

## Linkinhorne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at Rilla Mill Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Under open session Group Captain Paul Terrett spoke in respect of planning application number 2007/01529/FUL Construction of extension to Sunday School Room at Old School Room, Upton Cross.

- 1) APOLOGIES: Cllrs Carl Hearn, Beryl Martin, Dave Roberts, Mike Todd, Kay Willisson, County Councillor Emuss and PC Hatt
- 2) PRESENT: Chairman Richard Masson, Cllrs Chris Daniel, Kim Gilbert, Malcolm Hopes, Christine Hordley, Ian Horrell, Bernard Wooster  
Mrs Kate Dilworth, Clerk  
Michael Hinks, Caradon District Council  
There was one member of the public present.
- 3) MINUTES The minutes of the Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) REPORTS from and matters of concern to:
  - a) County Councillor Bob Emuss had advised the Clerk via e-mail that Steve Ewing had not yet received a letter from the landowner regarding the piece of land she said she would "gift" to Cornwall County Council (CCC) at the Junction B3254/Caradon Town, and that until that had been received by CCC they were unable to proceed with the scheme. CC Emuss had suggested that the Parish Council could write to or visit the landowner.
  - b) District Councillor Beryl Martin  
Cllr Wooster updated the Council on progress with the Caradon Hill Heritage Project in Cllr Martin's absence and advised that the group were now working to discuss a way forward with a meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm and that nothing would be done on land owned by people not willing to be involved.  
The Chairman reported the main points in The Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008 as advised by Caradon:
    - i) Elections for the new Council will be held in 2009
    - ii) Elections for town/parish councils will take place in 2013
    - iii) The Implementation Executive shall consist of 12 members from the County Council and two from each District Council
    - iv) The Joint Implementation Team shall consist of all seven Chief Executives
    - v) Joint scrutiny arrangements will be set up to scrutinise the decisions of the Implementation Executive.
  - c) PC Garth Hunt  
PC Hatt had advised the Clerk via email that there were no recorded crimes and incidents since the last meeting to report.
- 5) PLAY EQUIPMENT RISK ASSESSMENTS
  - a) Jubilee Field: It was noted that the playhouse was now in place at Jubilee Field although not yet finished and thanks were expressed to Cllr Todd and Cllr Hopes for installing the safety matting. It was agreed the Chairman would draft a press release and to invite Howard Martin to take some photographs.  
Cllr Martin had advised by e-mail that she had moved a block taken from the bank and placed against the tunnels as a leg up and that she had asked Cllr Todd to comment on her suggestion that burial ground waste could be used to stabilise the bank so that the stones are not so accessible. Other than the mole activity there was nothing to report.
  - b) Parson's Meadow: Nothing to report.
- 6) PLANNING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
  - a) APPLICATIONS
    - i) 2007/01533/FUL CONSTRUCTION OF TWO-STOREY EXTENSION AT LITTLE LANHARGY, BRAY SHOP It was resolved to support the application.

- ii) 2007/01529/FUL CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM AT OLD SCHOOL ROOM, UPTON CROSS The meeting was adjourned for presentation by Group Captain Paul Terrett. Upon being reconvened it was resolved to support the application subject to consideration being given to a rendered block-work finish as opposed to timber cladding.
- iii) 2007/01570/FUL CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITY ROOM TO NORTH WEST CORNER AND PORCH ON SOUTH EAST ELEVATION OF DWELLING. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GARAGE/WORKSHOP (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING TIMBER GARAGE/WOODSTORE) AT LOWER NETHERTON COTTAGE, RILLA MILL *Cllr Horrell declared a personal and prejudicial interest and the meeting was adjourned for Cllr Horrell to speak under open session as a member of the public. Upon the meeting being reconvened, Cllr Horrell departed the meeting for this item. Cllr Daniel declared a personal interest. It was resolved to support the application.*

b) ANY OTHER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING

- i) 2007/01654/FUL LAND AND BULDINGS AT NETHERTON FARM, UPTON CROSS *Cllr Horrell declared a personal interest by virtue of being a neighbour.* It was resolved to support the application subject to a marketing report having been received by Caradon District Council identifying no requirement for the property for employment use and a Section 106 tying the manager's accommodation to the provision of holiday accommodation.

c) DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM CARADON

- i) 2007/001452/TRECON Request to carry out works to trees in a conservation area: Moorcot, Upton Cross – approved.

