenty signage.

Two signs had been purchased and attached to the Littleham village signs. Since placing the signs Devon County Council had revised its rules regarding placement of 20 is Plenty signage. Following discussion it was decided to remove the signs and pause plans for further signs pending identification of suitable locations compliant with Devon County Council guidelines. It was **Resolved** (5 in favour, 1 against) to instruct the Clerk to write to Devon County Council to record the Parish Council's disappointment at the conflicting DCC policies with the parish council following advice of one department and being penalised when the rules were revised. The next meeting of the Parish Council will reconsider signage options in Littleham, Landcross and Whitehall.

3115 – First Aid Course.

Jonathan Gershon had circulated a report regarding the successful first aid course that had been over-subscribed with additional places filled. Future options may include making critical bleed kits etc. available in the parish. Following discussion Jonathan Gershon was asked to set out what future support may be requested from the Parish Council and to ask the Parish Clerk to check acceptability with DALC etc. before the next meeting.

3116 – Parish Plan.

Jonathan Gershon reported that the Parish Plan group had met and the starting point was to be a consultation document to be circulated online with printed versions also being available.

3117 – Parish Newsletter.

Martin Manley advised that he was putting together the next parish newsletter. It was to be an A4 sheet and be ready for distribution at the end of the month.

3118 – Parish Clerk’s Report and consideration of correspondence and communications requiring attention.

- (a.) A Bradworthy resident had contacted the clerk in August regarding changes to the 372 bus timetable. It was noted that the timetable revisions came into effect on 30th August.
- (b.) A Landcross resident had emailed the clerk concerning dog mess in the lane through Landcross and the footpath to the Tarka Trail and on the Tarka Trail itself. A sign had been requested for the noticeboard. Following discussion it was decided to refer the issue to Torridge District Council’s Environmental Services Department.
- (c.) The Clerk requested authorisation to attend the DALC annual conference and AGM on 7th October in Exeter at a cost to the Parish Council of £60 plus VAT. The request was supported unanimously by the council.
- (d.) The clerk had received an email from Devon County Council advising that the contract for installation of electric vehicle charging points in parishes had been awarded and work would commence soon. The clerk was advised to contact Devon County Council to establish when this may happen in our area.
- (e.) Emails had been received regarding the proposed AI Data Campus/Battery storage/X-Links project planned between Weare Giffard and Great Torrington. Given that this is an initial proposal and a formal application has yet to be submitted to Torridge District Council at this stage it was too early to respond to any meeting requests etc. at this time.

3119 - Next Full Council Meeting - Thursday 01 October 2026 at 19:15PM

3120 - Items for next meeting. None

The meeting closed at 20:46.

Signed:

Councillor P Jollands (Chair to the Parish Council)

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