

Linkinhorne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 13th August 2007 at St Paul's Room, Upton Cross at 7.00 pm

1. PRESENT: Cllr Richard Masson (Chairman), Cllr Mike Todd (Vice Chairman), Cllr Chris Daniel, Cllr Kim Gilbert, Cllr Carl Hearn, Cllr Malcolm Hopes, Cllr David Lobban, Cllr Beryl Martin, Cllr Dave Roberts, Cllr Bernard Wooster
OFFICER: Mrs Kate Dilworth (Clerk)
APOLOGIES: County Councillor Emuss, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Willisson, PCSO Mark Stribley
2. MINUTES The minutes of the Council Meeting of 9th July 2007 were approved as an accurate record subject to amendment on Page 101 3b(iii) of Cllr Martin being appointed Vice Chair of the Committee, and were signed by the Chairman.
3. REPORTS from and matters of concern to: District Councillor and Police
Correspondence from Chief Inspector J Meakin and Inspector J Turner
 - a) Cllr Martin advised:
 - i) there would be a Council meeting on 23rd of August focusing on the Inspectors Report in respect of the local plan, and on OneCornwall.
 - ii) it was anticipated that the last day of March 2009 would see Caradon closed, with a new unitary authority from 1st April 2009
 - iii) there was discussion of holding elections for a shadow council next May and that the Boundary Commission were looking at the Wards presently covered by County Councillors.
 - b) Correspondence from Sector Inspector for Liskeard and Looe, Inspector Meakin *"We have long recognised the difficulties relating to the address and postcode issues within the wider Lynher Ward which includes Linkinhorne Parish. Following consultation, I have made the decision that the whole of the area will be covered from Liskeard Police Station and have made arrangements for the Force Command and Control System to recognise the new area of responsibility. I am grateful for your positive comments in relation to the service being received from Constable Garth Hatt, Neighbourhood Beat Manager for the Liskeard rural area. I am pleased to advise that Constable Hatt, working with PCSO Ian Kenny, will have responsibility for supporting the Linkinhorne Parish in total from this date forward. ."*
4. HIGHWAYS
 - a) Correspondence from Divisional Surveyor
It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor and offer two possible dates, 17th or 20th September at 8.45 am, for a meeting with Councillors to discuss concerns of traffic around the Upton Cross junction.
 - b) Debris between Henwood and Minions following recent works
It was agreed the Clerk contact Paul Terrett as one of the landowners to enquire whether they had any issues the Parish Council might take up on their behalf following the works by Western Power Distribution. *(Mr Terrett advised the Clerk that he and the other landowners took their responsibilities seriously and had already held a meeting with Western Power Distribution and that they did not need the Parish Council to get involved.)*
5. PLAY EQUIPMENT RISK ASSESSMENTS
 - a) RILLA MILL – Cllr Todd had reported the maintenance issues with the baby swing identified in the ROSPA report to Wicksteed and their maintenance engineer had visited the site and resolved the issue. There were no further concerns.
 - b) UPTON CROSS – Cllr Martin reported that something had been digging underneath the playhouse slide, a smashed slate had been removed from around the climbing frame and that rabbits were causing a potential problem with the drains.
The Clerk updated the Council in respect of the emergency repairs to the gate from the B3254 into Jubilee Field that had been damaged during the School Fun Day. On further inspection by Cllr Todd it was found that the gate was in need of replacement rather than repair and so under

the Clerk's delegated authority for health and safety emergency repairs a new gate had been purchased and installed at a cost of £106.98 plus VAT with fastenings at £7.90 plus VAT.

6. PLANNING *Cllr Martin and Cllr Lobban abstained from voting on any planning item and their vote is not counted below.*

a. APPLICATIONS

- i. 2007/00960/FUL INSTALLATION OF 16 HEAT EXCHANGERS AND TWO TEMPORARY TELEVISION TRANSMITTERS FOR DIGITAL SWITCHOVER, ARQUIVA TRANSMITTING STATION, CARADON HILL
It was resolved the parish council had no objection subject to appropriate landscaping and screening and a long term development plan including the removal of redundant and temporary equipment. (The Clerk to look up the conditions of earlier planning permissions.)
- ii. 2007/00676/LBC REPLACEMENT OF CONSERVATORY WINDOWS, NEW PATIO DOOR AND STEP DOWN TO PATIO AT CLOUDS HILL COTTAGE, HIGHER STANBEAR, HENWOOD
It was resolved the parish council did not object or support the application but felt that the conservatory windows could be more appropriately designed.
- iii. 2007/00779/FUL RETENTION OF MENAGE ON LAND AT WYNEATES, SHARPTOR, HENWOOD
Cllr Wooster declared a personal and prejudicial interest and departed the meeting for this item.
It was resolved that the parish council had no objection subject to the impact on the landscape being properly assessed and that any adverse impacts be suitably addressed.
- iv. 2007/00942/FUL ERECTION OF TWO STABLE BLOCKS AND A SAND SCHOOL ON LAND AT LITTLE LANHARGY, BRAY SHOP
It was resolved the parish council objected to the proposal as they had too many concerns with the application as presented. The concerns covered screening, scale, mass and potential urban appearance of the roof-scape, and the need for consideration of the location and siting of the buildings' configuration so that something with less overall impact be achieved. *There were three abstentions.*
- v. 2007/01025/FUL PROPOSED EXTENSION TO REPLACE GARDEN ROOM WITH BAY WINDOW AT HENWOOD BARN, HENWOOD
It was resolved to support the application.
- vi. 2007/00874/FUL CONSTRUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL SHED FOR STORAGE OF MACHINERY ON LAND AT REAR OF STERTS CENTRE AND STERTS HOUSE, UPTON CROSS
Cllr Horrell declared a personal and non prejudicial interest.
It was resolved the parish council were unable to approve the application due insufficient information and concerns over size of the building with regard to land it serves, the usage of the building, the location of the building and the proposed roadway to it, which the parish council would query whether it required engineering works, and concerns about the restricted access, potential impact of usage of a narrow road out onto the B3254. It was requested that should the District Council be mindful of granting the application the parish council would request that the application be restricted to the storage of agricultural machinery and a planning gain to retain the footpath be included.
- vii. 2007/01083/FUL CONSTRUCTION OF CONSERVATORY TO REAR ELEVATION OF DWELLING AT 2 NEWHOUSES, RILLA MILL
Cllr Hopes declared a personal interest by virtue of knowing the applicants.
It was resolved to support the application.
- viii. 2007/00981/CON CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING PORCH AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PORCH, TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO GABLE AND REAR ELEVATIONS AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT 1 MIDMOOR COTTAGES, MINIONS
It was resolved that parish council were unable to support the application as received due to concerns about the mass and impact of the rear elevations which would appear to be inappropriate to the existing terraced building within the conservation area.
- ix. 2007/00980/CON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PORCH (DEMOLITION OF EXISITNG), CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO GABLE AND REAR ELEVATIONS AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT 1 MIDMOOR COTTAGES, MINIONS

