

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Monday 13 July 2009 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Hearn, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Roberts
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban (arrived at Item 6(a)), Cllr Martin, Cllr Todd, Cornwall Cllr Turner
Julia Todd (clerk)
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:
Cllr Lobban – personal interest at Item 12(a) (declared at Item 12(a))

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 amendment at Item 14(a)(i) " The Parish Council supports the principle of such schemes but concerns were raised regarding visual impact and it was unclear as to whether or not neighbours had been consulted. Such panels may reflect light/coloured light on to facing properties. Concerns were also expressed regarding the southerly-facing position in this AONB/World Heritage site."

- 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 Bob Anslow: As neither member of the police was present Cllr Wooster reported that he had attended the rural network meeting which had been due to discuss Community Area Networks, however the Council Officers were unable to attend. A representative from animal welfare had explained that parishes could employ a dog-warden but considered that the costs involved were not beneficial, and community relations could be jeopardised. Emergency vehicle access had been discussed and forms had been handed out to place on vehicles where they are obstructing access.

Cllr Lobban arrived at the meeting

A community crime fighters' training programme was to be offered by the Home Office, and was being set up in trial areas, the basic principle appeared to be to encourage the local community to report crimes - it seems like an enlarged neighbourhood watch scheme. It was asked whether there were any proposals for moving the Parish Council under the auspices of the Callington network but there is still uncertainty with regard to the future structure of the police networks.

- b) Cornwall Councillor Turner:
Cornwall Cllr Turner reported that the policing question had been raised when he met the Callington Network manager and clerk; the structure and benefits of the network were now being reviewed.

It was also reported that the recent meeting with the Ward's other chairmen and clerks had been useful in terms of sharing information and considering future service provision. Cornwall Councillors have been allotted

spending of £2000 to share between their parishes. He will confirm whether or not the amount is to include highways' work.

He had spoken to Highways regarding the traffic calming scheme at Upton Cross and hopes to meet Paul Allen from Highways in the morning of 21 July with at least one councillor. Cllr Martin hoped to be available to attend.

Cllr Turner reported that the first cabinet meeting had taken place and he is on the panel for Adult health and Social Care. At present the burning issue is of waste management which is proving difficult, presenting high costs. Several options are being considered, including levying a tax, recycling with a payback scheme for parishes promoting recycling.

The planning authority is keen to devolve decision-making to parishes. Cllr Turner will be circulating information on the role of the Ward member in planning matters through the Link. He also reported that two Cornwall Council employees had been seconded to CALC to help with administration. Parish councillors expressed continuing concern that CALC was still not representing all parish councils and that the matter of concern would remain unresolved. Cllr Turner will take up with Mary Cooper, questions concerning the benefits for which the parish pays a considerable sum and, on what the money is being spent. The absence of the area meetings of CALC was queried, and questions regarding the ability of CALC to consult views, and to respond to them. Concern was also expressed that the parish council should not pull out of CALC membership but that the organisation should be doing the job it is paid to do.

7) Highways

Continuing concerns regarding safety at the Upton Cross traffic calming scheme were expressed; in particular, at the northern end the invisibility of the protrusion and the high siting of the sign. Extending the yellow lines will result in the loss of only 2 parking spaces outside the school. It was discussed that at the southern end the projection pushes lorries into the road, and the overhanging trees make visibility dangerous. It was agreed that these matters would be expressed at the site meeting and also a re-confirmation regarding the repair of the collapsed drain would be requested.

8) Tree Warden's Report

It had not been possible to gain grant funding for 'trees in hedges' by the deadline but another opportunity might be available in the autumn. Some of the application criteria relate to substantial developments and therefore may not apply to this parish council.

9) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

a) Jubilee Field

The climbing frame has been fenced off in interests of safety, following the results of investigating the condition of the posts. Councillors discussed some of the available options. It was agreed to demolish the frame then to reconsider the options depending on the condition of the remaining materials. It was agreed that a working party to undertake demolition would be organised. It was agreed to consult children on the options for replacement by means of a questionnaire.

b) Rilla Mill Play Area

A small area of safety matting under the cobra is lifting. Cllr Todd offered to pin it down.

10) Allotments

- a) Membership of National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Ltd (NSALG). It was agreed not to join NSALG at the moment but to reconsider once allotment holders are in place. Costs related to fencing were discussed and it was agreed

to investigate the cost of stock-proof and rabbit-proof fencing. It was agreed to include 'Allotments' as a regular agenda item.

11) Correspondence

It was noted that the Chairman had accepted Cllr Willisson's written resignation and that the statutory notices to fill the vacancy were in place.

