

Linkinhorne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
18th June 2007 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall at 7.00 pm

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Daniel

PRESENT: Chairman Richard Masson, Vice Chairman Mike Todd, Councillors Carl Hearn, Christine Hordley, David Lobban, Beryl Martin and Kay Willisson
County Councillor Bob Emuss
PC Garth Hatt
OFFICER: Kate Dilworth, Clerk

2. MINUTES The minutes of the Council Meeting of 14th May 2007 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. REPORTS from and matters of concern to:

a) Police Constable Garth Hatt –reported he was now the Neighbourhood Officer, supported by PCSO Ian Kenny, for the parish up to the river boundary at Rilla Mill, with Callington providing cover for the Linkinhorne/Rilla Mill area. PC Hatt had written an article for the Link introducing themselves to the parish, had visited the school and was now looking to re-establish the neighbourhood watch system, particularly around the school. PC Hatt advised he was aware of the issue of motor-bikes and quad-bikes on the moors and was working toward putting a stop to it. There had been no crime in the last five to six weeks, but active patrols in rural car parks would be taking place during the summer months to deter theft from motor vehicles. PC Hatt said he would try to attend as many meetings as possible but that if there was no crime to report apologies would be sent to Clerk.

Cllr Martin congratulated PC Hatt for making use of the Link magazine and it was agreed the Clerk would write to make formal representation about the boundary issue.

b) County Councillor Emuss – Local Government White Paper was to be considered by the full County Council at Truro on 19th June with a motion that the unitary application be withdrawn from Government.

Cllr Emuss advised that the Caradon Hill Project was considered a separate matter from the cattle grid and that the support of the Commoners in the Project was considered vital. It was noted that the Commoners needed to decide at their July meeting whether or not to support the Caradon Hill project and that they had issues in respect of the legality and insurance regarding mine restoration.

c) District Councillor Martin – Caradon were also holding a special meeting on 19th June in respect of the White Paper and the outcome of the local poll

4. HIGHWAYS

In view of the lack of attendance by the Divisional Surveyor and Area Surveyor at the meeting scheduled for 6.30pm it was agreed the Clerk would contact the Divisional Surveyor for a new meeting and also to follow up progress on the Caradon Town junction.

Henwood cattle grid – Cllr Emuss reported that a meeting had been held between representatives of the Caradon Hill Project Team, landowners Chris Browning and Mrs Medland, the Commoners and County Council Officers and that a public meeting was scheduled to be held in the coming months. Cllr Emuss advised that the funding of a possible cattle grid would hopefully come from County Council funds rather than his budget and that it was acknowledged by Highways/County that it was likely to

happen at some stage irrespective of the Caradon Hill Project.

Cllr Masson commented that the Henwood Residents didn't want a cattle grid and Cllr Emuss suggested that with the increasing stock on the moor there would be an increasing need for the grid. Cllr Willisson made reference to the noise of a cattle grid and the potential bottleneck for horses.

5. PLAY EQUIPMENT RISK ASSESSMENTS

- a) Jubilee Field – Cllr Martin reported that the picnic tables had been re-set and the Chairman advised he had removed the half tyre and protruding bolt from one of the pipes.
- b) Rilla Mill – Cllr Todd reported that there were two small areas of safety matting that needed scraping out and tapping down again but were not currently unsafe.

6. PLANNING *Cllr Martin and Cllr Lobban abstained from voting on any planning items and their votes are not counted below.*

a) APPLICATIONS

- i) 07/00625/FUL INSTALLATION OF NINE 0.3 DISH ANTENNAS, TWO 0.6 DISH ANTENNAS AND ONE 1.2 M DISH ANTENNA ON EXISTING MAST, ARQIVA TRANSMITTING STATION, CARADON HILL, MINIONS

It was resolved to comment that Arquiva had previously talked with the Parish Council and discussed site management and that the Council would have preferred to have seen the application in the broader context of site management, and would draw attention to the proliferation of the installation of dishes on the site. Request be made that as and when dishes become redundant they be removed and that Arquiva advise the parish council of the number to be removed.

