

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.30pm at Linkinhorne Parish Hall

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr K. Wallis (Chairman), Cllr S. Beech, Cllr M. Corfield, Cllr C. Hearn, Cllr C. Hordley, Cllr B. Martin, Lena Batten (Clerk).

Members of the public: Two members of the public were present at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr R. Hanson.

2) Code of Conduct:

a) To receive declarations: Cllr M. Corfield item 7(b).

b) To grant dispensations: The Chairman granted Cllr M. Corfield dispensation to leave the room at item 7(b) and return.

3) Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 13th January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr C. Hearn and seconded by Cllr S. Beech with all in favour.

4) Public Participation:

Two members of the public were in attendance, one in connection with Primrose Vale Cottages, the second, as an observer. The Chairman asked the first member of the public to give an update in relation to Primrose Vale Cottages. It was shared that the cottages had now been empty for three and a half years. They were initially built in 1991 and remained under the ownership of one individual until 2005 when they were sold as local affordable housing only. For the first twelve years there were no difficulties and all six remained let out however when they were taken over by LiveWest all tenants left and from that point, no maintenance had been undertaken. The six properties are now in an extreme state of disrepair, attracting anti social behaviour and the response received from LiveWest was ambiguous and did not offer any constructive solution. Anna Gelderd had been asked to attend a site meeting on the 16th January 2025 but no response had been received to date. It was noted that many felt this was inappropriate given the shortage of housing. The Chairman then gave an update to state that she had also emailed Anna Gelderd but had not yet received a response. The Chairman confirmed that another email would be forwarded to again request a site meeting if no response was received in the next couple of weeks. The member of the public confirmed he had also spoken to an individual in within Cornwall Council and was hopeful that that she would also attend a meeting on site in the near future. The Chairman asked if it could be confirmed that Linkinhorne Parish Council were in support of any site meeting to try and progress the situation. It was concluded that the member of the public would copy Linkinhorne Parish Council into all emails forwarded in relation to Primrose Vale Cottages. Further questions were raised regarding LiveWest comments which stated that they were “currently undertaking a feasibility

study to see if it is possible to provide circa 30 new, energy efficient, affordable homes at Upton Cross, a settlement within the same Parish as Rilla Mill". Linkinhorne Parish Council were not aware of any such studies and it was questioned whether the location for this study was accurate. The Chairman thanked the member of the public for his attendance and he left the room.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

a) Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva:

The clerk confirmed that she had not received any report for several months. It was questioned whether Cllr P. Seeva was still covering the Linkinhorne Parish area and confirmed that this was the case.

b) Councillors:

One Councillor reported that she had recently attended a Teams presentation on line. It was reported in the meeting that the Government had said the amount of housing to be built in the Tamar to Moor area would need to increase from approximately two thousand to four thousand. The meeting had concluded that most Neighbourhood Development Plans would no longer be suitable as a result and that Cornwall Council had suggested a neighbourhood strategy. A brief discussion was held and it was agreed that the call for sites would be added to the next agenda for discussion in more detail.

6) Finance:

a) Cash flow of accounts / bank reconciliation -

Resolved that the bank reconciliation / cash book statement was confirmed as an accurate account, and this was signed by the Chairman.

Resolved that the following payments were approved with all in favour:

b) Payments - i) £12.00 (Lena Batten, Open spaces society PDF book), ii) £366.88 (Corserv field maintenance, Jan), iii) £34.08 (Lena Batten, salt purchased), iv) £10.05 (Lena Batten, admin), v) £30.00 (RMVH room hire), vi) £390.00 (WC cleaning Jan), vii) £223.39 (LPH WC utility charges 13/04/23 – 05/01/25).

Resolved that the current receipt was noted for information.

c) Receipts: i) £331.12 (VAT reimbursement).

d) To note for information the internal auditor has confirmed they will complete the internal audit for 2024-2025 at a cost of £120.00 including VAT and the clerk had now confirmed receipt of a letter of engagement.

7) Planning:

a) Planning applications:

Resolved that Linkinhorne Parish Council made the following recommendations:

i) PA25/00033 – Lower Lake Shooting Ground, Rilla Mill - Modification of Section 106 agreement in relation to Planning application No. E2/98/00256/F dated 21st February 1995 for the removal of an occupancy condition – A discussion took place regarding the lack of information as to whether the shooting grounds were likely to remain open and if so any created dwelling could cause conflict. It was concluded that the Section 106 element could be lifted with conditions. In principle Linkinhorne Parish Council had no objection for the Section 106 to be lifted, however if the shooting grounds were to continue to function as a business with equipment on site then it be subject to 1) that it did not result in a nuisance to any new dwelling and 2) that it did not lead to additional demand for another dwelling on the site in order to serve the business use in an area that would not normally attract planning permission.

ii) PA25/09648 – Notter Farm, Henwood, Liskeard – Demolition of existing disused store, erection of new garden terrace on existing floor slab – Linkinhorne Parish Council was in support of the application.

b) Any applications received before the meeting –

i) PA25/00452 – Land to the south of Sutton, Upton Cross, Liskeard. PL14 5BA – Demolition of existing farm building and construction of a new dwelling in lieu of Class Q approval for residential conversion of this farm building under decision notice PA24/06001 - Linkinhorne Parish Council agreed that if the theory of Class Q was to retain a building within it's context then it should remain where it is. However, if it was being moved from a Class Q to a non class Q position it was not in support of the application.

