

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Tuesday 12 May 2009 at Hall, 7.30pm
MINUTES

1) Apologies: Cllr Daniel

2) Present: County Cllr Emuss, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Todd, Cllr Wooster
Julia Todd (clerk)

3) 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 Hopes and Cllr Hearn proposed Cllr Todd to Vice-Chairman. It was requested that a signed ballot be conducted and upon this being completed it was resolved to appoint Cllr Hopes as Vice-Chairman.

4) Election of Representatives

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,
Finance/Audit & Insurance Working Party	Cllr Hopes – Vice Chair, Cllr Todd, Cllr Lobban and Cllr Masson; Clerk as ‘Responsible Financial Officer’
Caradon Hill Area Project Group	Cllr Wooster
CALC meetings	Cllr Hearn
Parish Hall Committee	Cllr Martin
Public Rights of Way Committee	Cllr Lobban, Cllr Martin and Cllr Todd, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell
Roberts Jefferys Trust	Three year appointments to be reviewed 2010.
Commoners’ Association	Cllr Gilbert (or Cllr Martin)
Cecilia Knill Charity	Cllr Lobban and Cllr Martin

5) Declarations under Code of Conduct

Cllr Wooster declared a prejudicial interest in Item 17(a)(ii) and a personal interest in Item 17(a)(vi)

Cllr Horrell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 17(a)(iii) and 17(a)(iv)

Cllr Hearn declared a personal interest in Item 14 (sheep worrying)

6) Minutes

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of 14 April 2009 subject to the following amendments, and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Item 8 a): To read only “Cllr Wooster reported on the Phoenix 100 events”

Item 9: The phrase reading “Cllr Martin explained that the boundaries were too large for county councillors, and seems to be driven by party politics” to be deleted.

7) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters

No members of the public spoke

8) Reports from and matters of concern to:

- a) PCSO Bob Anslow:
PSO Anslow reported that the speed watch programme was now in progress. There was no crime to report this month, and he had dealt with the problem of an illegally parked vehicle in Upton Cross. Following comments regarding dog fouling and dogs running loose made at the Annual Parish meeting he brought with him the dog warden Andrew Sweet. The Chairman gave Andrew a brief outline of the current problems on moor and showed him a letter from a concerned parishioner. Andrew clarified the law requiring dogs to wear a collar with a tag including owner contact details. It is not sufficient for an electronic chip alone and, strictly speaking, a dog without a collar is considered a stray. It was noted that a small minority of dog owners are behaving irresponsibly, and an incident of sheep worrying resulting in a dead lamb was discussed. PCSO Anslow reported that the police are happy to act given sufficient evidence. Andrew receives and acts upon animal matters; he will focus some of his activity in the parish and will investigate the sheep worrying incident. Incidents concerning stray dogs can be reported directly to the Dog Warden on 01579 345439. Thanks were expressed to Andrew for erecting the dog signs. Other signs warning of covert dog wardens in the area are soon to be erected. The supply of dog fouling bins will be investigated.

*PCSO Anslow and Andrew Sweet departed the meeting
Cllr Hearn departed the meeting*

- b) County Councillor Emuss:
County Cllr Emuss reported that there would be no money available for road schemes for about two years. The Standards Committee is acting with determination, and assessment hearings will be held locally. 50% of County Council members will not be standing for election again. County Cllr Emuss expressed his enjoyment of serving for four years, ensuring completion of various schemes to parishes. The Chairman expressed appreciation and thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council, for providing a county presence in the parish.

*County Cllr Emuss departed the meeting
Cllr Lobban departed the meeting*

9) Highways

- a) Report on bus shelter project at Upton Cross
Cllr Todd reported that he had met with a member of the Highways department and a position/site had been identified.

Cllr Hearn returned to the meeting

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways regarding a timetable for full completion, including removal of temporary signs, of the Upton Cross traffic calming scheme, and for an update on the drains repair at Upton Cross.

10) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

- a) Jubilee Field
No problem with equipment or the condition of the field was reported. The new play table is now in use. It was reported that some children had been seen on the roof at the back of the Parish Hall, and the contents of the scout store had been tampered with. Broken glass found at the site had been removed.

- b) Rilla Mill Play Area
The grass had been cut well (and also that at the civic burial ground, St Paul's)

11) Allotments

- a) Report on progress
 - i) An informal meeting of interested parties had been held on 7 May resulting in organizing a site meeting for 31 May to look at the existing allotments at Coad's Green and at proposed sites within Linkinhorne Parish. It is hoped that an association of allotment holders, headed by Julia Sanchez, would be formed at the meeting.
 - ii) The council discussed cost of any planning application required for setting up allotments and Cllr Wooster offered to investigate for more details. It was agreed to approach local landowners via the Link for other possible allotment sites.
 - ii) It was agreed to explore the possibility of grants for funding for stock-proof fencing and for establishing allotments.

