

## Linkinhorne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, Rilla Mill 7.00 pm

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Kim Gilbert, Kay Willisson
2. PRESENT: Chairman Richard Masson, Cllrs Chris Daniel, Carl Hearn, Malcolm Hopes, Christine Hordley, Ian Horrell, David Lobban, Beryl Martin, Dave Roberts, Mike Todd, Bernard Wooster  
County Councillor Bob Emuss  
PC Garth Hatt and PCSO Ian Kenny  
Kate Dilworth, Clerk
3. MINUTES The minutes of the Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
4. REPORTS from and matters of concern to:
  - a) County Councillor Emuss
    - i) Highways – Cllr Emuss stated that if the works at the Caradon Town junction were to be achieved, written confirmation from the landowner was required in respect of making land available. Cllr Todd had visited the landowner and it was understood there were some difficulties in obtaining permission from all parties involved. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the landowner to seek clarification as to the likelihood of the land being made available. Cllr Emuss confirmed that the 30 mph signs at Minions would be moved further away from the centre of the village at a cost of £3,000 and the initial assessment cost for Upton Cross junction was £20,000.
  - b) PC Hatt
    - i) There had been no crime recorded in the parish over the Christmas/New Year period.
    - ii) Under the review of the Parish Plan it was agreed to include an item about neighbourhood watch and noted that 72% of those originally surveyed in 2000/01 had wanted to see a moorland ranger.
    - iii) PCSO Ian Kenny would be moving on and PC Hatt would be continuing to cover the ten parishes with Bob Anslow.
    - iv) PACT 'partners and communities together' – inter-agency working to sort collective answers to a problems through open meetings to discuss any issues raised by parishioners to be established.
  - c) District Councillor Martin
    - i) Cllr Martin set out the arrangements for the joint committee, with there being one member from the Saltash area
    - ii) Caradon's budget on car parking is to be budget neutral
    - iii) Free bus transport will have cost implications for Councils.
5. ONE CORNWALL  
*Cllr Hearn declared a personal non-prejudicial interest by virtue of employment.*
  - a) Martin Eddy had been appointed as town and parish lead.
  - b) a high level strategic vision should soon be available.
  - c) service design led discussions have occurred.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Hopes and the Clerk would attend the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January at the Public Hall, Liskeard, to discuss ideas on arrangements for the future.  
Cllr Hearn would be attending an event at the Headland Hotel for partners and stakeholders.
6. HIGHWAYS - SIGNAGE AT HIGHER STANBEAR  
It was agreed the Clerk advise Cllr Willisson that all 11 residences at Higher Stanbear should be canvassed as to whether they wanted a sign and would be prepared to contribute towards the cost.
7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY  
Cllr Todd advised that he had received several complaints that the permissive path running between the back of Sterts towards Netherton Farm had been obstructed with barbed wire and the steps removed. It was noted that when the path had been established it was to have been in place until September 2009. Cllr Todd had spoken to Defra and their Truro representative had advised he would be in contact with the landowner to investigate the situation. The Parish Council felt the obstruction had resulted in the loss of a very good access and highlighted it as one of the few safe

accesses from Upton Cross.

The possibility of opening up the old lane from Upton Cross to Netherton, which was thought to have been closed following an objection in 1937 from the Duchy of Cornwall, was discussed and it was agreed to approach the Duchy to see whether it might be possible to open up the path again.

Cllr Martin advised that Jane Uglow had been appointed by the Caradon hill project whose brief would be to work with landowners/farmers and that there may be money within that budget to create permissive paths where there is public demand for a route to provide safe linked routes. It was resolved to wait to hear from Defra.

8. PLAY EQUIPMENT RISK ASSESSMENTS

Jubilee Field – Cllr Martin had removed glass from the tunnels on 2nd January. The installation of the new playhouse had been delayed by the length of stainless steel sheet for the slide that had been specially ordered. The replacement gate was awaiting installation by Cllr Todd.

Parson's Meadow – Cllr Todd had cleared the debris away over the Christmas period and considerable mole activity was noted.

9. PLANNING

*Cllr Wooster and Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in application two. Cllr Martin and Cllr Lobban abstained from voting on any planning item and their vote is not counted below.*

a) APPLICATIONS

- i. 07/01728/FUL Change of use of holiday unit to residential dwelling. Barn 4 at Little Barn, Darley

It was resolved that the parish council felt unable to support the application on the basis that: the existing planning approval was considered to be too recent to warrant any significant change the sufficiency of the amenity space for residential use the marketing evidence not appearing to indicate that the property has been marketed at a realistic valuation reflecting its current use.

In the circumstances the parish council feel that if it should be approved it should be treated as an exception to provide local needs housing and they would draw attention to the comments on the application made by the parish council in June 2005 application reference 2005/842/FUL "The parish council felt that the proposal was more of a rebuild than a conversion. The design was more appropriate for domestic use than holiday accommodation and may be out of character with other barns."