Councillor M. Corfield left the room.

ii) PA25/00888 – Moorlink, Henwood, Liskeard, PL14 5BP – Proposed extension and alterations to existing property, and new proposed entrance – Linkinhorne Parish Council had no objection strictly on the basis that there was no change to the existing access.

Councillor M. Corfield returned to the room.

8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

a) Weekly safety inspections: No significant concerns were raised.

b) Jubilee Field:

i) To note the gazebo was now fixed. The village hall has kindly facilitated electrical supply for the contractors for three days:

Resolved that two letters to say thankyou would be sent to both Mr Gareth Jones for the repair of the gazebo roof and to Linkinhorne Parish Hall to say thankyou for facilitating the electric. £20.00 would be forwarded to Linkinhorne Parish Hall to cover the cost of the additional electric.

ii) To resolve recommendation of one Councillor to strimmer the weed growth down the side and use a digger again to dredge the ditch.

Resolved that two Councillors kindly volunteered to strimmer the weed growth down the side. The clerk would obtain quotes for the dredging of the ditch at the top end for approximately twenty meters to return to the next meeting.

iii) To consider / resolve next steps regarding registering the field as a village green following further information received:

A discussion was held and it was agreed to proceed with the potential registration of the Jubilee Field as a village green.

Resolved that the clerk would contact Fields in Trust and state that Linkinhorne Parish Council were considering the option of registering the field as a village green and would they support this.

iv) To consider / agree £45.00 per annum membership fee to join the Open Spaces Society:

Resolved that the clerk would proceed with the application for Linkinhorne Parish Council to become a member of the Open Spaces Society. One Councillor kindly offered to make the £45.00 donation which was gratefully received.

c) Rilla Mill Play Area - No reports of concern.

9) Public Conveniences:

a) Minions:

i) To note for information the water meter reading as at the 23rd January 2025 at 757:

This was noted for information.

ii) To thank one Councillor for the clearing of the blocked disabled toilet:

The Chairman thanked one Councillor for clearing the blocked disabled toilet. One Councillor reported that there had been a hawthorn tree which had fallen on the back of the toilet block roof from a neighbouring garden.

Resolved that the clerk would visit and attempt to speak to the neighbour with a view to confirming how difficult it would be to remove the tree.

b) Upton Cross:

No reports of concern.

10) To consider / resolve the tenders received for the maintenance of Upton Cross Civic Burial Ground:

The clerk reported that although four individuals had expressed an interest in tendering for the maintenance of Upton Cross Civic Burial Ground, only two had formally submitted tenders. Both tenders were considered for a three year period.

Resolved that one tender was favourable and this was accepted. The clerk would contact the second tender to inform them that they had been unsuccessful and the successful candidate would be informed that they had been awarded a three year contract.

11) To agree the advert, policy and application form for grant applications for 2025 with a closing date of 1st April 2025 and applications to be considered on the 14th April 2025 meeting:

Resolved that the grant policy, advert and application form was accepted and applications would be considered at the April meeting.

12) To consider a request from one member of the public for a meeting to be held on site at Primrose Vale Cottages with Anna Geldred with attendance to include representation from the Parish Council:

The Chairman confirmed this had been covered in item 4, public participation and did not require any additional consideration at this time.

13) To note for information both salt bins in Rilla Mill have now been re filled following a request from a member of the public:

The clerk was thanked for the delivery of salt to two salt bins in Rilla Mill following a request from a member of the public.

14) To consider / resolve any response to the emails received regarding complaints about bonfires at Sterts:

Consideration was given to the complaint which had been received.

Resolved that the clerk would respond to thank the member of public for their email and to state that this was a matter for Cornwall Environmental Health and was outside the remit of Linkinhorne Parish Council. The clerk would also forward the information to Councillor Phil Seeva for his information.

15) To confirm the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as the 14th April 2025 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall:

Resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed for the 14th April 2025 and would take place at Linkinhorne Parish Hall. The clerk would invite Cornwall Heritage Trust to speak and would list the matter for further consideration at the next meeting if they were unable to attend to identify another organisation.

16) To note for information in relation to potential pop up sites at Minions car parks, that the Duchy have highlighted the restriction on use that applies to the Cheesewring car park to Cornwall Council, however cannot comment on the Hurlers car park as this was not formerly Duchy owned and further objections forwarded by St Cleer and District Commoners Association. To note the response from Cornwall Council Public Open Spaces Officer:

The clerk confirmed that the last correspondence stated that although Cornwall Council did not receive anything for Minions car parks they needed to finish all the scoring and get everything finalised before confirming. The clerk also confirmed that the email which raised objection from St Cleer and District Commoners Association had been forwarded to Cornwall Pop-up sites for their information.

