

Linkinhorne Parish Council

On the 12th of April the Annual Parish Meeting was undertaken virtually for the very first time. Those in attendance observed a minutes silence in remembrance of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, our much loved servant of our great nation and beloved husband of Her Majesty The Queen.

The Chairman's report reflected on a very different year, where the Coronavirus Pandemic has significantly impacted the way in which we lived. He echoed thanks and gratitude to the NHS, key workers and the entire support infrastructure which has made us realise the importance of those thing we take for granted. The Chairman emphasized the pandemics impact on the way in which the Parish Council has been run, with the introduction of zoom meetings (a steep learning curve for some) and the additional work load placed on both Councillors and Clerk. There have been financial implications most notably the cost of re-opening after the first lock down and keeping the public toilets open during preceding lock downs, costing an additional £5,000 during 2020-21. Despite the various lock downs work has been complete on the introduction of speed calming measures in Upton Cross. Planning applications have been considered and comments submitted, with the reminder that the Parish Council welcomes parishioner's comments on applications but is only a consultee and that any comments should also be submitted to Cornwall Council. The Council's concerns over the lack of enforcement actions and the process surrounding these have been escalated to the Caradon Community Network area. The play areas although initially closed in the first lock down, have been re-opened providing a perfect outdoor space for all the family to enjoy. The Neighbourhood Development Plan has moved forward significantly in the last year with the Parish Council submitting their plan proposal to Cornwall Council in accordance with the Neighbourhood (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

ELECTIONS:
Following the close of nominations there are several seats on the Parish Council left vacant. In the near future the Council will be advertising to fill these casual vacancies by Co-option. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk for more information.

Cllr Corfield provided an update on the Coronavirus vaccination programme within the local area. (The information below will be out of date by the time the Link reaches you but has been provided for your interest). There are about 105,000 people in the area. The Primary Care Network had delivered over 40,000 vaccinations across the patch with a combination of Pfizer and Oxford Astra Zeneca vaccines. Approximately, 22,000 were given at Millennium House over 31 clinic days which, is 713 per clinic day. In addition 2000 care home residents and staff have been vaccinated and 1300 housebound patients. We do not know the numbers who have chosen to be vaccinated at a national centre.

Of the over 70s, 96.3% received the first jab and the figures for the clinical vulnerable and over 65s are 94.2% and 93.8% which are above the county and national average. In fact, I think they are extraordinarily high – the government was reckoning on a 75% uptake! The campaign has now moved on to giving the 2nd doses and the Primary Care Network Areas are now running clinics mainly to achieve this.

Several organisation provided updates with short version provided below (please see minutes for the full details) including:

- A local resident who has recently purchased the old Sunday School in Bray Shop and is hoping to create a space for the community including hiring out of the space and organising community groups for adults and children. Look out for information on 'The Potting Shed'.
- The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) provided an update on how the churches have adjusted: Currently St Mellor's is open as it is the larger of the two churches so can better accommodate a one-way system and other requirements. Unfortunately, when the second Lockdown came in, St Paul's had to close again as it was not felt sensible to remain open under the prevailing conditions. It is still closed. Once we had discovered the convenience of Zoom, it has become possible for PCC meetings, prayer meetings and Bible studies, weekly worship and teaching on a Sunday to take place. This has been a real blessing in terms of uniting members of the two congregations; we see each other face to face and not the back of heads! The big news for the churches in Linkinhorne, however, has been the arrival of our new Rector, Dr Joe Lannon, who joined us in January 2021. Regular readers of the Link will have seen the question and answer session with him on the last page in the February edition. It has been an unusual start for a Rector, as he arrived in the midst of Lockdown so couldn't visit parishioners or attend services to get a feel for the congregations and the areas they were in. He has held meetings with our churchwardens, lay readers and worship leaders however, and has been able to preach at some Zoom services.
- The Chairman of Linkinhorne Parish Hall explained that the hall currently remains closed but is hoping to be open by the end of May. The grant received from Cornwall Council has enabled the hall to remain solvent.
- Roberts and Jeffery Foundation: Vacancies exist for trustees. You will be required to take part in a few meetings a year and promote the charity who provided primary and secondary school aged children with grants to support them with their education and improvement of health. Contact Beryl Martin for more information berylmartin@rocketmail.com
- As chair of the Friends of Stara Woods I would just like to say that we will continue to keep the woods open as usual, especially as they have become so important for large numbers of local people during the pandemic lockdowns. The extraordinary increase in numbers has not been easy. Too many cars, disturbance for neighbours and increased wear and tear, let alone disruption for wildlife. We hope to be able to re-start our volunteer working parties in May and to hold some other events later in the summer. PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON LEADS
- Wednesday Lunches: it is not know when or if the Wednesday Lunches will re-start.
- Linkinhorne Tuesday Club for senior citizens and those who are alone came to an end 25th February 2020. Unfortunately due to ill health and that there was no one to take over the club in combinations with the dwindling number of members it was not possible to continue

