

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

**at the Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross on
Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.00pm.**

MINUTES

Present at the meeting were:

Catherine Horrell, Brian Norris (Parish Hall Committee), Simon Hordley (RMVH), Louise Hopes, Malcom Hopes, Zena Jones (Tuesday Trekkers, Lunch Club) Geoff Maunder (Short Matt Bowls), Kamy Poultney (Upton Cross PTFA) Lynn Childs (St Cleer and District Commoners Association) Beryl Martin, Andrew Davey (RMVH committee), Peter Woodward (Sterts), Norma Draper (community lunches), Maxine Browne (Linkinhorne PCC), Emily Goodey (Upton Cross ACE Academy).

Cornwall Councillor Daw and Cornwall Councillor Flashman

Cllr Hearn (Chairman) Cllr Lobban (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Daniel, Cllr Coombe, Cllr Corfield, Cllr Wallis, Cllr Rounsevell, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Boarland, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Sharp-Philips, Cllr Stansfield and Melanie Kilby (Clerk)

1. Apologies received from the following invitees:

Rev Jo Smart (Methodist Minister), Tony Stephens (Church of England), Mike Todd (History Group), Cllr Ward.

2. The minutes of the Meeting of Monday 10th April 2017 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. Overview of what the St Cleer and District Commoners Association do – Lynne Child (Chair).

The St Cleer and District Commoners Association is the first point of call for any problems relating to the Moorland and rely on the general public to reporting them.

Issues to report include:

- Animal / livestock Welfare;
- Rubbish;
- Miss-use of the moorland;

Key issues:

- Dog faeces - pick it up - Increase in cases of Neosporosis. Dog faeces left in farmer's fields and on the Moors aren't just unpleasant - the diseases (Neosporosis) they carry can also pose a serious risk to livestock and other dogs. Farmers are having animals rejected from the slaughter houses due to them containing vast numbers of dog worms. This has a significant impact on their business and livelihood.
- Rubbish - Take it home – the moors are a lovely place to visit but this beauty is being destroyed by the rubbish left behind.
- Livestock – keep your dogs on leads – Case of dogs killing livestock or worrying livestock are on the rise.
- Respect and report - We are all guardians of our parish and beyond. Take responsibility for your actions and report any problems and those who threaten it.

Who to contact:

- Julie Downton. Tel 07703468628 for 24 hr welfare issues or report it on the twitter account: Bodmin moor commons (@bodmin moor 1) / <https://twitter.com/bodminmoor1>
- St Cleer and District Commoners Association Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Commoners-Association-ST-Cleer-and-district-300049080442587/>

To find out all the information you need regarding enjoyable use of the moorland please visit the Natural England Website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england>

5. To receive an update on the future of Upton Cross Post Office and Shop

FD Hall had been approached by a member of Linkinhorne Parish Council asking if they would consider providing a space for a temporary / permanent Post Office and shop. After considering their options they contacted the Post Office offering the Old Chapel Building as a potential space. The conversation has led to potentially providing a space for a community shop within the Old Chapel building. FD Hall does not have the capacity to run the Post Office and / or shop this responsibility would have to fall elsewhere. FD Hall would look to arranging a lease on the building. Currently parking might be an issue in the short term and management of large delivery Lorries would need consideration.

The Post Office Ltd undertook mobile signal testing at FD Hall and in the local area and found that the signal was not good enough to provide an outreach service. Therefore a fixed line would need to be installed. A meeting is to be held with the outreach service from Gunnislake to see if the post master has the capacity to run an outreach service from Upton Cross. This is a low cost option as the Post Master is equipped with the necessary equipment. The hours of operating will depend on a variety of factors for example number of people in the community, deprivation figures etc. A service will not be put in place until the community is consulted.

Another location that has been identified is Linkinhorne Parish Hall which could accommodate a temporary or outreach type of service. The current data line would need to be tested to ensure it has the capacity to run the Post Office. The location does not a present have the capacity to run a shop. Linkinhorne Parish Hall Committee has unanimously agreed to locate the Post of in the Parish Hall.

6. Your questions, comments, and suggestions. This is your opportunity as a parish elector to put questions or make comments on parish and community matters that interest or concern you.