7) PARISH PLAN Michael Hinks, IAP Manager, Caradon District Council

Michael Hinks explained the history to the introduction of parish plans and the support from the Countryside Agency in 2003 and that Linkinhorne's plan had been one of the first plans to have been produced and was seen as an exemplar. Defra were now providing some additional funding for communities who wanted to go back and do a brief refresh of their plans. Applications for funding would need to be submitted by the end of March 2008 but there was the possibility of further refresh work on parish plans being funded through EU funding for community regeneration. The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had discussed the need to update the plan on previous occasions and that they had sought people from the community to come forward but no interest had been received. There was discussion on the provision of funding for administering the review process.

Mr Hinks spoke of the new European convergence funding which would offer more opportunity than that available under Objective One and would be targeted on rural regeneration in a more holistic way, with a specific strand focusing on improving the economy. Caradon were currently inviting expressions of interest in support of a bid for the Local Action Funding Partnership which would include the possibility of updating parish plans and creating a new 'parish design statement'. Projects at Lerryn and St Neot focusing on improving the economic activity within parishes were noted. It was agreed that:

- a) the Chairman would prepare a response to the Local Action Funding Partnership proforma.
- b) Cllrs Lobban, Horrell, Wooster and the Chairman would establish a working party to establish a list of achievements to date and discuss a way forward on the parish plan.
- c) Cllr Lobban would prepare a response to the Cornwall Rural Community Council's survey on parish plans.

The Chairman thanked Michael Hinks for attending and advised the Council would be looking for some small funding for the parish plan.

8) HIGHWAYS

a) Signage for Higher Stanbear

The Divisional Surveyor had written and advised that they would "provide and fund town and village place names where appropriate as the designs previously enclosed", and that "If the parish council wants to add a road safety message or a phrase denoting an item of local or historic or geographic interest then we would be looking to the parish to purchase the signs or make a substantial contribution towards them." It was requested that the Clerk write to Cllr Willisson and ask whether the residents would be willing to pay for the additional wording/signage they were requesting.

- b) Highways Structures Assessment and Strengthening Programme Consultation  
It was agreed the Clerk respond to the consultation that the Council would wish to see strengthening at Plushabridge rather than weight restriction and also to comment about the bridge at Rilla Mill appearing to be in need of repair.
  - c) Consultation of the future street light policy with Cornwall County Council  
It was agreed that the Clerk respond that Option 2 was considered the most suitable for Linkinhorne parish.
  - d) Cllr Daniel reported that the drainage from Uphill to Rillaton which had been fixed by Highways some six years ago was now not working. Other areas of drainage problems were noted between Minions and Henwood and between Treovis and Lower Lake. It was agreed the Clerk advise the Divisional Surveyor.
- 9) ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION
- a) Cornwall Association of Local Council's draft training agenda  
The draft agenda had not been received but the training would be taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> January at St Paul's Room, Upton Cross.
  - b) Main community meeting places and emergency contacts database  
The Clerk had circulated the forms to Rilla Mill Village Hall, Linkinhorne Parish Hall, School and Reverend Bill Stuart White for response.
- 10) FINANCE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- a) Cash flow of accounts were approved as an accurate record and note was made of budget expenditure to date.
  - b) It was resolved to approve the following payments: i) Clerk's expenses £21.16 ii) Tavistock Woodland Timber & Builders' Merchant £23.55 plus VAT (hinge and plate and fixings for gate at UX) iii) Cllr Todd £58.81 (galvanised eyebolt, 6' gate, bolt) iv) Rilla Mill Village Hall £59.50 (rent) v) Allianz Cornhill £52.60 (insurance for playhouse).
- 11) CORRESPONDENCE
- a) The Head of Development Control had written in response to the Clerk's letter about the lack of Design and Access Statements and the return of plans.
  - b) The Audit Commission had written and confirmed their completion of the annual audit and the statutory notices would be displayed on parish notice-boards as required.
  - c) The Chairman had drafted a letter to the Duchy of Cornwall in respect of the planning application on affordable housing and it was agreed the Clerk would send the letter, copying to Westcountry Housing Association.
- 12) SUBJECTS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING
- 14th January 2008, Rilla Mill Village Hall at 7pm
  - 24th January 2008, St Paul's Room, Upton Cross at 7pm, training event.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.45pm.