- ii. 07/01717/FUL Construction of extension over existing garage to provide holiday let. Windyridge, Minions

It was resolved that the parish council considered the application inappropriate in its location and had concerns with regards to the traffic access and parking, and in particular the height of the application.

- iii. 07/01718/FUL Construction of extension over existing garage to provide holiday let. Garage for Gable Hid, Minions

It was resolved that the parish council considered the application inappropriate in its location and had concerns with regards to the traffic access and parking, and in particular the height of the application.

- iv. 07/01658/FUL Construction of two-storey extension (demolition of existing single storey mundic block extension) and replacement of existing flat roof with new pitched roof. The Old Cottage, Downgate *Cllr Hearn abstained.*

It was resolved to support the application.

- v. 07/01593/FUL Construction of conservatory. Kingscombe Farm, Bray Shop

*Cllr Daniel declared a personal interest.*

It was resolved to support the application.

- vi. 07/01591/FUL Change of use of existing leisure/swimming pool building to letting unit and change of use of redundant barn/store to form new leisure/swimming pool building. Barns at Kingscombe Farm, Bray Shop

*Cllr Daniel declared a personal interest.*

It was resolved to support the application subject to the provision of adequate septic tank/drainage.

- vii. 07/01748/FUL Installation of window to ground floor of west elevation and insertion of roof light to west elevation of dwelling. Mountjoy, Rilla Mill Cllr Wooster declared a personal interest.  
It was resolved to support the application.

#### 10. ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

- a) Council training event draft agenda The Parish Council approved the draft agenda prepared by Cornwall Association of Local Councils subject to the inclusion of issues for rural parishes in relation to OneCornwall and the removal of the Code of Conduct item.
- b) Footpath tender *Cllr Todd and Cllr Lobban declared personal and prejudicial interests by virtue of being the current contractors and departed the meeting for this item.*  
It was resolved to delegate the tender format to the Public Rights of Way Committee and that the parish council would appoint the contractor at its full meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Cllr Horrell to attend the footpath committee meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> February. The tender to include the cutting of the grass at the Parsons Meadow play area, the civic burial ground, and the maintenance of the hedge and path at the burial ground.
- c) Parish Plan Refresh  
It was agreed to hold an initial working group meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at the Churchhouse Inn at 7.30pm. Cllr Lobban volunteered to run off 12 copies of the parish plan. Cllr Martin advised contacting David Skeltern of South Hill parish council who had recently produced a parish plan.

Cllrs Hearn and Roberts departed the meeting.

- d) Photographic Competition  
It was agreed that competition entries could be e-mailed to Cllr Horrell who would bring entries to the council meeting, or entries could be posted to the Clerk. Cllr Horrell and Cllr Martin to take responsibility for identifying the winners. The Clerk to place an item in the March Link.
- e) Charity of Cecilia Knill annual return  
The Trustees had attempted to make small grants as in the terms of the charity but had not received any responses to the article in the Link or correspondence issued. It was agreed the Clerk would complete the annual return on-line.
11. FINANCE *Cllrs Lobban and Todd declared personal and prejudicial interest in item 11c .*
- a) The cash flow of accounts were approved as agreeing with the bank statements shown and signed by the Chairman as being an accurate record. Cllr Wooster queried the electricity usage on the toilets, and the reduced water charges were noted.
- b) Payments: It was resolved to approve the following i) Clerk's expenses £21.14 ii) Beech Tree UK Ltd (Lynher Valley Tree Care) £150.00 plus VAT iii) Audit Commission £135.00 plus VAT iv) Penquile £64.00 (Parsons Meadow) v) Penquile £574.50 (Footpath maintenance)
- c) Receipts: £200 civic burial ground, £10.00 sale of walks booklets

#### 12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Cornwall County Fire Brigade IRMP Service Plan Consultation. It was agreed the Clerk and Chairman would complete the consultation and reference was made to the retained fire cover at Callington.
- b) Cornwall Association of Local Councils bulletin noted.
- c) Jubilee Field 2008 quotation for maintenance from Cornwall County Council It was resolved to approve the quotation.
- d) Duchy of Cornwall letter re affordable housing scheme "I regret the lack of communication however and am sorry that the Parish Council has been left feeling left out of part of the process."
- e) Janice Bell – Transition Caradon – aiming to be a very locally led initiative with communities finding their own ways to tackle the inevitable challenges to come. It was agreed to invite Janice to a future meeting of the parish council.

13. SUBJECTS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- a) Subjects for the next agenda:
  - i) Maintenance of hedge of Jubilee Field adjacent to Sterts driveway.
- b) Dates of future meetings:
  - i) Monday 11 February, 7pm, Rilla Mill Village Hall, Parish Council meeting: *Cllr Lobban and Cllr Daniel gave their apologies.*
  - ii) 18 February, 7pm, Rilla Mill Village Hall, Public Rights of Way Committee (18th February, 7.15pm Caradon Hill Project meeting, venue to be agreed).
  - iii) Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 12th May 2008

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.35pm.