

# Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council  
Monday 14 September 2009 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm

## MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Roberts
- 2) Present: Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Martin, Cllr Todd, Cllr Wooster  
Julia Todd (clerk)  
Three members of the public
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:  
Cllr Wooster declared a personal interest in Item 15(a)(i), and a prejudicial interest in Item 15(b)(i)  
Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in Item 15(a)(i) and (ii) and in Item 15(b)(i)  
Cllr Todd declared a personal interest in Item 15(a)(i) and (ii)  
Cllr Hearn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 15(a)(i) and a personal, non-prejudicial interest in Item 15(a)(ii)
- 4) Minutes  
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to the following amendments: at Item 9(a) to conclude "that the contractors would be contacted to thank them for their estimates and to inform them that they would be contacted once the allotment site had been secured." At beginning of Item 12(d) it should be noted that "Cllr Martin declared personal and prejudicial interest in this item then reported ..."
- 5) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters  
No member of the public spoke.
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:
  - a) PC Garth Hatt/PCSO Anslow/: Cllr Wooster reported that the police had confirmed no recorded offences in Linkinhorne Parish in the last month. He informed councillors that the next PACT meeting would include representatives from the commoners' association, and would focus on animal welfare thus providing an opportunity for anyone who wants raise issues on this subject. Cllr Wooster asked the council to send him a copy of any queries sent by email to PC Hatt. The police had reported that in the surrounding areas a number of thefts had included a church collection plate and horse box. The police had also warned motorists and motor cyclists who had driven vehicles on to the moor, some of whom had used the track to reach Golddigging. There were no further matters on this item raised by councillors.
  - b) Cornwall Councillor Turner: *this Item took place following Item 15*  
Cornwall Councillor Turner reported that the trees overhanging the road at Upton Cross will be trimmed during the autumn to allow light in, enabling motorists to see more clearly. A review of the Community Networks is ongoing, and that members' budgets may still allow for small projects to go ahead. There is to be a meeting on Thursday 17 September to look into the needs and shaping of the Community Networks. Some doubt was expressed over the number of network areas. Cllr Turner reported that consideration of members' budgets for highways may result in some funding but was yet to be decided upon. Cornwall councillors

had expressed concern regarding the current trend of split functions for head-teachers. They had also signed the Nottingham agreement on climate change. Issues of waste-management continue to be of grave concern to Cornwall Council, not least that of siting an incinerator which was planned for St Dennis but may now have to be installed elsewhere in the county. Cllr Turner informed councillors that the doorstep recycling would be re-scheduled from November 2009 and further details will be distributed to households. A question on the feasibility of continued use of carrier bags for putting out glass bottles in the light of nationwide discouragement of plastic carrier bag usage, and their provision by supermarkets being phased out, was raised and Cllr Turner agreed to bring it to attention at Cornwall Council.

7) Highways

Concern regarding the obstruction to view by a camper van at Upton Cross was briefly discussed. It was agreed that advice should be sought from PC Hatt by the councillor responsible for police liaison.

8) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

a) Jubilee Field

More graffiti was reported on the playhouse. It was also reported that a broken chain on the tyre-swing showed no sign of how the failure had occurred but it had been temporarily repaired, and it was agreed that Cllr Todd would check it to see if a replacement was required. A working party had not convened as yet due to holiday and harvesting absences but would arrange to meet as soon as possible to fill the rabbit holes and to effect other work at the field.

b) Rilla Mill Play Area

All is satisfactory. It was reported that the grass is being well maintained.

c) Play area safety inspection

Cllr Todd gave a summary of options of play area safety inspectors to the council. Three companies had been asked for quotes, two responses/reports being received. It was agreed that Cllr Martin would also examine the responses, and it was agreed to raise this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

9) Allotments

a) Progress Report

Cllr Hopes reported that he had drafted an allotment holders' agreement with which the landowner was in agreement in principle. He will be preparing a draft lease having extracted some precedents. Now that the quotes for fencing had been obtained it was agreed to ask the allotment association to meet to discuss the fencing proposals and requirements, including corners posts and gateway. It is hoped that a detailed proposal will be put before the next meeting of the parish council.

10) Parish Plan

a) Progress Report

The questionnaire is still being prepared. It will be circulated to councillors who have expressed an interest in the plan and then will be produced and distributed around the parish. Councillors were reminded that funding for secretarial support was already approved, and it was agreed that individuals who had previously offered help would be approached once ready.

