

Linkinhorne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
10th March 2008 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, Rilla Mill 7.00 pm

- 1) APOLOGIES: Cllrs Kim Gilbert, Christine Hordley, David Lobban, Dave Roberts, Kay Willisson
- 2) PRESENT: Chairman, Richard Masson, Cllrs Chris Daniel, Carl Hearn, Malcolm Hopes, Ian Horrell, Beryl Martin, Mike Todd, Bernard Wooster
PC Hatt, County Councillor R J Emuss
Mrs K Dilworth, Clerk
Members of the public: Esther Hall
- 3) DECLARATIONS UNDER CODE OF CONDUCT
Cllr Todd declared a personal interest in planning application 08/00159/FUL
Cllr Todd declared a prejudicial interest in item no. 13(a) footpath tender
Cllr Martin declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 12(b) parking at Carnedon as a member of Caradon District Council and anything else relating to Caradon DC
Cllr Martin declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in all planning applications and her vote is not taken into account on such items
Cllr Hearn declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in respect of One Cornwall proposals by virtue of employment.
Cllr Horrell declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in planning application 07/01654/FUL.
- 4) MINUTES It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2008 were an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
- 5) ADJOURNMENT OF UP TO 15 MINUTES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS
None raised.
- 6) REPORTS
 - a) County Councillor Emuss
 - i) Consultation was taking place in respect of extending the Minions 30mph speed signs to include Duchy Terrace and it was hoped this would be resolved shortly.
 - ii) Upton Cross junction on for 2008/09 – hopefully before Unitary – if goes ahead will take all the funding. Caradon Town B3254 on hold.
 - iii) CC Emuss queried the parish council election debate and Cllr Martin advised that the Minister had said he would be prepared to make an amending order if the joint implementation executive requested to bring it to a shorter time but there was a cost implication.
 - b) District Councillor Martin
 - i) Cllr Martin had attended an excellent tenants and residents conference at St Mellion. The relationships between officers and tenants was very good. Tenants were concerned about what's happening to their tenancy once get into OneCornwall. Locally, tenants can be assured that during the initial changeover and for sometime afterwards things will continue as before. In the longer term, should OneCornwall want to dispose of housing stock a process would be gone through consulting the tenants.
 - ii) Cllr Martin had met Adrian Pengelly, Head of Housing, at Carnedon to look at the problem of parking and to flag up the potential for the new housing to create further parking issues. Mr Penelly is to report back to Cllr Martin with suggestions for action as to what can be done. It was suggested that it would be useful if PC Hatt and County Councillor Emuss reinforced the need for improvements.

- iii) The OneCornwall scrutiny meeting had established terms of reference, elected a Chair and agreed an away day to get to know each other.
 - iv) Council tax setting process is now completed and average band D has been set at £1380.79 per year, of that £1018 will go to Cornwall County Council, £176 to Caradon District Council, £142 to Devon & Cornwall Police and £44.85 to town and parish councils. Linkinhorne's precept is significantly less than the average.
- c) PC Garth Hatt advised that:
- i) there were two reported incidents: two silage bails had been reported stolen from a field at Henwood, and barbed wire being placed across a public right of way
 - ii) he and his team would be looking at motorcycles on the moor again over the next few months and into the summer and they had liaised with the Commoners Association about placing signs advising that people can't use motorcycles on the moors
 - iii) a 'speedwatch' activity would be undertaken with Upton Cross School during May
 - iv) they were looking for people to come forward to join Neighbourhood Watch
 - v) technically, parking within 10 metres of a junction is illegal. PC Hatt agreed that he would speak to the residents first through a letter about parking at Upton Cross and point out that cars should not be parked on the pavement.
- 7) ONE CORNWALL
- a) Update following meeting with Callington Town Council 25th February
Cllr Hopes, Cllr Gilbert and the Clerk had attended.
Callington were seeking to attract adjoining parishes to their potential new grouping under OneCornwall and were keen to be separate from Saltash. It was requested that Linkinhorne indicate to OneCornwall preferences for community network grouping but it had also been suggested that the groupings would follow the outcome of the boundary commission review. Cllr Hopes commented that there appeared to be a lack of clarity about the functions, powers and budgets of the community networks. Cllr Martin commented that the initial bid document had proposed that the community networks would have some funding, and that they would consist of a representative from each of the parish councils within the network area, a representative of the Town Council – possibly more than one, and representatives from police, fire, health services and voluntary sector. It was noted that the bid referred to devolving local decision making to community networks and therefore the implementation executive would have to have regard to the bid document. Cllr Hearn commented that the bid document could be read in a number of ways and therefore provided flexibility. It was noted there were plans for a One Stop Shop within each community network area and intended each would work together but that issues of power and decision-making were still to be decided.
It was resolved the Clerk write to OneCornwall to comment "the parish council would prefer to be located within a community network where there is only one town, whether it be Callington, Liskeard or Launceston, rather than be in a community network where there are two town councils such as Liskeard and Looe, or Callington and Saltash. The Councillors feel that the balance of power between the parish and towns would be more equitable where there is only one town and a group of parishes. They did also express some reservations about being aligned with Launceston on the basis of it being likely that the community network would cover a large geographical area."
- b) 'Parish and town council engagement event' Thursday 13th March
It was agreed that Cllr Horrell would attend the morning session and the Chairman for the afternoon.

