

Linkinhorne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 8th October 2007 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross at 7.00 pm

Open session:

There were four members of the public in attendance at the start of the meeting. Two members of the public spoke in respect of the affordable housing drawings, specifically about affordability and in support of the drawings supplied. Comment was also made of the desirability of seeing sustainability and energy efficiency for the dwellings and the need for sufficient parking.

- 1) APOLOGIES: County Cllr Emuss, PC Hatt, Cllr Daniel, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Masson
PRESENT: Cllr Todd in the Chair, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Martin, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Willisson, Cllr Wooster
Mrs Kate Dilworth, Clerk
- 2) MINUTES
It was requested that the following amendments be made to the minutes of the meeting of 10th September:
3(a)i 'district' council be amended to 'county council'.
3(b)i – remove 'without preparation at all'.
6(iv) Cllr Martin had declared a personal and prejudicial interest and departed the meeting for this item. 7(d)i "re-siting" to replace "replacement".
Cllr Hope had attended the September meeting.
Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting of 10th September were signed as an accurate record.
- 3) REPORTS from and matters of concern to:
 - a) District Councillor Martin: Caradon had responded to the Government consultation that they were in support of elections being held in 2008/09 and a decision would be known following the Order being made in Parliament in November. Cllr Martin understood there was a proposal to establish a joint committee with 12 District Councillors and 12 County Councillors to start the integration process, with appointments to be made in next few months.
Caradon had approved the Inspectors Report on the Local Plan and it was anticipated that all the policies would be integrated into one document within two or three months.
- 4) ONE CORNWALL Update from Cllr Lobban following meeting on 20th September with Cornwall County Council representatives:
Cllr Lobban advised that the critical issue had been felt to be the debate over the parish groupings that had been previously published, and that if elections were held in 2008 boundaries were likely to remain the same but if elections were in 2009 there was room change.
- 5) HIGHWAYS
No correspondence had been received from the Divisional Surveyor following the meeting with the parish council on 17th September and it was requested that the Clerk follow this up.
The removal of two dead foxes from a gateway at the rear of Sterts was noted to be the responsibility Caradon District Council.
Speeding traffic at Higher Stanbear, this was noted as a de-restricted road and Councillors were advised to contact PC Hatt with number plates of vehicles.
- 6) PLAY EQUIPMENT RISK ASSESSMENTS
 - a) JUBILEE FIELD – Cllr Todd agreed to look at the twisted chain on the left swing. Cllr Todd had made up some hooks to hold the goal post net in place.
 - b) PARSONS MEADOW – Cllr Todd reported that there was a loose shelf in the shop section and it was agreed to ask the manufacturers to re-fix the shelf under their guarantee.
- 7) PLANNING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. *Cllr Martin and Cllr Lobban abstained from voting on any planning item and their vote is not counted below.*
 - a) APPLICATIONS
 - i) 2007/00980/FUL CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PORCH (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING), CONSTRUCTION OF TWO-STORY EXTENSION TO GABLE AND REAR ELEVATIONS AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT 1 MIDMOOR COTTAGES, MINIONS: Revised plans.
It was resolved to comment that the Parish Council were unable to support the application

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due to continued concerns (as per the application considered in August) about the impact and mass of the elevations which would appear to be inappropriate to the existing terraced building within the conservation area, and which appeared to have a greater impact and mass on the amenity of the adjoining property with this particular application.

It was requested that the Clerk write to the Head of Development Control, Sue Walters, commenting on the lack of design and access statements provided with applications and to seek clarification about the return of the plans.

Cllr Hearn arrived.

- ii) 2007/00902/FUL DEMOLITION OF EXISTING TWO-STOREY EXTENSION AND REPLACE WITH TWO-STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LIVING ACCOMMODATION AT HAMLIN COTTAGE, RILLA MILL
Cllr Todd declared a personal interest by virtue of knowing the applicant.
It was resolved to support the application.

b) ANY OTHER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING

- i) 2007/01398/CON AND 2007/01275/OUT MASONS GARAGE, RILLA MILL: All Cllrs declared a personal interest with the exception of Cllr Hrean and Cllr Wooster. It was resolved to comment that the Parish Council felt unable to make a recommendation as insufficient information was available but would welcome the opportunity to comment and consider the applications further if fuller information was made available.

c) AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE *CLLR HEARN DELCARED A PERSONAL INTEREST.*

It was noted that the drawings were an advance copy prior to the formal planning application being submitted. Cllr Hearn circulated his comments to the meeting and the Clerk read out the Cllr Masson's comments e-mailed in his absence.