11) Co-option of new Parish Councillor

(following Cornwall Councillor Turner's report)

After careful consideration of the four applicants' expressions of interest a secret ballot was held. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to co-opt Mrs Kate Dilworth

12) Correspondence

CALC: Member survey; CiLCA study course; Planning Liaison Group meeting notes (draft) and form for nomination for representative to group (see Item 13a); LAIS info re 'Building Britain's Future'; notice of CALC general meeting (29 Sept); any interest in attending focus groups (form) - noted

Cornwall Council: newsletter Community Network Panels update; Help with Business Rates Bills (not relevant to PC) - noted

Inter-Link: Callington Showcase event – 3 Oct (to 'showcase' local groups) - noted

Barclays: changes to terms and conditions re community account - noted

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority: Liaison meeting 16 September - noted

Cornish Mining publication x 2 - noted

Glasdon products - noted

Clerks and Councils Direct publication - noted

Plymouth City Council: development action plan inc CD - noted

Caradon Sustainability Forum meeting 15 September - noted

SLCC: The Clerk magazine - noted

Devon & Cornwall Police: Liaison meeting at Wadebridge Mon 28 Sept - noted

Emails

Cornwall Council: Draft protocol for local councils (planning process) - noted

PC Hatt: Community voices – media project funding - noted

13) Items requiring a decision

a) CALC planning liaison panel – request for nominations. It was resolved to nominate Councillor Lobban to the panel and the parish council thanked him for his willingness to stand as representative. Following concern expressed by councillors regarding the lack of regional meetings of CALC, it was agreed that the clerk would pursue this with CALC.

b) Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust: request for a grant and offer to come to speak to the parish. It was agreed that the clerk would write to explain that the council deliberates on donations in February of each year.

14) Finance

a) Cash flow of accounts It was resolved to approve the cash flow statement as an accurate record and this was signed by the Vice-Chairman.

b) Payments

Upon being nominated by Cllr Hearn and seconded by Cllr Todd, it was resolved to approve the following: i) Clerk's expenses ~~£8.40~~ £10.12 ii) WesternWeb Ltd £57.50 inc VAT iii) F D Hall & Son Ltd £55.20 inc VAT (safety fence panels at Jubilee Field) iv) change of bank details for existing contract for cleaning the public toilets at Upton Cross. v) purchase of *Local Council Administration* (latest edition)

c) Receipts: no receipts this month

d) Internal/independent auditor : to be included in next agenda

15) Planning

a) Planning Applications

*Cllr Hearn departed*

- i) 09/01231/FUL Construction of farmhouse with garage for agricultural occupancy on land at Phoenix, Minions. It was resolved to recommend for approval.

*Cornwall Cllr Turner arrived (see Item 6b) Cllr Hearn returned to the meeting*

- ii) 09/01241/FUL Construction of agricultural building at Darley Farm, Darley. It was resolved to recommend for approval

*Cllr Wooster departed*

- iii) 09/01361/FUL Construction of 2-storey side extension and replacement conservatory at 1 Crista Court, Upton Cross. It was resolved to recommend for approval.

*Cllr Wooster returned to the meeting*

b) Decisions received from Caradon

- i) 09/01037/TRECON Removal of two spruce trees within conservation area at Kildare, Downgate, Upton Cross – approved

- ii) 09/00865/PNA Prior notification of proposed construction of agricultural building on land at Lower Stanbear Cottage (planning permission not required)

- iii) 09/00885/LUCP Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed construction of sun room at Minions House, Minions

- iv) 09/00805/FUL Conversion of barn into office/studio at The Barn, Notter Farm, Henwood – approved with 8 conditions

- v) 09/00667/FUL Change of use and extension to store to provide self-contained annexe/holiday accommodation at North Darley House, Upton Cross – approved with 9 conditions

- vi) 09/00037/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage and construction of garages at Starabridge Cottages, Rilla Mill – refused for 3 reasons (i. Beyond development limit of any settlement and detrimental to appearance/character in Area of Great Landscape Value, ii. Garage at no. 2 out of scale and keeping with parent and neighbouring buildings, iii. Garage at no. 2 overbearing and unacceptable increase in sense of enclosure for occupants of neighbouring property – please see website for details)

Items for next agenda: i) war memorial wreath ii) bus shelter cleaning

Date of next meeting: Monday 12 October 2009

The meeting closed at 21h37