

# Linkinhorne Parish Council

## Link Article

### November 2020

The most recent virtual meeting took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The usual financial business was conducted. A lengthy mid-term financial report was provided to the council along with the draft budget for 2021-2022 produced by the Finance Working Group. A discussion took place concerning the % rise in the precept for 2021-2022. The council agreed that the precept should only be increased by 1.75% due to:

- 2020 being an exceptional year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and it is anticipated that the financial impact will be felt in 2021 and beyond;
- the financial implication of the Coronavirus pandemic on the community and local businesses;
- the council received a £10,000 grant which will cover the anticipated cost associated with the procedures put in place to ensure continuity of the facilities provided by the council.

The council resolved to approve the precept increase of 1.75% giving a total precept for 2021-2022 of £27,337.11. The precept will not fully cover the anticipated spend 2021-2022 and reserves will be used to cover the shortfall.

To ensure continuation of council business if for any reason the council becomes inquorate or cannot meet, the council resolved to reaffirm the delegated authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and /or Vice Chairman that any necessary action associated with expenditure relating to the agreed budget, such as routine expenses, are undertaken to protect the interest of the community and ensure council business continuity during the period of the pandemic Coronavirus.

The Council considered the following planning applications and determined as indicated:

- i) PA20/08591. Rylands Linkinhorne. Construction of a single storey wooden stable block and a manure clamp, change of use to equestrian. Linkinhorne Parish Council supports the application.
- ii) PA20/08884. Little Lanhargy Farm Bray Shop Cider Mill Cottage Bray. Construction of timber stables. Linkinhorne Parish Council supports the application.

iii) PA20/0895. Variation of condition 3 in respect of Decision Notice PA17/00266 dated 13th March 2017 - Garage conversion to annexe (resubmission of previous application PA20/03678 dated 27.08.2020). Linkinhorne Parish Council supports the application.

iv) PA20/09205. Trevean, Rilla Mill. Internal alterations and construction of a rear balcony with variation of condition 2 in respect of decision PA15/09061. Linkinhorne Parish Council does not support the application due to the extent that the balcony extends beyond the house and the adverse impact of loss of light on the rooms below.

**Notifications:**

- PA20/09078. Tremist, Minions Liskeard. Works to a Tree in a Conservation Area, namely fell Acer with large inclusion and fell three Sitka Spruces.
- PA20/09400. Mill House Rilla Mill Works to tree in a Conservation Area, namely remove Fir tree.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Prior to submitting the final version of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to Cornwall Council two documents need to be completed. The Basic Conditions Statement which tests the plan's alignment to the National Planning Policy Framework and the Cornwall Local Plan. The Council resolved to approve The Basic Conditions Statement subject to some minor amendments. The second document is the Consultation Statement, which will be brought to the December meeting.

**Dog Poo:**

Please ensure that if your children are walking the dog they understand the following:

- to be responsible
- to clean up after their dog and
- to think about the impact their lack of action and lack of consideration has on the wider community
- Please remind them that dogs are not allowed in Jubilee Field Play area.

The Clerk has investigated the request for dog poo bins at Upton Cross. At present Cornwall Council no longer offer separate dog poo bins and would charge for the installation of any additional bins and for the emptying of the bins. All general purpose rubbish bins are multi use and can have dog poo put in them. A councillor requested that additional signage might be useful in certain locations.

**Play areas:**

The usual weekly safety inspections for Jubilee Field and Parsons Meadow were provided. The following items have been highlighted by the inspections needing attention in Jubilee Field

- i) A spindle missing from the balustrade on the wooden house – this has now been replaced
- ii) 5 a side goal constantly falling over – Clerk to arrange for quote to sort the problem.
- iii) Damage to pagoda – a Councilor volunteered to re-attach the board.

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:**

The Parish Council have agreed to keep the public conveniences at both Minions and Upton Cross open (part time) for the remainder of the year (subject to Government restrictions). The council are aiming to open a minimum of one cubicle between Thursday and Monday at Minions and the public conveniences at Upton Cross between Thursday and Sunday. This may however change depending on current Government guidance. If the public conveniences are vandalised, left in an unsanitary state or users do not follow current government guidance the Parish Council will close them.

### **War Memorial**

Special thanks are to be given to Linkinhorne Scout Group and in particular to Darren Piper and Cheryl Parkinson who gave the war memorial a clean from top to bottom making it look very respectable for Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.





*Finally the Parish Council would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Year.*



*[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 Cornwall Council website](#)
- GOV.UK [Link to information on Coronavirus gov.uk website](#)
- Request help from Volunteer Cornwall via [Link to volunteer cornwall website](#) or by calling 01872 266988.

**The next virtual meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Information and 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 linkinhorne 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 [Linkinhorne Parish Council's email address](#) or in writing to Jean Ann, Highbury, Rilla Mill, Callington, Cornwall to be received by 5pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 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.

# Parish Councillor Vacancy

There are vacancies on Linkinhorne Parish Council for 2 co-opted Councillor. It is an unpaid position but allows an individual to get actively involved in maintaining and improving village life.

- Are you interested in your local community?
- Can you work as part of a team?
- Are you able to take part in monthly meetings, form sound judgements based on what is best for the community and be willing to abide by majority decisions?

Should you wish to apply for the post, please send in a statement identifying your experience, reasons for wanting to be considered and any special areas of interests you may have.

The Councillors will then consider the statements before making a decision at the next Virtual Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

For more information about this opportunity or to talk through any questions, please contact the Parish Clerk.

For information on being a councillor please see: The good councillor's guide on the Council website [Link to the Good Councillors guide](#)

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