

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Littleham Village Hall on Thursday 5th February 2026 at 19.15 hours

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

Apologies : Councillors: J Gershon, L Batty, C Hassall.

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

In Attendance: Mike Norton Clerk to the Council

3031 - The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and apologies were accepted.

3032 - 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].

No declarations of interest were made.

The Council RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders and adjourn the meeting at 7:20.

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).*

District Councillor Phillip Pennington explained that Refuse and Recycling crews were experiencing difficulties undertaking their work at present due to the numerous road closures following recent heavy rain. The Local Government Reorganisation options were now open to public consultation and the consultation period closes on 26th March 2026. The Environmental Centre was now operational and progress was being made on the Appledore Innovation and Maritime Centre project at Middle Dock Appledore.

Devon County Councillor M Barry presented his written report *(that forms part of these minutes)*. The report covered topics including the costs of SEND service increasing, the winter damage to the roads challenging the Highways teams and DCC was needing more Foster carers.

The Council reconvened at 19:45.

3033 – It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes 3015-3030

3034 – Matters arising from Minutes.

M2997 The consultation of the future of the Phone Box was ongoing. It was noted that the phone box now needed maintenance.

M3010 Parish Plan update- P Jollands reported the sub-group had met. Devon Communities Together had been contacted and would make a significant charge if they were to be involved with the process so was not considered a viable option at this time. P Jollands proposed forming a Steering Group following the Annual Parish Meeting. This was supported unanimously by all Parish councillors.

M3017 Defibrillator. M Norton (Clerk) advised that the Parish Council application for a free Defibrillator from British Heart Foundation had been submitted and a decision was expected in 8 weeks.

M3021 Mobile Phone Signal. P Jollands and M Manley had attended a Connectivity Forum in Holsworthy organised by Geoffrey Cox MP. M Manley reported that it was useful although it concentrated on Broadband however a further meeting regarding mobile signal is planned in April.

3035 –Planning 1/0904/2025/FULL

Planning Decision to approve the covered farmyard was noted.

3036 –Planning 1/0987/2025/PIP Permission in Principle for construction of up to 3 dwellings.

The consultation was discussed and the following response was proposed:- In principle the site could be suitable for small scale development subject to resolution of issues regarding insufficient sewage capacity, traffic and sustainability considerations. Should a development go forward a contribution to village infrastructure would be expected. This was approved by seven votes in favour and one abstention.

3037 – Snow Warden/Grit Bins

Following a discussion M Manley volunteered and was unanimously approved as Snow Warden for the Parish.

3038 – Post Office/Mobile Banking

N Tregoning, M Manley and M Norton (Clerk) had made enquiries and established that the Post Office needed to be contacted. Parish Clerk requested to follow up with the Post Office to ascertain whether a visit to Littleham would be feasible.

3039 – Shutta Track Maintenance

It was decided to arrange for the Shutta Path (Upadown Lane) to be cut before the end of February from the Parish paths budget. The restricted access to the path limited who was able to cut the path and a local contractor with the appropriate equipment had provided an estimate of £240. Whilst it would normally be the landowners responsibility to cut the path the Chair noted that the landowner cut the Playing Field hedges as a goodwill gesture. The Chair agreed to approach the landowner to seek permission to cut the hedge and future contributions to the cost of maintenance will be sought.

3040 – Biodiversity

P Jollands confirmed Biodiversity event planned for 14th March 2-4PM at the village hall.

3041 – Finance

The Cashbook dated 26th January 2026 and the payments/income since the previous meeting were noted. The payments listed were approved.

(The document is an attachment to and forms part of the Minutes)

It was RESOLVED to approve the documents and the information as presented.

3042 – Annual Parish Meeting

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed for May 7th at 7PM and a speaker will be arranged to talk about the Parish Plan. The monthly Parish Council meeting will follow at 8PM.

3043 – Parish Clerk’s Report and consideration of correspondence and communications requiring attention.

The Clerk advised that an amendment to a planned landscaping at the large development at Clovelly Road (previously consulted upon) had been withdrawn. An email had been received from a parishioner relating to M3017 Defibrillators-Clerk to refer to Defibrillator Group and M3039 Shutta Track Maintenance-Clerk to reply.

No other urgent items had been received beyond items already circulated to councillors by email.

3044 – Items for next meeting

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3045 - Next Full Council Meeting - Thursday 05 March 2026.

The meeting closed at 20:42.

Signed:

Councillor P Jollands (Chair to the Parish Council)

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