It was resolved that the parish council would not support demolition until such time as a satisfactory scheme has been approved.

The meeting was adjourned for presentation by Mr Phil Barnes in respect of Rilla Mill Chapel. It was agreed the parish councillors would visit Rilla Mill Chapel on Monday 20th August at 7pm or 3rd September at 7pm.

The meeting was then reconvened.

7. ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

a) Adoption of revised model code of conduct, Standing Orders and declarations of acceptance of office

It was resolved to adopt the revised Model Code of Conduct Order, including sections 12(2) and the 10 general principles of Conduct in Local Government as an annexe (as set out in in SI 2001 1401 Code of Conduct).

Paragraph 12(2) "essentially gives members the same rights to speak at meetings as a member of the public".

It was resolved to approved the amendment of the Parish Council's Standing Orders to reflect the adoption of the revised model code of conduct order and Councillors signed new declarations of acceptance of office in accordance with the new Code.

b) Jubilee Field play equipment

Comments on the drawings for the replacement playhouse from Little Links Toddler Group and the Reception Teacher had been incorporated together with increased visibility through the playhouse. It was resolved the Clerk write to FD Hall & Sons setting out the requirements of the playhouse.

It was noted that the goalpost had been delivered with one side having been installed by Cllr Todd and Cllr Hopes and the remaining to be set in place when the weather improved. It was resolved to approve the expenditure of the concrete to fix the sockets in place at a cost of aggregate £28.00, cement £16.20, and delivery of £6.00, total including VAT £58.99.

c) Website – photographic competition and advertising

It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Barry Isaac of Western Web confirming the Parish Council wished to go ahead with block banner advertising on the website of local business at a guide price of £50 per year, with Mr Isaac acting as agent and the Parish Council retaining the right to refuse any advert considered unsuitable, and with a photographic competition inviting parishioners to send in photos of the parish of which two winning entries would be put up onto the site each month.

d) Bench plaques and refurbishment

Following the Risk Management Review, it was resolved that the Clerk purchase two brass plaques, one for the bench at Minions and for the bench at Rilla Mill, with wording to match that on the bench at Rillaton, from Liskeard Signs and Trophies as per the prices quoted.

e) Roberts & Jeffery Foundation trustee vacancy

Mrs Ham, Secretary and Trustee to the Foundation had written to advise of Mr George Wilson's resignation from the Charity. In accordance with the Scheme of the charity, it was resolved that the Clerk write to all the existing Trustees and seek their written confirmation as to whether they were prepared to continue for a period of three years.

f) Suggestions box

It was resolved to accept Cllr Roberts offer of a suggestions box in Upton Cross Shop.

g) Signage for Higher Stanbear

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor to ask whether signage for Higher Stanbear could be put in place on the road between Minions and Henwood.

h) Burial ground hedge maintenance

It was resolved that the Clerk would arrange for Lynher Valley Tree Care to give an assessment on the whole hedge, with replacement on the gaps and lopping of overhanging trees.

8. FINANCE

- a) Cash flow of accounts The cash flow of account were approved as agreeing with the bank statements shown.
- b) Payments: i) Clerk's expenses £63.00 ii) Tavistock Woodland Sawmill Ltd £106.98 plus VAT, iii) Cornwall County Council £228.50 plus VAT, iv) WesternWeb Ltd £352.00 plus VAT, v) Hawkash Ltd £557.45 plus VAT vi) Cllr Todd £68.27

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Clerk reported that Cornwall County Council had requested a copy of the parish plan. The plan had been sent with a note explaining that it was now somewhat out of date which had led to a phone call from Michael Spinks of Caradon. Mr Spinks advised that the Cornwall Rural Community Council were considering the possibility of making funding available to update parish plans and that there was also the possibility of applying to Caradon's Economic Development Fund for monies towards the cost of updating parish plans.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10TH SEPTEMBER 2007, UPTON CROSS PARISH HALL

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.