Email

Russell Holden Town Clerk Truro: re CALC and the planning process
Cornwall Council x 2: press release – events to help those out of work and T&P Newsletter
Highways (Sheena Davey) – *discussed at Item 7*
Fields in Trust: Torch Trophy Trust awards
Rural Services Network x 3: Parish Newsletter, Rural Housing and Public service
Rural Services Community x 2: Weekly digests 6 July and 30 June
Caradon Sustainability Forum Events: Volunteers
Alan Percy, Cubert PC: CALC bias – notice of withdrawal of membership of CALC
Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum: AGM Monday 6 July
ECCVS Support Webpage: info to seek help and advice on funding, volunteers etc
Charity Commission: newsletter/website
NALCx 2: Autumn conferences and Leadership Academy
ECCVS: LINK Cornwall update
Fred Gibbs: information to recruit an auditor – *see item 12(a)*
ECCVS: info on series of events inc digital switchover support 'drop-in' sessions
Village SOS: invitation to submit projects to benefit local people (BBC1/Lottery fund)
SLCC event 3 & 4 July
Cornwall Council Planning Liaison Group: notes of meeting held 20 May 2009
Alan Percy, Cubert PC: response to receiving Cllr Masson's email.
Looe TC clerk: re CALC and the planning process
Portreath PC clerk: resolved to withhold payment to CALC
Richard Masson: comments on planning items – *discussed at Item 14*
ECCVS: Caradon Sustainability Forum notice and training programme
Cornwall Cllr Turner x2: update on CALC and notice of Highways' site meeting
Rural Services Community: *it was agreed to unsubscribe to this site*

'Snail' mail

Janice Bell: re affordable housing at Upton Cross
Post Office: re-opening of services
Clerks & Councils Direct: magazine
The Clerk: magazine
Kay Willisson: resignation (30 May 2009)

12) Items requiring a decision

- a) Independent auditor recruitment
It was agreed that the clerk would consult with clerks in other parishes in the Ward regarding the search for an auditor. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the single applicant giving details of the requirements in order to negotiate terms.

Cllr Horrell departed the meeting

13) Finance

- a) Cash flow of accounts It was resolved to approve as an accurate record the cash flow statement and this was signed by the Vice Chairman.
- b) Payments
It was resolved to approve the following i) Clerk's expenses £41.04 ii) Audit Commission £327.75 (inc VAT £42.75) iii) Allianz £99.62 (balance of premium following amendment to policy) iv) Parish Hall rent £9.00 v) RoSPA inspection fees deferred from June 2009

14) Planning

- a) Planning Applications
 - i) 09/00744/FUL Erection of wind turbine at Cheesewring Farm, Minions – it was resolved to recommend for approval
 - ii) 09/00730/FUL Construction of access track and shed at Patrieda Barn, Linkinhorne – it was resolved to recommend for approval
 - iii) 09/00826/FUL Construction of two-storey extension at 2 Heather Cottage, Sharptor – it was resolved to recommend for approval
 - iv) 09/00893/FUL Variation of condition 8 at Mercury Lodge, Upton Cross (observatory) – it was resolved to object on the grounds that it is inconsistent with key policy considerations of Countryside and Government guidance contained in PPS1 and PPS7. There are no material changes in circumstances since the original proposals were considered, when the prospect of applications for residential/manager's accommodation was a matter of concern.
 - iv) 06/00365/FUL, 06/00395/FUL, 09/00037/FUL Starabridge Cottages. Councillors re-considered comments from planning at Cornwall Council regarding a query regarding inconsistency in decision-making. It was resolved to maintain the decision previously taken and the clerk was to inform the planning authority to that effect.
- b) Decisions received from Caradon
 - 09/00507/FUL Construction of garage/workshop at the Barn House, Pengelly – approved with 2 conditions
 - 09/00590/FUL Construction of building for ancillary use at Brambles, Hillyfields, Upton Cross – approved with 3 conditions
 - 09/00581/CON Demolition of garage (as above) – approved with 1 condition
 - 09/00633/FUL Installation of wind turbine at Yonder Netherton, Upton Cross – approved with 5 conditions
 - 09/00670/FUL Construction of replacement outbuilding at 1 Phoenix Cottages, Minions – approved with 4 conditions
 - 09/00645/FUL Alterations to dwelling at Yonder Netherton, Upton Cross – approved with 1 condition
 - 09/00646/LBC as above – approved with 4 conditions
 - 09/00450/LBC Replacement timber sash windows at Caradon Villa, Downgate - refused

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Items for next agenda: CALC; Parish Hall update; Play area inspectors

Date of next meeting: Monday 10 August 2009

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 21h37