

**Linkinhorne Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Council  
Monday 13 October 2015 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

Present were: Cllr Coombe, Cllr Hearn (Chairman), Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Moyse, Cllr Rowe, Cllr Stansfield, Cllr Ward  
21 members of the public  
Julia Todd, Clerk

**1) Absent:** Apologies received from Cllr Appleby

**2) Code of Conduct:** a) Declarations – none requested b) Grants of dispensation N/A

**3) Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 2014 be confirmed, and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to the following amendments at i) Item 3 with regard to Code of Conduct, to include Cllr Lobban who also declared an interest in Item 7(a)(v), and ii) Item 13 to read 'Resolved that Cornwall Council be invited to restore the original sign and relocate the Minions' film sign in one of the Minions car parks.'

**4) Public Participation to hear from members of the public (up to 15 minutes)**

There being several members of the public wishing to object to the Parish Council's decision to request removal of the Minions film sign, a spokesperson was designated, and a statement was read out. It highlighted the benefit of the attraction for local businesses and the importance of tourism to the local economy, and was critical of the Parish Council in other respects including methods of communication.

It was suggested that the forthcoming AGM/future meetings of the Minions Residents' Association could provide a useful means of communication between parish groups. Other members of the public were in favour of the film company's sign being removed, citing risk to road safety and inappropriate numbers of visitors.

Representatives of Upton Cross Stores had been invited to attend the meeting regarding the impact on the business of lack of trading support which could lead to closure. In their absence the Chairman noted, in particular, the importance of local services to those without easy access to transport as well as the wider community together with the contribution of local services to the future sustainability of resilient and healthy communities.

**5) Reports from and matters of concern to:**

- a) Police representative of 'Liskeard Have Your Say' (LHYS) It was reported on the following:  
that the new Beat Manager, PC Helen Priestly wishes to get to know her area;  
Bodmin Moor Commons Council wishes to install a barrier on the Arqiva road;  
Concerns over indiscriminate killing of sheep;  
SW Lakes Trust is to employ a dog warden to address problems of off-lead animals;  
Speedwatch activity continues;

- One crime reported in September: theft of granite and diesel near Phoenix;  
Warnings of a telephone scam, announcing a bailiff's visit, followed by request for payment.
- b) Cornwall Councillor McWilliam reported the following:  
that community speedwatch is unable to enforce, only the police can do this;  
that she is optimistic regarding the appointment of a new CEO, and of 4 or 5 good quality candidates;  
40% of working people in Cornwall, more in SE Cornwall, earn less than the living wage;  
that she is dismayed by the decision to move Luxstowe House offices to Bodmin;  
that Highways needs to address the problem at Upton Cross where water overflows out at the entrance to F D Hall & Sons, down to the shop.

*Cllr McWilliam departed the meeting*

- c) Reports from other councillors (other meetings, conferences)  
Cllr Ward reported that the budget training/meeting recommended that since Cornwall Council sets its budget following the precept deadline the Parish Council needs to take into account the likely costs of devolved services.

**Resolved** that Item 12 be addressed at this Item

## 6) Finance

- a) Cash flow of accounts  
**Resolved** that the bank reconciliation/cash book statement be confirmed an accurate account, and this was signed by the Chairman.
- b) Payments  
**Resolved** that the following payments be approved:  
i) £312.60 Cormac (WC clean-July&August 2015)  
ii) £13.20 WesternWeb (domain renewal)  
iii) £25.00 Royal British Legion (remembrance wreath)  
iv) £139.61 Came & Company (insurance increase for new play equip)  
v) £108.60 J Todd (admin expenses)
- c) Receipts  
To minute receipt of the following:  
i) £7,000 half-year precept  
ii) £435.74 half-year CTS  
iii) £10,000 A4A grant/play equipment
- d) Public convenience cleaning contract  
**Resolved** that the proposed extension of existing contract to 31 March 2016 be approved, by reason of uncertainty regarding future provision, and to align to the contracts' schedule.
- e) Transparency fund – **Resolved** that a needs analysis be undertaken prior to application for grant to cover additional costs relating to audit changes.
- f) Resolved that further details be submitted prior to approval for delegated authority with regard to expenditure on equipment for viewing digital planning applications.

## 7) Planning

### a) Planning Applications

Proposed, seconded, and upon being put to the vote it was **resolved** to approve the following recommendations:

i) PA15/08463 new single storey dwelling in garden of Pencott, Bray Shop – to object, on the grounds of road safety at access to highway at a point given to speeding motorists, and inadequate residential/lack of amenity space of both properties of the site.

ii) PA15/07837 retention of stables/driveway at Badgers Wood, Plushabridge – to support

iii) PA15/08752 works to trees in Conservation Area at Manor House Inn – *notification only*

iv) PA15/08762 Proposed single storey extension to the rear in lieu of dilapidated conservatory at Lavender Cottage, Bray Shop – unable to comment, as paper plans did not arrive in time and download/printed documents are too small to view.

v) PA15/09057 variation of Section 52 Agreement dated 26/05/89 to enable release of remaining land. (Deed of variation E2/09/00607 dated 04/08/09 relates) at Sharptor View Farm, Henwood – unable to comment without being sent the appropriate schedule.

vi) Any applications received before the meeting

PA15/09098 Trees in Conservation Area at James Thomas Lodge, Minions - *notification only*

PA15/09104 Trees in Conservation Area at Coach House Stable, Henwood - *notification only*

b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration – *none received*

c) Planning Conferences/workshops – to receive expressions of interest in attending. Members were reminded to send preferences to the Clerk, should they wish to attend a workshop.

