

Linkinhorne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
Monday 12th May 2008 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross 7.00 pm

- 1) APOLOGIES: Cllrs K Gilbert, C Hearn, D Lobban, County Councillor Emuss, PC Hatt
- 2) PRESENT: Chairman, Richard Masson, Cllrs Chris Daniel, Kim Gilbert, Carl Hearn Malcolm Hopes, Christine Horrell, David Lobban, Beryl Martin, Dave Roberts, Mike Todd. Kay Willisson, Bernard Wooster
Kate Dilworth, Clerk
There were no members of the public present.

- 1) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN
Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to appoint Richard Masson as the Chairman for the year ahead. Cllr Masson proposed Cllr Todd and Cllr Todd proposed Cllr Hopes to Vice Chairman. It was requested that a signed ballot be conducted and upon this being completed it was resolved to appoint Cllr Malcolm Hopes as Vice Chairman.
- 2) ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES & INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
It was resolved to appoint Councillors to the working parties as listed below:

Jubilee Field Working Party	Cllr Martin, Cllr Masson, Cllr Todd and Cllr Roberts.
Risk Assessment Working Party	Cllr Martin, Cllr Masson, Cllr Willisson
Finance/Audit & Insurance Working Party	Cllr Hope – Vice Chair, Cllr Todd, Cllr Martin and Cllr Masson Clerk as 'Responsible Financial Officer'
Caradon Hill Area Project Group	Cllr Wooster
Caradon CALC meetings	Cllr Hearn
Parish Hall Committee	Cllr Martin
Public Rights of Way Committee	Cllr Lobban, Cllr Martin and Cllr Todd, Cllr Hordley
Roberts Jefferys Trust	Three year appointments to be reviewed 2010.
Commoners Association	Cllr Kim Gilbert
Cecilia Knill Charity	Cllr Lobban and Cllr Martin

It was resolved to approve the appointment of Fred Gibbs as the auditor.

- 3) DECLARATIONS UNDER CODE OF CONDUCT
Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in all planning applications as a district councillor and abstained from voting.
Cllr Wooster declared personal and non prejudicial interest in item 11(vi)
Cllr Todd declared a personal interest in 11(v).
- 4) MINUTES It was resolved to approve the minutes subject to the following amendments:
Cllr Horrell and Cllr Hordley's be accurately recorded
the end time of the meeting being corrected to 10.20pm.
item 8b it was a District Council proposal that linked Callington, South Hill and Linkinhorne and not County.
- 5) REPORTS from and matters of concern to:
 - a) District Councillor Martin reported that:
 - i) The Joint Implementation Executive for One Cornwall had finalised their submission to the Boundary Commission and had proposed 130 councillors, Caradon had proposed 135
 - ii) the district councils have an embargo on how much can be spent other than on things identified in the budget.
 - iii) a number of officers are now at Truro on working groups and there is growing concern amongst staff about potential redundancies

- iv) complaints now, as far as Standards Board are concerned, no longer go to the standards board for England and now go to the District Council - investigations costing between £4,000 to £6,000 a case.

Cllr Wooster commented that he had attended a meeting with North Cornwall and Caradon on planning where there was considerable discussion about greater involvement at parish council level and the likelihood of parishes having dedicated officers to support them. Cllr Todd commented on the problems of planning accessibility on the website.

6) PARISH PLAN REFRESH

Update following working group meeting on 6th May 2008: The two workshop sessions had been poorly attended but those who had turned up were able to give a certain amount of input. At the meeting that followed it had been decided to attempt to get more parishioners involved by having an insert in the June Link, prepared by Catherine Brunsdon, inviting parishioners to put forward questions for the survey. The advert for administrative support the plan had a closing date of 23rd May. Cllr Martin was arranging a further drop in session on the morning of Tuesday 3rd June and Cllr Lobban would be meeting the school council next week.

