

## ***Linkinhorne Parish Council***

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

**at the Rilla Mill Village Hall on Monday 10 April 2017 at 7.00pm.**

#### **MINUTES**

##### **Present at the meeting were:**

Ray Davey (Allotment committee), Catherine Horrell, Tony Stephens (Church of England) Pauline Daniel (WI),, Michelene Norris (community lunches), Brian Norris (Parish Hall Committee), Anne Hughes (Parish Hall Committee), Simon Hordley (RMVH), Louise Hopes, Tracey Boarland (JFRC), Emily Goodey (Upton Cross School), Greg Coombe, Melodie Benson (Little Links), Jackie Benson (Little Links).

Cllr Hearn (Chairman), Cllr Horrell, Cllr Daniel, Cllr Lobban (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Stansfield, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Moyse, Cllr Martin, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Ward, and Melanie Kilby (Clerk)

##### **1. Apologies** received from the following invitees:

Cornwall Councillor McWilliam, Rev Jo Smart, Zena Jones.

##### **2. The minutes of the Meeting of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016** were agreed as an accurate record of that meeting.

##### **3. Chairman's Report**

Welcome to this year's Linkinhorne Parish Annual Meeting – an opportunity for you as electors to come together, to find out about and discuss parish matters. This is not a council meeting – it is the parish meeting for our parish. My name is Carl Hearn and I have been privileged to serve as Chairman of your Parish Council for the last year.

We have quite a full agenda and I hope you will find this evening both helpful and interesting. Afterwards there will be a meeting of the Parish Council which you are welcome to stay for if you wish.

Firstly I would like to thank Julia Todd for her support and service during the eight years of appointment and to welcome Melanie Kilby as new Clerk. To those who are not standing as Councillors we have appreciated their help over the past four years. In particular to Beryl Martin for her long standing commitment over the past 3 decades to the Parish Council and other cause within the Parish, adding such value to the community. An achievement for us all to aspire to.

We continue to provide a range of service to our parish; from the parish burial ground to the provision and maintenance of play areas, from public conveniences to footpath maintenance, allotments to bus shelters; basic but essential services that enhance the quality of life for the residents of, and visitors to, our parish.

Your Council continues to assist a range of local organisations through grants, which benefit the work of bodies supporting parishioners. We also represent our community by responding to consultations on matters such as planning applications.

More significantly over the past year there has been extensive negotiation with Cornwall Council over their closure of the Minions toilets and the extent to which we could appropriately look to provide any future support for this facility. I am now pleased to inform you that the toilets have been purchased by the Parish Council and are in full working order available 24/7 to the public.

Significant changes have been taking place in Upton Cross. Phase one of the Jubilee Field project has taken place over the last 18 months thanks to the hard work of the Jubilee Field Recreation Committee (JFRC), with further funding secure for the next stage. Thanks to the hard work of the Linkinhorne Parish Hall committee securing funding for the re-vamp. The old Linkinhorne Parish Hall has been demolished and the new hall is progressing well. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has worked hard in drafting a Parish Neighbourhood Plan for consultation. A report from all three groups will be provided later.

Throughout your Council continues to do its best to deliver relevant and value for money services for our Parish which contribute to making it a place where people choose to live, work, and visit.

On behalf of the parish thank you to all those individuals, groups, and organisations who work in so many different ways to improve our way of life.

#### **4. Jubilee Field Recreation Committee (JFRC), progress report and future plans**

The Jubilee Field first phase (aimed at toddlers and secondary primary age group) has been completed thanks to funding from Viridor and fund raising carried out by JFRC. This phase was officially opened last summer with a big event involving Viridor, Schoolsapes and the children of Upton Cross School. The future development of the park is aimed at providing facilities for older children (teenagers) and adults. Tesco bags of help have provided a donation of £8,000 to the next phase including the gazebo and path from the gate to the lower entrance of the field by Sterts. This tack is to be extended around the whole field with the intention of it to be used as a running track and for push bikes. The final phase is the skate park. The aim is to provide an ergonomic skate park which is dug down into the ground to minimise visual impact, this is currently in the early stages of discussion. AGM to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 Caradon Inn.

#### **5. Linkinhorne Parish Hall progress report:**

The Parish Hall Committees funding application to the Lottery was turned down due to the fact that evidence of potential use was not sufficient and community was not in support. Therefore new funders were sort – Sita and Virador. Three scenarios were put forwards dependant on what funding could be provided. To the delight of the committee scenario A was achieved. This aims to provide a well-insulated, comfortable & modern hall, economical to run & with good facilities & equipment. It was achieved through the following funding:

£100,000 Sita  
£87,000 Hall  
£50,000 Viridor  
TOTAL: £237,000

On December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 a fond farewell party was held, shortly after which (January 5th, 2017) work began to demolish the old hall. At the end of April the work was two weeks ahead of scheduled. The John Bartlett room is hoped to be ready for the elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with an opening party to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The 16<sup>th</sup> will be a special event for all those who have been involved in achieving the goal of a new hall, with special thanks to Bernard Wooster for his consistent work and dedication to this project spanning the past 10-12 years. Over the coming 6 months the hall committee are going to keep the rental cost low and see how it goes to encourage the use of the hall. The addition of the micro library is still uncertain and in negotiation at present. The committee is also working with the Parish Council to provide an external disabled public toilet open to all.

