

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Monday 10 November 2014 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm

MINUTES

1) Absent: Apologies received from Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Stansfield

2) Present: Cllr Appleby, Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hearn (Chairman), Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Martin, Cllr Moyse, Cllr Rowe, Cllr Ward
One member of the public
Mr Wooster
Julia Todd, Clerk

3) Code of Conduct: a) Declarations - none b) Grants of dispensation – n/a

4) Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 13 October 2014 and these were signed, subject to the addition at Item 1 of Cllr Daniel's apologies for absence, as an accurate record of the meeting.

5) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters

The licensee of the Cheeswring Hotel, Minions expressed concerns regarding the closure of the public conveniences at Minions, and the impact it was already having on his business and that of others in the village. The possibility of forming a community group was discussed and he agreed to participate in finding a solution.

6) Reports from and matters of concern to:

- a) Police representative of 'Liskeard Have Your Say' (LHYS) Mr Wooster gave his report and the crime statistics for Linkinhorne Parish. Members informed him that other crimes were known of but did not appear on the reports.
- b) Cornwall Councillor McWilliam (*this was heard following Item 14*) reported that Councillor Alex Foulkes had resigned from the Cabinet for personal reasons. The budget was still under discussion and would be voted upon later in the month at full council. The recommendation is for 1.97% increase as part of a four-year plan.
The prospect of devolved services cascading down to T&PCs had left some PCs considering paying themselves allowances. As more services are devolved there was a greater requirement for councillors to engage in training.
A planning enforcement case at 1 Minions Row has been closed as not expedient. CCllr McWilliam heard from members that there were still potholes at Rillaton, marked out but not yet repaired.
A drain opposite the entrance to RMVH had become dangerous due to an adjacent deep opening. It has been marked out with road cones by Cornwall Council.
The road from Henwood to Darleyford remains a hazard, particularly where the wall has collapsed and in danger of further collapse.
Water running down Minions hill is bringing leaves and silt and the drains are not coping. A resident had been seen trying to clear it.

- c) Reports from other councillors (other meetings, conferences)
Cllr Ward attended St Mellion's NDP public consultation which was well-attended. Cllr Hearn informed the meeting that Cornwall Council had completed its review of the community networks. Caradon's is considered one of better operated, more collegiate and more effective network, although this was difficult to verify. Cllr Appleby informed the meeting that a Neighbourhood Planning report was forthcoming and that it would be placed on the website. A note in the Link would inform readers of the report.

7) Finance

- a) Cash flow of accounts It was **resolved** to approve the bank reconciliation statement as an accurate account, and this was signed by the Chairman.
- b) Payments It was **resolved** to approve the following:
 - i) £156.24 inc VAT Cormac (cleaning UX WCs Aug 14)
 - ii) £122.50 RMVH (rent 2013-14) iii) £22.50 Linkinhorne PCC (rent)
- c) Receipts i) £30 sales walks' books and maps ii) £300 LAHA rents (from 01/10/14) iii) £250 F D Hall & Son (burial)
- d) Precept/budget proposals for 2015-16.
Members of the working group on the budget recommended that, in order to maintain a safe and sustainable level of income and, in anticipation of devolved services, an increase in the precept would be necessary. Proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was **resolved to approve** the precept at £14,000 representing a 2.9% increase from 2015-16.

Cllr McWilliam arrived at the meeting

- e) Training budget – Proposed, seconded and upon being put the vote it was **resolved to approve** joint delegated authority to the clerk and Chairman to expend up to a limit of £50 per person and £150 per course on approved training/CPD events where training needs for clerk and councillors are identified and fall within the set budget. This excludes separately identified training e.g. CILCA.

8) Minions' Public Conveniences closure

- a) i) Members considered the concerns raised in Item 5. Cllr Martin and Cllr Hopes agreed to meet with Mr Stone to find a solution to the impact of the closure. They will report to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
ii) Costs from one of the two parish councils contacted had been received, and showed a predicted annual expenditure of approx. £3,600.
- b) *(see above Item 8(a)(i))*

9) Planning

- a) Planning Applications – *there were no applications received this month*
- b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration
 - i) PA14/07540 Essential maintenance to replace failed render of building, incorporating insulation at 8 Duchy Terrace Minions - **approved**

10) Play Areas and Equipment

- a) Weekly safety inspection – the rota-ed member had not submitted a report
- i) Jubilee Field – the meeting heard that the pedestrian gate was not hanging properly and is usually left open
- ii) Rilla Mill Play Area

11) Staff appraisal (*this Item was heard prior to Item 14*)

It was **resolved** that according to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the conditional nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded.

- a) Arising from consideration of the above it was **resolved** that subject to the continuing application of the progression bar the clerk's salary be advanced to the next spinal column point within the range SCP 18 - SCP 23/24.
This was followed by the readmission of the press and public

12) Dark Skies

- a) It was **agreed** to establish the purpose and potential impact of supporting a 'dark skies' community, and to invite Mr Havers to speak to the parish council. It was further **agreed** to request in advance of Mr Havers' presentation supporting and structured documentation that included the plan, benefits, a map of the proposed area and the aspirations of Cornwall Council in pursuing the designation.

13) Bus shelter

- a) It was **agreed** to pursue this project and to establish with Cornwall Council the location of the most suitable site and the preferred type of bus shelter.

14) Works ordered/outstanding

- a) Valuation of war memorial railings for insurance purposes. A local craftsman had agreed to undertake the valuation and the clerk is awaiting the document and invoice.

15) Correspondence

- a) Items for information only

03/11/14	Young People C'wall	Offer to collaborate in youth provision (future agenda?)
03/11/14*	Localism & Devo.	Comwall Homelessness Strategy
28/10/14	Localism & Devo.	Notice re firefighters' strike action
28/10/14*	St Mellion NDP	Public consultation re housing and development
24/10/14	Sheryll Murray MP	Offer to purchase a Commonwealth flag
24/10/14	Clerks & Councils	magazine
24/10/14	PCC Tony Hogg	Posters and letter re surgery (Launceston-Fri 14 Nov)
17/10/14	CALC	AGM Wed 4 Feb 2015
17/10/14	Caradon N Panel	Meeting notes of 6/10/14
15/10/14	Localism & Devo.	Information bulletin
15/10/14	LGA – local gov. pay	Info re dispute
10/10/14	CALC	Newsletter
10/14	CAB	Performance and Impact report
10/14	Comwall	Foundation – offer of info on renewable energy
	Community	develop.
10/14	Liskeard Policing	newsletter

16) Close of Business

- a) The meeting closed at 9.30pm