

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Link Article

August 2020



Two virtual meetings of the Parish Council have been undertaken since the last publication of the Link. A special meeting of the council on the 28th of July 2020, and a Parish Council meeting on the 10th August 2020. Following the usual financial business, the Council considered the following planning applications and determined as indicated:

- PA20/05869. Plash Mill Upton Cross Alterations and Extension to dwelling. Linkinhorne Parish Council had no objection to the application.

Notification of the 5 day protocol decisions discussed at the special meeting of the council on 28th July 2020:

i) PA20/00670 Upton Cross Stores, Upton Cross. Change of use from A1 Shop to Residential. Regretfully Linkinhorne Parish Council feels that they have to accept the situation as it currently stands and withdraw their request for the application PA20/00670 - Upton Cross Stores to go to committee. Reluctantly, agreeing to disagree with your proposal. Linkinhorne Parish Council believes that they have been faced with a fait accompli, brought about by the failure of Cornwall Council on two counts:

1. First to positively and actively engage with the community in securing an ACV over the premises, this would have provided time in which to properly consider options.

2. Second the failure to properly follow up the enforcement of the change of use prior to the conversion of the premises. It is apparent that the enforcement officer made a policy judgement contrary to Policy 4 section 4 of the CLP without any reference to interested parties, thereby in effect, bypassing proper consultation on the loss of an important community facility. The Council believes this to be a potential maladministration issue.

It is Linkinhorne Parish Councils intention to register a formal complaint on those matters.

- ii) PA20/04108 Construction of garage to serve new dwelling - under construction (dwelling application PA18/10835). Land at The Cheesewring Hotel, Minions. Linkinhorne Parish Council agree with your recommendations so long as the approval is subject to a condition to ensure that the garage is used in connection with the host dwelling

Decisions and notifications received from Cornwall Council Planning:

- PA20/00670 APPROVED. Upton Cross Stores, Upton Cross. Change of use from A1 Shop to Residential.

Play areas:

Weekly inspection of both Jubilee Field at Upton Cross and the play area in Parsons Meadow at Rilla Mill has been undertaken. A vandalised bench has been repaired and the entrance gate from the road into Jubilee Field which has also been vandalised will be replaced. When inspecting Jubilee Field for re-opening it was noticed that some of the ash trees within the field potential had ash die back. The clerk is to obtain guidance on what action is required and quotes for undertaking this. Parents and guardians please encourage your children to adhere to guidance on use and sanitise / wash their hand on entry and exit of the play areas.

Public conveniences:

At the time of writing this article the public conveniences at both Minions and Upton Cross **have been partially reopened, focusing around the weekend.** The Parish Council are aiming to open a minimum of one cubicle between Thursday and Monday at Minions and the public convenience at Upton Cross between Thursday and Sunday. Risk assessments, legionella risk assessments and water samples have been undertaken at both facilities; a 30 day surface sanitiser has been applied and will be reapplied monthly; the cleaning regime has been increased, and signage is in place to encourage users to follow guidance to help minimise the risks of transmission of Covid-19. To comply with government guidance a significant increase in costs is predicted and additional time in managing the facility is going to have a significant impact on the Parish Councils budget for 2020-2021. If these facilities are vandalised, left in an unsanitary state or users do not follow signage / current government guidance Linkinhorne Parish Council will close them.

[Please note that this selective report is based on notes taken during the meeting and as always is subject to the approval of the full and formal minutes to be considered at the next meeting.]

Uncertain times still lie ahead regarding Covid-19. Information and guidance is changing on a daily basis. Everyone in Cornwall can help the UK's response by following Public Health England's guidance which is being updated regularly.

For up to date information please visit:

- Cornwall Council website <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health-cornwall/information-about-coronavirus-covid-19/>
- GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Request help from Volunteer Cornwall via requestforhelp@volunteercornwall.org.uk or by calling 01872 266988.

The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday 14th September 2020. Information updates regarding meetings etc. will be published on the Parish Council website. The use of virtual meetings will continue until it can be safely and practically undertaken in person, whilst following Government guidance. The Agenda for the meeting will be published on the website <http://www.linkinhorneparish.co.uk> on Tuesday 8th September 2020. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Those wishing to make public representation need to provide their representation in writing to the Clerk either via email clerk@linkinhorneparish.co.uk or in writing to Jean Ann, Highbury, Rilla Mill, Callington ,Cornwall to be received by 5pm on Friday 11th September 2020. Any received representations will be read out by the Chairman in the public participation section. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting to observe the discussion. Details on how to join the meeting either virtually or by phone will be provided on the agenda.