## **6. Neighbourhood Development Plan progress report presented by Andrew Ward:**

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> progress report on Linkinhorne Neighbourhood Plan and hopefully there will only be one more as we are now moving into the final stages. A quick summary of what is a Neighbourhood Development Plan is and where does it fit in overall with National planning. The Localism Act 2011 sets out the National and Local planning structure:

- National Planning policy
- County Local Plan e.g. Cornwall Local Plan (building sustainable communities)
- NDP (Neighbourhood Development Plan) shaping local communities

Our progress this year:

A big move forward this year was Cornwall obtaining sign off and publication of its Local Plan in November 2016. The Local Plan is available online and sets out 28 policies covering key targets including: development standards; renewables; protection of sites; flood risk; and housing etc. One of the most important targets provides a clear view on housing numbers by area. The NDP will then determine where the houses are to be located and this brings us to our part of the progress report. I (Andrew Ward) have attended four training sessions. The team had produced a Linkinhorne NDP document which had been reviewed by Parish Council at several special meetings.

It has also been reviewed by Cornwall's principle planning office, which has provided constructive feedback especially in light of the new Cornwall Local Plan. The good news for us is we have documented to much as a lot of it is now in the Local Plan. It is easier to remove sections than to write them. We are due for another review in June. Also this year we have obtained a grant of £3,780 from Locality to pay for some specialist help and printing etc. Locality have also agreed to provide technical help and offered more funds if we need it.

Additional Housing requirements explained

- Affordable housing register indicates a requirement in Linkinhorne of 47 homes.
- 2010 to 2030 Cornwall Local Plan agreed a 52,500 additional housing target.
- Caradon Network Area (CNA) allocation is 1,000.
- 520 additional housing allocated to parishes outside Callington.

- 150 housing have already been built.
- 304 houses approved (poss. only 75% of these might be built).
- Linkinhorne housing represents 12.4% of the housing stock in the CAN (excl. Callington).
- Approximately 20 additional houses will be required in Linkinhorne Parish by 2030 to meet the Cornwall Local Plan requirement.

### **Upton Cross alternative village boundary lines**

- There is an obligation within the NDP to identify areas for village growth and to bring forward deliverable housing sites.
- Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Need survey has identified a high level of housing need within the Parish. Using national measures, Linkinhorne comes within the top 20% of Parishes within the country in terms of barriers to housing and services.
- This alternative site assessment has been prepared to support the Linkinhorne NDP.
- The assessment looks at potential alternative sites for village boundary expansion within Upton Cross.
- The alternative site assessment has considered 5 sites. If not these sites where?
- Should Upton Cross boundary be expanded to ensure the sustainability of the village and support local services?

The NDP steering Group will be hosting three exhibitions, Rilla Mill on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, Cross Links centre Upton Cross on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, and St Mellors 17<sup>th</sup> May. At these sessions we will be displaying policies and maps and asking for feedback. If anyone would like to help with the plan please come and see me.

## **8. Your questions, comments, and suggestions.**

### **Linkinhorne Parish Allotments -Ray Davey**

All plots at the allotments are fully in total 10 ½ in cultivation with bee hives in another location. Currently the plot holders are two from Upton Cross, three from Rilla Mill, four from Minions and two from outside of the Parish (Lewannick). Ages of the plot holder range from toddlers (Little Diggers) to those in their 80's. The Allotment holders were successfully in obtaining a grant from the Community Chest fund (£500) for a communal shed and ground cover to kill off weeds over a large area which can now be easily maintained and planted with shrubs. One of the allotment holders (Andy) won the SW County Championship cup for his sweet peas.

### **Church of England - Tony Stevens**

The Callington Cluster includes the Parish of Linkinhorne with St Mellor a traditional Church and St Pauls which has a partnership between the Church of England and the Methodist Church for which I (Tony Stevens) share overseeing with Jo Smart. The church is involved in 'Life events' including birth, marriages and bereavements. More recently I have been involved with The Green, providing wedding ceremonies. My role includes those of a spiritual nature, working with people to understand their faith and

what gods means to them and providing spiritual healing in addition to the work that the NHS provides. Pastoral care is also provided by a dedicated team via Wednesday lunch club, visits to Eldon House, pop up café providing place for younger families. More recently the church is being approached by people who are finding things tough e.g. due to benefits cuts or losing their jobs etc. The church has been providing food banks in Callington and Gunislake and is looking at introducing one in Upton Cross. Loneliness is a big issue with people who are on their own both young and old.

### **Roberts and Jeffery's Foundation –Beryl Martin**

As recently advertised in the Link the Foundation is seeking request for grants. The trust would like to hear from Secondary School age children wishing to take part in an educational opportunity where a contribution to expenses is helpful.

### **Upton Cross Primary School – Emily Goodey**

My name is Emily Goodey and I am currently the acting head of Upton Cross Primary School. We have a thriving Primary School with pupil numbers 2 off being full. On the first of May 2017 the school will be converted to an Academy Trust of which 7 Schools are involved. We welcome and encourage the involvement of the local community with Anne Hughes currently giving her time to help with the school choir and others helping with a garden project.

Emily was asked by the NDP whether the addition of new housing would impact the school. Emily replied that currently there was not the possibility to accommodate more children, but would look a ways of expanding if demand was proven.

### **Rilla Mill Village Hall (RMVH) – Simon Hordley**

It has been a good year so far, with a thriving community attending the Duck race and very successfully Bonfire night display thanks to new providers. Currently RMVH have 30 members on the committee. The committee hope to be submitting a bid for an extension on the back of the hall to provide more room. Special thanks to John and Sandy Dale.

### **Minions Toilets**

Question asked over the toilet provision. The toilets are fully operational at present and open 24/7. The operating arrangements and cost implication are being reviewed by the Parish Council. Additional income streams coming from events such as the 5 Tor Race at Easter.

### **Parish Signs**

Photographs were provided by a parishioner showing the poor condition of several figure post signs. Clerk to contact Cornwall Council.

### **Friends of Stara Woods – Anne Hughes**

Like to highlight that the group meets on the first Saturday of every month.