

Linkinhorne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
9th June 2008 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross 9.00 pm

- 1) APOLOGIES: Cllrs Carl Hearn, Ian Horrell, Dave Roberts, Kay Willisson
- 2) PRESENT: Cllr Masson (Chairman), Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Martin, Cllr Todd, Cllr Wooster
- 3) OFFICER: Kate Dilworth, Clerk
- 4) DECLARATIONS UNDER CODE OF CONDUCT
The Clerk advised the Council that Chris Mason had said to Cllr Horrell there would be no charge for the use of his mini digger in clearing the ditch at Jubilee Field. It was agreed a letter of thanks be sent to Chris Mason.
 - a) Cllr Martin 9(a)- personal and prejudicial interest by virtue of being Chairman of the parish hall committee
 - b) Cllr Wooster – personal and prejudicial interest by virtue of being a committee member of the parish hall committee.
 - c) Cllr Wooster – personal interest 11(f)
- 5) MINUTES approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of 12th May 2008
Subject to the amendment below, the minutes of the Council meeting of 12th May were approved as an accurate record: Cllr Wooster had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item (3). Cllr Hordley and Cllr Horrell were present. Cllr Gilbert had attended.
- 6) REPORTS from and matters of concern to:
 - a) PC Garth Hatt - this had been covered in Annual Parish Meeting.
 - b) District Councillor Martin – had been elected to Caradon's Cabinet and given the housing portfolio for 10 months.
- 7) PLAY EQUIPMENT RISK ASSESSMENTS
 - a) Jubilee Field: Cllr Martin had visited the field after the heavy rain and the ditch hadn't appeared to be flowing as far as it used to which suggested there was a build-up of silt in the pipe. The Clerk read out Cllr Horrell's report and it was agreed that the Clerk would advise Cllr Hopes and Cllr Todd of the meeting date with Caradon and Highways.
 - b) Parsons' Meadow – Cllr Todd advised that the play equipment was in satisfactory order but the grass was growing excessively long. The Clerk has contacted the contractor a couple of times but as children were playing when he had attended he felt unable to cut the grass. It was noted that the previous contractor had always excused them while he cut.

The Clerk raised concerns about grass cutting in the burial ground and it was requested the Clerk keep the Chairman informed and write to the Contractor advising him of the Council's concerns and giving him permission to excuse children from the play area at Rilla Mill whilst the grass was being cut.
 - c) Annual safety inspection report – it was noted that this had been received by both Cllr Martin and Cllr Todd and that there was nothing new in the report.
- 8) CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED
 - a) Consultation on parish elections: It was agreed the Clerk would respond that the parish would like to see elections being held at the proper time but that if that was not an option, a 2009 election would be preferred.

- b) Fields in Trust: Following correspondence from Fields in Trust, it was agreed that Cllr Hopes would look into the legal implications of donating the top third of the Jubilee Field to Fields in Trust.

Cllr Lobban departed.

- c) CMG Building Contractors – had written to confirm they were the contractors for the 12 dwellings at Upton Cross and invited the parish to submit possible names for the access roadway. It was agreed the Clerk would put this in the Link.

9) ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

- a) Linkinhorne Parish Hall's request for donation towards ceiling repair.

Upon the meeting being adjourned, Cllr Martin invited questions under open session. Upon being reconvened, Cllr Martin and Cllr Wooster departed the meeting for this item.

Following discussion about the number of meeting places at Upton Cross and the viability of keeping all the meeting places running, it was resolved to donate £3,000 towards the emergency repairs to the internal structure.

- b) Loss of coinboxes from telephone boxes

It was noted that the phone-box at Minions no longer had a coinbox and was not currently usable with a phone card or credit card. It was agreed the Councillors would check other phone-boxes within the parish.

10) FINANCE

- a) Cash flow of accounts – the cashflow of accounts were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Payments: It was resolved to approve the following payments: i) Clerk's expenses £44.20 ii) Linkinhorne Parish Hall £15.00 iii) FD Hall & Son Ltd £16.04 plus VAT (wooden slat for bench at Rilla Mill), iv) WesternWeb Ltd £52.10 plus VAT (annual renewal of webspace/email services) v) F S Gibbs £90.00 (audit) vi) Link £20 (parish plan questionnaire) vii) Linkinhorne Parish Hall £3,000 (emergency roof repairs)
- c) Receipts: £50.00 HG Stacey Ltd (memorial application)
It was noted that the £16 direct credit from County was probably for the Parish Hall Committee and agreed the Clerk would check with Mrs Wotton.

11) PLANNING

- a) DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM CARADON

- i) 08/00384/FUL Construction of agricultural building on land situate at PtOS 7727 Riverdale, Rilla Mill – refused.
- ii) 08/00475/TRECON Consent for removal of trees on northern boundary hedge within a conservation area at Moorlink, Henw2008/00182/FUL Provision of additional chimney and replacement and enlargement of conservatory on land situate at Tara, Rilla Mill – approved with two conditions 23rd April.
- iii) 2004/0086/FUL Redevelopment of site to form two two-storey maisonettes at first floor level with ancillary parking and first floor terrace on land situate at Land adjacent to Mill Cottage, Rilla Mill – Refused 1st May 2008 – (*four years after submitting the application*).

- b) ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING:

- i) 08/00786/TRECON Brook Cottage, Henwood – removal of a leylandi and pruning of branch only of one beech tree (tree previously pruned in 2001)
It was resolved there were no objections.
- ii) 08/00683/FUL Construction of agricultural dwelling at Middle Trefize Farm, Linkinhorne
It was resolved to support the application subject to the County Land Agents support and an agricultural restriction.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.20pm.