- ii) 07/00680/TRECON TANGLEWOOD, RILLA MILL *Cllr Hearn declared personal interest and departed the meeting for this item.* It was resolved that the Parish Council considered that as the tree is outside of the conservation area the Council had no objection but would comment that crown reduction and thinning would be appropriate.

7. ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

a) Supporting use of local shops

Following correspondence from Janice Bell about the support of local shops the Council discussed the possibility of appropriate signage. It was agreed that all shops and local business provided an important resource for the community generally and it was resolved the Chairman would write an article for the Link.

b) Jubilee Field play equipment purchase

Cllr Todd reported that FD Hall & Son had provided an estimated costing for the replacement of the existing playhouse in accordance with EC standards for materials and fastenings, and suggested that to keep it clear of water tables it be assembled on concrete base in accordance with EC standards but within the limits of the size of the playhouse. The estimate was for a playhouse half as wide again as the existing with a size of 2100 mm x 1200 mm x 2200 mm to the eaves (same as existing) – with all specifications being substantial and to some extent better than existing, including manufacture, fixing and application of stain varnishes to EC standards. Estimated price of £7337 plus VAT.

Quotations had already been sought from Wicksteed and Playdale.

Issues raised in relation to the replacement of the playhouse included:

- the amount of the budgeted spend in relation to the overall level of council tax precept

- the importance of every reasonable step being taken to ensure the same safeguards and a completion date were set in place whether a commercial play equipment supplier or local firm were awarded the works
- the consistency of the replacement of other equipment in the future
- appropriate surfacing

It was resolved that an appointment be made by the Chairman and Cllr Todd with FD Halls to establish a formal written quotation with completion date for consideration at the next meeting, with the figure to include a post installation inspection and safety surfacing if required by ROSPA.

Cllr Hearn abstained from the above item on the basis of concerns in respect of the level of spend and the potential for play equipment to become a burden in terms of health and safety and risk for the Council.

c) Website: www.linkinhorneparish.co.uk

Cllr Todd had prepared a list of comments to forward to Westernweb and it was suggested that the submission of photos by parishioners for the website might be a way forward. Cllr Hearn recommended copies of policy documents, minutes, accounts etc be made available through the website which would fulfil Freedom of Information Act requirements and it was suggested that dates for removing of items would be useful.

d) Review of policy documents

It was resolved to hold an informal working party meeting on 22nd June to review the documents for approval at the July meeting.

e) Local Government White Paper and Cornwall County Council's One Cornwall – *Cllr Hearn declared personal and prejudicial interest by virtue of employment and departed the meeting for this item.* In the light of the Caradon press release acknowledging how most of the community had voted against the proposal it was agreed the Chairman's draft response be sent by the Clerk.

f) Co-option process

The Clerk advised that nine letters had been received expressing interest for the five vacancies and it was resolved to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on Monday 25th June at 7pm at Linkinhorne Parish Hall to make the co-options.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence needing a decision

- i) Following his previous correspondence Mr Miles Luscombe had requested an explanation as to why the parish council had not simply repaid the unspent grant monies to Caradon. It was resolved the Clerk respond that it was not possible to simply repay the money as Caradon's grant scheme did not operate in that way and that Caradon were currently reviewing their grant scheme.

9. FINANCE

- a) Cash flow of accounts were signed as agreeing with the bank statements shown and the Clerk apologised for allowing the current account to go overdrawn. .
- b) It was resolved to approve the following payments: i) Linkinhorne Parish Hall £18.00, ii) LM Todd/Penquile £512.00, iii) Clerk's expenses £52.70
Cllr Lobban and Cllr Todd declared personal interests..
- c) Receipts: i) £20.00 walks booklets

10. SUBJECTS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA (MONDAY 9TH JULY 2007)

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- a) Affordable housing
- b) Working group for Jubilee Field
- c) Working parties

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.06pm