12) Parish Plan

- a) Questionnaire
It was agreed to re-form the working group in order to review the previous questionnaire and to seek assistance from Michael Hinks and from Cornwall Rural Council; and to approach the AONB regarding its proposals for parishes included within AONB sites.

13) Venue of Future Parish Council meetings

- a) It was agreed that the Parish Council meetings would be held for six months (October to March) at Rilla Mill village hall and six months (April to September) at the Parish Hall, and that the clerk would seek reassurance of reservations. However due to other commitments at the Parish Hall, the meetings would continue to be held at Rilla Mill village hall for this summer.
- b) It was agreed that the Parish Council will meet on the second Monday of the month from Monday 13 July at 7.30pm.

14) Correspondence

CALC: receipt of membership fees remittance and log-in details - *noted*

CC: mobile library van parking at Upton Cross - *noted*

CAB: re-structuring of CAB in Cornwall - *noted*

Launceston Travel: request to distribute promotional/commercial material. It was agreed that this request is not an appropriate use of clerk time.

CC: notices of European Parliamentary elections – distributed. It was agreed that the clerk would distribute notices of other agencies in the course of disseminating parish notices.

Revd Marilyn Elliott: invitation to her ordination on Saturday 4 July – it was agreed that the clerk would respond and clarify the identity of the intended recipient.

PO: Restoration of Postal Services - *noted*

CC Walking for Health and Pleasure: details of walks - *noted*

CC: acknowledgement of email to Highways - *noted*

CC: re-adoption of byelaw regarding horse-drawn omnibus - *noted*

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Phoenix 100: notice of events official opening at 11am on 4 June - *noted*

Cornwall Blind Association: notice calling all budding musicians - *noted*

Communities and Local Government: Business Rate deferral Fact Sheet - *noted*

Digital UK: switchover help – *it was noted that Age Concern is assisting.*

Equality and Human Rights Commission: Public Sector Duties. Explanatory leaflet - *noted*

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine - *noted*

Letter from parishioner (sheep worrying by dogs) – it was agreed that the clerk would put a notice in the next Link

Cornwall Blind Association: meeting at Pensilva Tues 26 May 4.00pm for launch of services - *noted*

The Clerk SLCC magazine - *noted*

Emails

Cornwall AONB newsletter - *noted*

CALC: re Planning Liaison Group minutes of meeting held 8 April 2009 – *see Item 15(a)*

East Cornwall Council for Voluntary Service: Inter-Link Locality meeting - *noted*

CC: Community Networks in East Cornwall – Localism Service update - *noted*

15) Items requiring a decision

- a) Serious concern was expressed by councillors regarding CALC's decision to exclude small and non-quality assured councils from the recently formed Planning Liaison Group. It was agreed that the clerk would write to CALC with a copy to Mr Phil Mason, Head of Planning and Regeneration, reminding CALC of its duty towards *all* councils.

16) Finance

- a) Cash flow of accounts It was resolved to approve the cash flow statement and this was signed by the Chairman.
- b) Payments
It was resolved to approve the following i) Clerk's expenses £25.35 ii) WesternWeb £59.80 inc VAT iii) JWS Heating and Plumbing £20.00
- c) Receipts
i) £10 sale of walks' books ii) Precept and parks/burial grants £6,172.50
- d) Insurance
Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to approve the findings of the finance working party's reassessment of insurance requirements.

17) Planning

- a) Planning Applications
 - i) 09/00607/VS52 Variation of Section 52 Agreement to allow for sale of land at Sharptor View Farm, Henwood. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to recommend for approval.
Cllr Wooster departed the meeting
 - ii) 09/00590/FUL Construction of building for ancillary use at Brambles, Hillyfields. It was resolved to recommend for approval.
Cllr Wooster returned to the meeting
Cllr Horrell departed the meeting

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iii) 09/00645/FUL Alterations to dwelling; replacement windows, re-roof, removal of rendering etc at Yonder Netherton, Upton Cross. It was resolved to recommend for approval.

iv) 09/00633/FUL Installation of wind turbine at Yonder Netherton, Upton Cross. It was resolved to recommend for approval.

Cllr Horrell returned to the meeting

v) 09/00667/FUL Change of use and extension to store to provide annexe/holiday at North Darley House, Upton Cross
It was resolved to recommend for approval.

vi) 09/00670/FUL Construction of replacement outbuilding at 1 Phoenix Cottages, Minions. It was resolved to neither support nor object on the grounds of inaccurate application.

b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council

i) 09/00229/FUL Construction of garage and store at Clampit Cottage, Linkinhorne – refused

ii) 09/00230/FUL Extension to Netherhill, Rilla Mill – approved with two conditions

ii) 09/00443/TRECON Removal of one spruce fir tree at Coach House, Henwood – approved

iv) 09/00406/TRECON Canopy raise one ash tree and one chestnut and fell three sycamores – approved

Items for next agenda:

a) Electrical work at Upton Cross public conveniences

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 July 2009

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 22h43