## 8) Play equipment and recreational areas

a) to receive weekly safety inspections and reports for:

i) Jubilee Field – Cllr Horrell gave an update on the play area development and sought the agreement that he move earth from his (neighbouring) field to complete the tunnel. It was agreed that an entrance be made in the hedge. It was also agreed to place a sign at the enclosed play area, restricting play to those 6 years old, or under.

ii) Rilla Mill play area. The Clerk reported that the contractor often has to clear stones before grass-cutting, and more recently has cleared away shards of glass.

## 9) Neighbourhood Development Plan

a) to receive progress report

Cllr Ward informed the meeting that he had been unable to attend the meeting in September, and that the clerk/secretary to the steering group has had to stand down on health grounds.

b) to consider response to offer to consult from the Duchy – it was **agreed** that the Clerk reply to the Land Steward to give Cllr Ward's details.

c) Affordable housing – it was **agreed** to invite situ 8 to come to the next available Parish Council meeting as an information-seeking undertaking.

## 10) Public Conveniences

Cllrs Hopes and Ward reported on the meeting held with Cllr Duffy and Jon James. They proposed that an independent surveyor be engaged to examine the building at Minions. It

was **agreed** that the Clerk write to the Duchy of Cornwall regarding any obligations with respect to the track leading to/from the public conveniences.

### 11) Remembrance/Armistice Day

It was **agreed** that Cllr Hordley would represent the Parish Council at the War Memorial on Wednesday 11 November 2015, and that the Clerk would contact the school with regards to students attending.

### 12) Minions film location sign

Following consideration of a proposed response to representations objecting to removal it was:

**Resolved** that a request be made to Cornwall Council to reinstate the sign in one of the car parks at Minions, for a share of monies received by Cornwall Council from the film production company, and a monetary contribution to support the provision of the public conveniences. Furthermore, that local groups and residents be consulted and share in any profits, in the event that Minions or any other part of the parish be the object of such attraction.

### 13) Correspondence

Items for information only - *items in italic are 'new' to agenda*

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| <i>12/10/15</i> | <i>Jon James</i>           | <i>Attached information re Minions WCs works</i>                    |
| <i>08/10/15</i> | <i>Rev Tony Stephens</i>   | <i>Invitation to ROC conversation at Duchy – needs of community</i> |
| <i>07/10/15</i> | <i>Waste Incentive Sch</i> | <i>Request for Expressions of Interest</i>                          |
| <i>06/10/15</i> | <i>Sonia Armstrong</i>     | <i>Confirm cleaning services – cost, terms &amp; conditions</i>     |
| 06/10/15*       | J Smellie                  | Objection to removal of Minions sign                                |
| 03/10/15        | RMVH committee             | Notice of Fireworks/Bonfire night                                   |
| 03/10/15        | G Wooster                  | Thanks to PC  |
| 02/10/15        | Cornwall Online            | Objection to removal of Minions sign                                |
| 02/10/15        | Mr Dransfield              | Objection to removal of Minions sign                                |
| 01/10/15*       | Dr Parsons                 | Objection to removal of Minions sign                                |
| 01/10/15        | SLCC                       | News bulletin   |
| 01/10/15        | Comms & Dev                | Planning Special bulletin   |
| 30/09/15        | Minions Shop               | Objection to removal of Minions sign                                |
| 30/09/15        | Liskeard HYSF              | Meeting notes 04/08/15  |
| 30/09/15*       | R Baker, Planning          | Re Stoa ts Bam application  |
| 30/09/15        | C Gregory Duchy            | Offer to consult re NDP   |
| 29/09/15        | Comms & Dev                | Devolution – progress update  |
| 28/09/15*       | Situ 8 J Widcombe          | Affordable housing deliverers                                       |
| 25/09/15        | S Foster CC                | Fire, Rescue and Community safety – consultation                    |
| 24/09/15        | Glasdon                    | marketing   |
| 23/09/15        | Ashley, Lanner PC          | Paperless planning  |
| 22/09/15        | Cormac                     | New staff structure   |
| 21/09/15        | Comms & Dev                | Syrian refugee crisis   |
| 19/09/15        | CALC                       | Transparency Fund grant   |
|                 | Caradon CNP                | Notes of meeting 27/07/15   |

*\*forwarded to members by email*

### 14) Close of Business

The meeting closed 9.40pm