7) PLAY EQUIPMENT & RISK ASSESSMENTS

- a) Jubilee Field: Cllr Martin, nothing to report. Clerk to request that the stinging nettles along the fence adjoining the car park be left to grow. New playhouse inspection report commented on the high standard. One small item had not met the EU standard and had been rectified by FD Halls & Son Ltd. Removal of the old playhouse to be considered at the next meeting following consideration of the annual inspection report. Cllr Horrell had been approached by Steve Sandercock about the field drain and in the absence of a response from Caradon/County it was resolved to approve the payment of up to £60 for the hire of a mini-digger. *Cllr Horrell declared a prejudicial interest.*
- b) Parsons' Meadow: Cllr Todd reported increased mole activity and he had cleared debris away. Otherwise all in good working order.
- c) Quotations for maintenance of wooden furniture at Jubilee Field: The Clerk had invited four quotes for the maintenance of the furniture at Jubilee Field and only one had been submitted. It was resolved to approve the quotation from Mr Voyzey for the play equipment timber treatment subject to receipt of a firm price for the works and the name of the preservative to be used.
It was agreed Cllr Todd would look at the cost of replacing the slats on the benches to bring to the next meeting for consideration.
Cllr Todd reported that the Rilla Mill Village hall bench seat had collapsed at one end and it was resolved to approve the purchase a new length of timber to replace the slat.

8) CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED

- a) Sustainable Community Strategy for Cornwall - Consultation www.cornwallstrategicpartnership.gov.uk responses to be made by 5th June using online consultation form. It was agreed that Cllr Wooster and the Chairman would prepare a response to be sent by the Clerk.
- b) Land Registry
It was agreed the Clerk would look into the possibility of getting the war memorial registered.

9) ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

- a) Sterts Recycling Centre Cllr Martin had placed an article in the May Link and the rubbish appeared to be have been cleared away but more had been deposited shortly after. Cllr Martin advised that Chris James had been talking to SITA and he thought SITA would agree that plastic bottles could be put in with the cans. It was agreed the Clerk would place a notice at the site as had been put in the Link

- b) Quotations for repair work at Upton Cross Public Conveniences: It was resolved to approve the quotation from FD Hall & Son Ltd for the repair of the door frame and replacement door only. The future of the toilets to be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) Approval of Revised Standing Orders:
Subject to amendments proposed by Cllr Hopes and upon being put to the vote it was resolved to approve the Standing Orders.
- d) Approval of draft Annual Report:
It was resolved to approve the annual report.

10) FINANCE

- a) Cashflow of accounts It was resolved to approve the cash flow of accounts and they were signed as an accurate record.
- b) Annual Return for 2008/09: It was resolved to approve the annual return.
- c) Payments: It was resolved to approve the following payments. i) Rilla Mill Village Hall £17.50 (room hire) ii) £7288.00 plus VAT FD Hall & Son Ltd (play equipment) iii) Allianz Cornhill £943.39 (insurance) iv) F Gibbs £90.00 (independent audit) v) C Kempthorne £6.58 (parish plan refreshments) vi) LM Todd £5.29 (parish plan refreshments) vii) Playsafety Ltd £144.53
- d) Receipts: £5180.00 Precept payment, £19 sale of walks booklets

11) PLANNING

a) APPLICATIONS

- i) 08/00560/FUL Construction of timber garage (demolition of existing) at Darley Cottage, North Darley
It was resolved to support the application.
- ii) 08/00513/FUL Demolition of existing porch and construction of new porch. Construction of two storey extension to gable end and internal alterations at 1 Midmoor Cottages, Minions
It was resolved to support the application.
- iii) 08/00629/FUL Barns at Kingscombe Farm, Bray Shop 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. (Revision to previously withdrawn application 07/01591/FUL). It was resolved to support the application.
- iv) 08/00609/FUL Blackcoombe Farm, Henwood. Extension to South side of dwelling above existing single storey section and construction of open sided porch. It was resolved to object on the basis that the extension as proposed was not considered appropriate to the proportions of the original dwelling.
- v) 08/000159/FUL The Bungalow, Rilla Mill Construction of one dwelling (demolition of existing mundic block dwelling and garage)
08/00213/CON The Bungalow, Rilla Mill Construction of one dwelling (demolition of existing mundic block dwelling and garage)
It was resolved to comment that having already approved the application once, unless there was some material basis for reconsidering it the Council previous comment stood, but the Council were unable to consider the revised application due to lack of information, as only a plan of the existing building was received by the Council.
- vi) 08/00646/FUL Land adjoining Caradon Town Farm, Caradon Town Construction of family mausoleum
It was resolved to support the application, with consideration to be taken as to its maintenance in perpetuity.

b) DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM CARADON

- i) 08/00263/FUL Installation of one 1.2m dish antenna onto existing mast on land situate at Arquia Transmitting Station, Minions. Approved with 1 condition.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.55pm.