- c) Public/third sector property register – It was agreed the Clerk would advise OneCornwall to seek the information from the emergency planning unit as they had been provided with the same information in December.
 - d) The Boundary Committee for England – Electoral Review
Councillors were invited to put forward comments to the Clerk.
- 8) PARISH PLAN
- a) Update following working group meeting on 4th March
Verbal confirmation had been received that the full amount of the grant applied for had been awarded by the Cornwall Rural Community Council (CRCC) for £2251.00. Offers of assistance had also been received from Caradon with supply of reply paid envelopes and an unnamed electoral list of all the properties for posting. A timetable had been established to get the new amended plan out by October 2008, with dates to achieve the intervening steps.
The Parish Council resolved to approve in principle the timetable and sanction the working group spending the grant in accordance with the grant application as and when it needed it. It was noted that all payments would be made through the Parish Council and a return on expenditure was required by the CRCC, any unspent grant would be returned to CRCC.
It was resolved to approve the expenditure on the booking of the halls for community workshops on 19th April at Linkinhorne Parish Hall and 26th April at Rilla Mill Village Hall, from 11am. The next meeting of the working group would be 7.30pm, Manor House Inn, 18th March.
- 9) PLAY EQUIPMENT RISK ASSESSMENTS
- a) Jubilee Field
Cllr Martin advised that the gateway was particularly muddy. There was nothing further to report.
 - b) Parsons' Meadow
Cllr Todd advised that a couple of the fixings in the Wicksteed equipment appeared loose and that he would do a full check on all fastenings. It was agreed that Cllr Todd would attend the meeting with the Rilla Mill Village Hall Committee reps on Good Friday to discuss a way forward with regard to the drainage.
- 10) CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE
- a) Cornwall Rural Community Council – Cornwall Village of the Year Competition – It was agreed to forward the information to the Henwood Association.
 - b) E-mail from Derek Jones, Keriffe, GUELTAS, France seeking link with Henwood. It was agreed the Clerk would forward details to Yvonne Appelby for the Henwood Association to consider.
 - c) Cornish and Devon Media – writing a special feature on how the new unitary authority will affect your town or parish. Requesting a reply to 3 questions. It was agreed the Clerk would reply with 'no' to all three questions.
- 11) ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION
- a) Jubilee Field:
 - i) Quotation for hedge maintenance along Sterts driveway
It was resolved to approve the quotation from Lynher Valle Tree Care of £250.
 - ii) Moles – it was agreed to take no action for the time being as the grass was now being cut again.
 - iii) Playhouse
Cllr Todd advised that there were one or two small items that required adjustment following which FD Hall & Sons would be arranging a ROSPA post installation inspection. It was noted that removal of the old playhouse had not been included in the contract and Cllr Todd proposed inviting sealed bids through the Link but making clear that it doesn't meet current BS standards although it has been

maintained. Saturday 19th April was suggested as a possible opening event with invitations to Halls and the Cornish Times.