17) To consider / accept the proposal put forward by one member of the public to become a guardian to the BT kiosk located at Upton Cross and agree the BT agreement forwarded for Linkinhorne Parish Council to adopt:

A discussion was held and the proposal shared and agreed in principle. There were some reservations about the toy swap due to health and safety and age appropriate toys being placed in the kiosk.

Resolved that the clerk would contact Upton Cross ACE Academy to state that subject to the school confirming that they were an active partner and would take full responsibility to manage any risk involved with the toys placed in the kiosk the agreement would proceed. Upon receipt of confirmation of the above, the agreement would be listed on the next agenda.

18) To consider / resolve whether to request a presentation from Cyber Police as they are unable to attend the APM on the 14th April:

Resolved that no further action was taken.

19) To note the clerk has reported repeated fly tipping in the bin at Minions Car park. To resolve any further actions that can be taken following a complaint from a member of the public:

Resolved that the clerk report any further incidents to Environmental Health.

20) To consider / resolve quotes for notice board replacement at Minions:

The clerk reported that most boards online were aluminium and quotes were shared. The clerk had been trying to contact the gentleman who made the board at Bray Shop but without success. It was agreed that for Minions a wood notice board was preferable due to the difficulties of trying to open a notice board in the wind.

Resolved that the clerk would persist in obtaining quotes for wooden notice boards and the board at Henwood would be stained to preserve it.

21) To consider / resolve any support for the A388 road safety campaign by means of a financial contribution, or through advertisement:

Resolved that this information would be forwarded to the LINK.

22) To consider / resolve any response to the request to establish what unmet local housing need may be in the area by an adjoining parish:

Consideration was given to the content of the email.

Resolved that the clerk would respond to thank the adjoining Parish for their email and confirm that due to the elections in May coupled with the changes within Cornwall Council in relation to the five year land supply and the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Linkinhorne Parish Council did not wish to contribute to a joint housing project at this time.

23) Correspondence as listed:

09/01/2025*	Councillors Advocate	The Commissioner's weekly column
09/01/2025*	PCSO Steve Edser	Since 3/12/24 to 6/1/25 there have been the following crimes disclosable: Criminal Damage and possession of class A drugs
09/01/2025*	Local Council Briefing	Planning Reform, revised NPPF and the Call for Sites
20/01/2025*	Newsletter	Affordable Housing
14/01/2025*	Email received	Climate and Nature Bill
27/01/2025*	Planning policy consultation	Cornwall Interim Policy Position Statement
29/01/2025*	Community Link Officer	Tamar to Moor action notes
29/01/2025*	CALC	NDP changes Teams Meeting information

30/01/2025*	PCSO Steve Edser	Since 6/1/25 to 30/1/25 there have been the following crimes in the Linkinhorne area that are disclosable. theft x 3
30/01/2025*	Newsletter	Neighbourhood planning
30/01/2025*	Newsletter	Planning for local Councils and agents
04/02/2025*	Agenda	Strategic Planning Committee

Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA25/00108 - White Of Morning, Sharptor, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5AT - Electricity Act 1989: The Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 - Closed - advice given.

PA24/01364/Pre application – Moorlink, Henwood, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5BP - Pre-application advice for proposed extension and alterations to existing property, and new proposed entrance. Closed - advice given.

PA24/08205 - Quarrymans Cottage, Golberdon, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7NQ - Proposed use of holiday cottage, as approved under decision E2/03/00543/FUL, as an unrestricted residential use dwelling – approved.

PA24/05684 - East Yolland Farm, Upton Cross, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5AJ - Construction of a single storey extension to include ancillary annexe accommodation for the principal dwellinghouse (revised design following refused application PA23/02856) – approved.

PA24/08734 - Sharptor Farm, Sharptor, Henwood, Liskeard, PL14 5AT - Works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include T1, Oak tree has been growing out of a hedgerow and is heavily weighted to the road side due to other trees behind it. The tree in close proximity of two houses and compromising the hedge line bank and in high winds you can see the stones moving. Due to concerns of the tree potentially falling into the houses and road the proposed work is to dismantle to ground level – Decision not to make a TPO.

PA24/02691 - Land East Of Christor, Upton Cross, Cornwall, PL14 5AX - Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for up to three dwellings at Blake's - Meadow (Land East of Christor) – approved.

PA25/00011 - Sharptor Farm, Sharptor, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5AT - Exception notice for works to Oak - dismantle to ground level – closed, advice given.

Notifications forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA25/00225 - Henwood House, Henwood, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5BP - Works to trees in a Conservation Area for Conifer (T1) - reduce by 70% to roof height to protect the tree and surrounding properties.

PA25/00277 - Great Lanhargy Farm, Bray Shop, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8QJ - Prior Approval for the Change of Use and Demolition of part of agricultural building and conversion of remainder to 5 x 2 bed dwellings.

24) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 21.25