A parishioner raised concerns over the state of the public styles with reference made in particular to Footpath 16 and footpath 13 which is inaccessible. The Clerk has reported to the Cornwall Councillor.

After a short break the Council met for a Parish Council meeting just before 8pm. Following the usual financial business the Council considered the following planning applications and determined as indicated:

i) PA21/00907. Langston Down Farm Barn, Minions. Proposal Convert garage into ancillary accommodation.

Linkinhorne Parish council would like to draw the planning officer's attention to an ambiguity in the application, as it refers to the conversion of the garage for both ancillary use and as a letting unit. If the

application is for a holiday let or equivalent Linkinhorne Parish Council objects to the application. If however, the sole use is for ancillary / over spill accommodation for the main residence Linkinhorne Parish Council do not object to the application subject to:

- a section 106 agreement restricting the use to ancillary accommodation and that the converted garage is permanently tied to the main dwelling in ownership terms.
- the building being appropriately fenestrated given its location within a World Heritage Site.

Decisions:

- PA21/01323 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps). Riverdale, Rilla Mill. Removal of diseased Alder and removal of English Oak tree.
- PA20/01606 Modification of S52/S106 agreed. Clampit House Linkinhorne. Application for the modification of a planning obligation pursuant to planning application no. E2/91/00630/O dated 30/01/1992 regarding the erection of agricultural workers dwelling.
- PA21/00810 APPROVED. Yonder Netherton Rilla Mill. Listed Building Consent to replace the existing oil-fired boiler and oil tank with a ground source heat pump, replace all existing radiators and provide new radiators in the utility room and WC with additional insulation
- PA21/01728 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps). Brook Cottage Henwood. Notification of proposed works to a tree in a conservation area: Removal of Beech tree to ground level.

Notification of the 5 day protocol decision for planning applications:

- i) PA20/01618 – Ferndale - Linkinhorne Parish Council agreed to disagree with the Planning officers recommendations
- ii) PA20/01606 – Clampit House, Linkinhorne - Linkinhorne Parish Council agreed to disagree with the Planning officers recommendations
- iii) PA20/10329 - New livestock building; PA20/10339 - New farm dwelling & PA20/10340 - Extension to existing machinery and livestock building – Linkinhorne Parish Council agreed with the Planning officer's recommendations. #

Linkinhorne Parish Council is a consultee on planning applications; the decision process rests with Cornwall Council.

The Parish council along with other Parish Council in the Caradon Network Area raised concerns around the enforcement issues at a meeting of the Caradon Network Area. The members attending the meeting were disappointed and disheartened at the response their questions and comments received. In particular those conditions imposed on planning applications which, would not have received support without those condition in place, were not being monitored by Cornwall Council and when breaches of these condition were reported that action was not being taken.

How to report dog fouling:

If you witness a fouling incident, you can **report it via the Cornwall Council website** ([link to Cornwall Council website](#)) or by calling 0300 1234 212. You'll need to give the time and date of incident, a brief description of the person, the dog and what happened. In order for Cornwall Council to investigate the matter you'll also need to provide either the name and/or address of the individual or, if relevant, their vehicle registration number.

[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.]

Although there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel, 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 Councils website](#)
- [Gov.uk](#)
- Request help from Volunteer Cornwall including assistance in getting to a vaccination center via requestforhelp@volunteercornwall.org.uk or by calling 01872 266988.

On the 7th May the legislation in place allowing virtual meetings to be undertaken ceases and the Parish Council will be required to hold physically meetings. It was agreed at the meeting that an additional virtual meeting would be held on the 26th April 2021 at 7:30pm. There are many conversations concerning the return to physical meetings and it is possible that the situation may change. Please see the website for the most up to date.

Provisional date for the Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be the 10th May 2021 starting a 7.30 pm. Information and updates regarding meetings etc. will be published on the Parish Council website.

The Agenda for the meeting will be published on [Linkinhorne Parish Councils website](#) three working days prior to the meeting. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting to observe the discussion.