Following lengthy discussion it requested that the Clerk write to the Affordable Housing Manager to request an informal meeting with the Parish Council, the Affordable Housing Manager, West Country Housing Association, a representative of the Architects, and the Duchy of Cornwall, to discuss the plans prior to formal submission of the planning application. And the Clerk to query the plans as dated November 2005, the same date as the plans held on parish council files from the earlier consultation exercise which showed quite a different style. The Council also requested that information relating to the balance of provision in respect of rented/shared equity be made available, together with the current level of demand for housing in the Linkinhome parish and adjoining parishes.

Cllr Martin reported that she had been advised by Caradon District Council's Solicitor that those Councillors who were initially involved in the project would have to declare a personal interest and that she would be declaring a prejudicial interest when the matter came before Caradon District Council.

Cllr Willisson departed the meeting.

8) ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

a) Training:

- i) Revised Code of Conduct training session Monday 22nd October from 6.30pm to 8.00 pm at Luxstowe House, Liskeard, run by Caradon's Legal Services Team. Cllrs to advise Clerk if able to attend. (*Cllrs Hearn, Hopes, Horrell and Todd to attend*)
- ii) The Clerk had spoken to Sarah Mason of Cornwall Association of Local Councils about the possibility of them providing a training session for the Council. CALC had written and said that that they "would be able to attend a meeting of the parish council to deliver a bespoke training session to cover items such as the role of members and the clerk, best practice, the new code of conduct (in particular 12.2), community engagement and local consultation. The charge would be £150. It was resolved to go ahead with the training, to be held separately from a parish council meeting with Cllrs to advise Clerk of any particular items they would like included in the programme.

b) Jubilee Field

- i) It was noted that the ditch had been strimmed by County but would possibly need to be cleared later in the year and that it was a perennial problem.
- ii) The Council noted Alan Turner's comments about the vehicle in Jubilee Field and would monitor the situation.

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iii) *Cllr Todd declared a personal and prejudicial interest and departed the meeting for this item.*
The Clerk advised that Cllr Todd had indicated he would like to purchase the remainder of the ballast used in installing the goalposts at a cost of £11.00. It was resolved to approve the sale of the ballast to Cllr Todd.

c) Recycling Centre

i) The Clerk advised the Council of "Its Your Community Initiative to Fund 60 Projects Per Month" which provides grants of £100 to £1000 to individuals and groups to improve their local environment and that the types of projects approved in the past had included "recycling facilities in village halls etc". It was resolved the Clerk make an application for funding to replace the remaining fencing panels.

ii) The Clerk reported that a considerable amount of rubbish had been dumped at the centre recently and that Caradon had helpfully sent their Clearance Team to clean the site. Cllr Martin volunteered to monitor the recycling left at the site.

Cllr Lobban departed the meeting.

d) Dog bin for Upper Minions Car Park – Cllr Willisson had requested a dog bin be placed at the car park and it was noted that the Commoners had been pressing for this for a long time and that both car parks belonged to Caradon. It was agreed the Clerk write to the Cleansing Officer at Caradon and request Caradon given consideration to placing dog waste bins at both the car parks at Minions.

e) Publicity for dog waste collection service. It was agreed that Cllr Martin would place something in the Link about the service offered by Caradon.

9) FINANCE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) Precept – in view of the number of apologies received for the meeting it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

b) The cash flow of accounts was approved as agreeing with the bank statements shown and signed an accurate record.

c) It was resolved to approve the following payments: i) Clerk's expenses £16.68 ii) Linkinhorne Parish Hall £66.00 (rent).

10) CORRESPONDENCE as listed, copies available at the meeting.

a) Parish Plans Caradon's Parish Plan Network Manager, Michael Hinks had e-mailed the Clerk to confirm that the Cornwall Rural Community Council had now agreed that they will accept applications for funding for updating of parish plans. Mr Hinks suggested it would be helpful to have an initial meeting between the parish council (and St Ive), and the CRCC and it was agreed the Clerk would write and confirm the parish council's agreement with this.

b) Highways had written and enclosed two sign designs for the proposed name plates at Higher Stanbear and requested the parish council mark two suitable location points on the map. It was agreed the Clerk would seek advice from Cllr Willisson as to the location Higher Stanbear residents required, and whether they were happy with the proposed designs.

c) Caradon's Legal Services Team had written to advise of the Power of Standards Committee to grant dispensation, and that the District Council had resolved that the six members who were appointed to hear and determine cases concerning District Councillors also make determinations on cases concerning parish and town councillors.

d) Remembrance Service – Howard Martin had contacted the Clerk with an invitation for interested Councillors to join the Scouts on Friday 9th November for their Remembrance Parade. Cllr Roberts volunteered to represent the parish council.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm.