

Linkinhorne Parish Council

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It is anticipated that with the ongoing corona virus pandemic, virtual Parish Council meetings will be the normal for the foreseeable future. The most recent virtual meeting took place on the 14th September 2020. Several member of the public were in attendance. The usual financial business was conducted. No planning applications were received for consideration by the council.

A vacancy on the Parish Council will be advertised in the near future. Please contact the Clerk if you are interest in the position or would like more information

War Memorial

On writing this article the current Covid-19 restriction in place do not allow the gathering of great than 6 people, restrictions are likely to change on a weekly / daily basis therefore it is highly unlikely that an organised remembrance service will be taking place this year. Members of the public are welcome to place memorials, so long as they comply with the restriction in place at that time.

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

The Neighbourhood Development Plan public consultation period has ended and several responses were received. The Parish Council would like to thank those who took the time to respond. The Neighbourhood Development Plan steering group will collate the responses and consider any amendments need. These will be presented to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Play areas: The usual weekly safety inspections for Jubilee Field and Parsons Meadow were provided. Several issues were identified. At Jubilee Field, there are number of low hanging branched around the perimeter of the field particularly impeding the path around the field. Sharp edges were identified on the toddler swing, one swing has been removed and the other swing is to be monitored regularly. The main swing seats are showing signs of perishing and will need replacing. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes for replacements. 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 remain open part time, focusing around the weekend. The Parish Council are aiming to open a minimum of one cubicle between Thursday and Monday at Minions and at Upton Cross between Thursday and Sunday. If they are vandalised, left in an unsanitary state or users do not follow current government guidance the parish council will close them.

Having completed the change of covenant on the original public conveniences next to the school at Upton Cross, the Parish Council will be actively seeking tenders from interested parties on the sale of the property and land in the near future.

Ash Die back and tree maintenance

Ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) is a fungus which originated in Asia. Its introduction to Europe about 30 years ago has devastated the European ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) because our native ash species has no natural defence against it. Having identified ash dies back within the tree in Jubilee it was agreed that maintenance of all tree should be looked at in both Jubilee Field and the Civic Burial ground, Upton Cross. A specification of the work to be undertaken will be put together to include the additional work and the removal / crowing of the ash trees.

Website Accessibility Legislation

The website accessibility requirement for public bodies comes into force on the 23rd September 2020 for existing websites. What does Website Accessibility mean? The Parish Councils website must meet the needs of those users with disabilities that include:

- Cognitive
- Neurological
- Physical
- Speech
- Auditory
- Visual

The Parish Council is working with the website provider on becoming compliant. An action plan has been approved and an accessibility statement will be published to comply with the regulations.

[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 [Link to information on COVID-19 on Cornwall Council website](#)
- GOV.UK [Link to GOV.UK](#)
- 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 12th October 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 [Link to Parish Council Website](#) three working days prior to the meeting. 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 9th October 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. Please contact the Clerk for details on how to join the meeting either virtually or by phone.