- b) Approval of revised Standing Orders
It was resolved to defer this to a future meeting.
 - c) Internal audit requirements to be agreed
It was resolved that the Clerk request a quote from Fred Gibbs on the basis of the list of audit requirements in the National Association of Local Council's Finance and Audit Guidance.
 - d) Annual Parish Meeting
It was resolved to hold the annual parish meeting on 9TH June 2008 and to invite Jane Uglow to be a speaker with a shortened Parish Council meeting to follow.
 - e) Dog bins at Minions car parks – Noted that these are now in place at each car park.
- 12) HIGHWAYS
- a) Extension of 30mph speed limit at Minions – traffic consultation.
It was resolved to comment that the parish council would wish to see the existing Minions place-sign remain on the approach from Henwood, in addition to the proposed new sign below Duchy Terrace.
 - b) Parking at Carnedon
It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Head of Housing to express the parish council's concerns about the number of cars parking at Carnedon and the lack of sufficient space.
 - c) Signage Higher Stanbear
Cllr Martin clarified that the World Heritage team intended to issue some advice on signage in world heritage sites in due course. It was resolved that the Clerk request Highways to install place-name signs.
- 13) FINANCE
- a) Award of footpath maintenance contract for 2008
Cllr Todd departed the meeting for this item.
It was resolved to award the footpath maintenance contract (including the grass cutting at the civic burial ground and the play area at Rilla Mill) for 2008/09 to Richard Doney.
 - b) Cash flow of accounts It was resolved to approve the cash flow of accounts as an accurate record, agreeing with the bank statements shown, and they were signed by the Chairman.
 - c) Payments:
It was resolved to approve the following payments: i) Clerk's expenses £177.48 (including 12 months home/office costs at £2 per week) ii) Information Commissioner £35.00 iii) Cornwall County Council £318.00 plus VAT (Jubilee Field maintenance)
Cllr Todd proposed approving payment to FD Hall & Son for the installation of the playhouse at Jubilee Field prior to the next parish council meeting, and subject to receipt of a satisfactory ROSPA report, in order that the payment fall within the current financial year. The Clerk advised that it was not necessary for the payment to be made in the current financial year and stated that the ROSPA report should be approved by the parish council prior to the payment being approved. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to approve payment on receipt of invoice and receipt of satisfactory ROSPA report. *Cllr Martin requested it be recorded that she had voted against the proposal.*
 - d) Receipts: £800.19 VAT reclaim.
- 14) PLANNING
- a) APPLICATIONS – *Cllr Martin abstained from voting on any planning items and her vote is not counted below.*

- i) 2007/01654/FUL Conversion of and extension to barns to provide 11 holiday units, 1 managers dwelling and games and laundry room. Construction of swimming pool building – revised plans. Land and buildings at Netherton Farm
It was resolved that the parish council's previous comments remained unchanged.
- ii) 2008/00182/FUL Provision of additional chimney and replacement and enlargement of conservatory. Tara, Rilla Mill
It was resolved to support the application.
- iii) 2008/00263/FUL Installation of one 1.2m dish antenna onto existing mast. Arquiva Transmitting Station, Caradon Hill
It was resolved there were no objections.
- iv) 2008/00187/FUL Construction of conservatory. West Rillaton Cottage, Rilla Mill
It was resolved to support the application.
- v) 2008/00160/FUL Construction of two storey extension and balcony on north elevation and new sun lounge on west elevation. Netherton Farmhouse. Upton Cross
It was resolved to support the application in principle but express reservations about the scale.
- vi) 2008/00210/FUL Construction of two storey extension (revised design to application no. 06/00624/FUL dated 25/08/2006. Land Pt Os 9400 Plushayes, Upton` Cross
It was resolved to support the application.
- vii) 2008/00159/FUL Construction of one dwelling (demolition of existing mundic block dwelling and garage). The Bungalow, Rilla Mill
It was resolved to support the application.

b) DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM CARADON

- i) 2007/01658/FUL Construction of two storey extension (demolition of existing single storey mundic block extension) and replacement of existing flat roof with new pitched roof on land situate at The Old Cottage, Downgate. Approved with 3 conditions.
- ii) 2007/01593/FUL Construction of conservatory on land situate at Kingscombe Farm, Bray Shop. Approved with 2 conditions.
- iii) 2007/01717/FUL Construction of extension over existing garage to provide holiday let on land situate at Windyridge, Minions. Refused.
- iv) 2007/01718/FUL Construction of extension over existing garage to provide holiday let on land situate at Caradon View, Minions. Refused.
- v) 2007/01728/FUL Change of use of holiday unit to residential dwelling on land situate at Barn 4 Little Barn, Darley. Refused.

15) Items for the next agenda

- a) Cuprinol of play equipment
- b) Digital UK switchover – Good Neighbours Guides being sent out in May

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.11pm.