Linkinhorne Parish Hall Committee

It has nearly been a year since the grand opening. The committee is pleased with the job that Frame 2000 has done. There have been a few teething problems but these have now been sorted. Booking are on the up and the real junk food project, drop in café, film club and the murder mystery night have been popular. The decision to register as a charity incorporated organisation was forced by the need to enter into a contract with Cornwall Council regarding the Micro-library. The Committee have signed the contract and it should be moving forward shortly. The shelving is in and it is hoped to open it 3 times a week for 2 hour time slot.

Robert and Jeffery's Foundation:

The Roberts and Jeffery Foundation made an appeal for secondary school aged students living within the Parish to apply for the funding available for educational opportunities, that could not be afforded by the family without support. Correspondence with the Charity Commission has confirmed that the Foundation can pass a resolution that the two new members can be co-opted onto the Foundation to replace representative of Cornwall Council.

Tuesday club and Tuesday trekkers

Tuesday club has been running for 31 years at its high had 46 member but these have dwindled to ~15 of which many are old. Desperately need people to attend otherwise it will close. Tuesday trekkers are doing well with walks taking place the last Tuesday of the month.

Rilla Mill Village Hall Committee

Over last 12 months there has been a good use of the hall. Bavarian evening, Barn dance, race night, children's disco, Con Brio, and the Pantomime. Lots of regular users and post office on a Thursday. There has been a stage extension and new stage lighting installed. Looking to apply for funding towards and extension for storage. In Parson's Meadow there has been a wedding, smite competitions, Johnny Cowling, and the Duck Race. The Bonfire night had over 900 people attend with a large number of children.

The Committee have decided to bring back the carnival which will parade from Jack Daniel's fields down to Parsons meadow after which the annual duck race and model raft race will take place.

Crosslink centre – Community Lunches:

Planning permission has been applied for to create a ramp to improve access from the roadside into the Cross Link Centre.

Provides lunches for over 60's a two course meal and tea. A lovely social occasion for those who find themselves alone. They group are always on the lookout for volunteers to help cook.

Pastoral services are provided where people are available to visit those who are house bound and talk about whatever they would like to.

Short Matt bowling club

Establish in 2000 and has been very popular for many years. There are now not enough people attending to keep it going and an appeal was made for people to come and have a go. It can be played all year round and keeps the older people active and the younger people fit.

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Oversees the running of the two churches within the Parish St Pauls (Upton Cross) and St Mellor's (Linkinhome). Recently repaired a fault with a pillar at St Mellor's and new keyboard at St Pauls. At St Pauls a planning application has been submitted to install a ramp to provide better access to the Cross Link Centre.

The two Churches complement each other with the Anglican and Methodist ministers' alternate service at St Paul. Meet and eat is held at Rilla Mill Village hall from 9:30 instead of a service. All can attend no matter what their religion. Members have joined with Linkinhome Parish Hall to offer a drop in café on a Thursday afternoon. Members visit Upton Cross School to perform a short play called 'open the book'.

Issues raised by members of the public:

- Businesses and residents from Minions were present at the meeting and put across their concerns about the ice cream van in Houseman's car park Minions. Those attending the meeting felt that its presence had a detrimental effect on their businesses and concerns were raised about litter. The ice cream van has a formal tender with Cornwall Council and is therefore legally allowed to trade from the car park. Cornwall Councillor Daw has been informed of the issues raised.
- Signs being placed on common land

- Minions Heritage centre – key holders are concerned at the condition of the building and have had no response on who is responsible within Cornwall Council for the building. It is believed that the building is now under threat.
- Replacement of sign posts within the Parish.

Question was raised concerning the current position of the Neighbourhood Development Plan:

A meeting had been held between Parish Council members and Cornwall Council, in relation to how the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is interpreted by the planning authority. This meeting did not provide a satisfactory outcome. It was felt that that the points raised by the Parish Council were not grasped by those in attendance, and it is now difficult to take the NDP forward in the direction that had been proposed. Further discussions on the best way to approach and move forward with the NDP are needed.

7. Official opening of the new Disabled Public Convenience at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross.

The Chairman thanked the Parish Hall Committee for their support and most of all their commitment. Brain Norris (stand in Chair for Linkinhorne Parish Hall) cut the ribbon to officially open the toilets.

Meeting Closed 8:10pm

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