

# **Linkinhorne Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Meeting of the Council**

### **Monday 11 February 2013 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm**

#### **MINUTES**

- 1) Absent:** Apologies received from Cllr Boarland, Cllr Coombe, Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hordley (late arrival), Cllr Stansfield, Cllr Wooster
- 2) Present:** Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes (Chairman), Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Martin, Cllr Moyse  
Julia Todd (Clerk)  
One member of the public
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:**
- a) The meeting reconsidered the procedure for granting dispensations. It was **resolved to approve** a standing item on the agenda for written dispensations to be considered by the full council at the beginning of each meeting.
  - b) It was **resolved to approve** the amendments to 8b of Standing Orders and agreed that the clerk would complete and distribute the amended version.
- 4) Minutes**  
It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 14 January 2013 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 5) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters**  
Mr Stansfield spoke in support of his planning application for a wind turbine to supplement the increased energy demands for his expanding business. He also answered questions from councillors, and confirmed that cheese collection would be moved to the access by the lane on to the B3254 between Upton Cross and Darleyford.
- CCllr Turner and Cllr Hordley arrived at the meeting*  
*Mr Stansfield departed the meeting*
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:**
- a) **Police representative/Cllr representative of 'Liskeard Have Your Say' (LHYS):** no one was available to report at this Item
  - b) **Cornwall Councillor Turner:** CCllr Turner reported that Paul Master had been appointed interim Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, but the decision to retain a permanent CE would be reached by the new council.  
CCllr Turner had been contacted by a Rilla Mill resident regarding the need to dredge under the bridge at Rilla Mill to alleviate the risk of flooding in the vicinity. He confirmed that Highways were investigating the matter.  
Minions replacement car parking (P) signs are on order and will be positioned in due course.  
Surface water from Kersbrook Cross runs on to the neighbouring landowner's property was causing a problem and CCllr Turner kindly confirmed that he would raise the matter with Highways.  
Cornwall Council will be debating the Local Plan this week. The advisory committee will recommend £38k. Once a draft is agreed it will go out to consultation.

Cllr Turner reported that there were not sufficient resources at Cornwall Council to deal with enforcement of cleaning up after dog fouling. He thought that there would be a move to devolve to local councils.

The new **non**-emergency number for advice and guidance 111 is going live on 19 March 2013.

Constituents on benefits will now have to pay 25% council tax. Cllr Tumer anticipated problems regarding the so-called 'bedroom' tax since there are few one-bed properties available in the region.

Cllr Turner will press for Minions' public conveniences to remain within the responsibility of Cornwall Council given the importance of tourism in this World Heritage site. He also kindly agreed to report the damage to the cattle grid from Minions. It was noted that rubbish and debris collects in it.

Cllr Hopes thanked Cllr Turner for his report and for his support.

c) **Reports from other councillors (other meetings, conferences)**

There were no other reports.

**7) Finance**

- a) Cash flow of accounts It was **resolved to approve** the cash flow statement and this was signed by the Chairman.
- b) Payments: It was **resolved to approve** the following payments i) £336 Mr Cornbill (war memorial) ii) £88.47 Clerk expenses iii) £10 Linkinhorne Scouts (£10 bi-monthly bus shelter clean)
- c) Receipts: none
- d) It was **resolved to approve** i) the cancellation of the Direct Debit to Cornwall Council for cleaning public conveniences, and ii) to seek new contract and contractor once it was established that no one claimed the contract. It was **agreed** that the clerk would seek quotes.
- e) It was **resolved to approve** the extension of contracts as set out in the exchange of documentation for i) grass-cutting and maintenance at Jubilee Field for three years ii) PRow maintenance, civic burial ground, Rilla Mill play area for one year. It was **resolved to approve** the inclusion of Mr Todd to the list of approved 'handymen' at the rate quoted.

**8) Planning**

**a) Planning Applications**

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

- i) PA13/00249 Install wind turbine at Knowle Farm, Upton Cross  
The Parish Council voted to support the application. It did so primarily on the basis of sustainable energy provision generally and its importance to a significant local business with the benefits of employment and footfall that it brings to the community. It would, however, prefer to see the turbine a pale grey colour rather than stark white on the basis that this would reduce its visual impact. Notwithstanding its ultimate conclusion the Council felt the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment was not thorough as it did not consider the visual impact from a number of closer locations to the proposal. Additionally the Planning Statement did not include any evidence (save in relation to wind gain assessment) on modelling of other options such as a cluster of smaller turbines or other possibly less obtrusive sites within the applicant's land although a Feasibility Study is referred to in the Planning Statement.

The Parish Council was pleased to note that the site will be accessed from the lower, to-be-improved lane that gives on to the B3254 but felt that the access for construction vehicles from the Upton Cross to Minions road entrance to the site was highly inappropriate and most undesirable.

The Council would welcome the views of planners with the AONB Group.

Because of a number of apologies for absence from the meeting as a whole the application was considered by a meeting of only 7 of the 13 current Councillors and the voting was 3 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention, and 1 non-voter.

- ii) PA13/00810 Remove 2 conifers at Manor House Inn, Rilla Mill – description of application is misleading and incorrect; there are 6 in total some of which are sited at the Mill House

*Cllr Turner departed the meeting*

- iii) PA13/00742 Conversion of stables into holiday let at Uphill House, Rillaton - support
- iv) PA13/00664 Pollard 3 hedge ash trees at Higher Henwood Farm, Henwood - support
- v) PA12/11675 The Cart Linhay, Darleyford; amended description of application does not alter the decision reached previously by the Council - object

**b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration**

- i) PA12/11187 New front door and open porch, construction of Orangery, demolition of redundant outbuilding and construction of two-storey, utility store and first floor master bedroom and en-suite, ground floor extension to bedroom 4 and additional window to bedroom 3 at Hillside Cottage, Treovis - approved
- ii) PA13/00366 fell one ash tree in a Conservation Area at Mill Cottage, Rilla Mill (under 'Notification of decisions under delegated authority')

**9) Play Equipment**

- a) Weekly inspections i) Jubilee Field – goal posts need to be fixed, playhouse requires drainage holes in floor. It was noted that F.D. Hall & Son are to repair the burnt floor ii) Rilla Mill play area – no faults to report
- b) Jubilee Field Recreation Committee report – no report available. It was agreed that if no progress was made at the AGM of the JFRC in April the Council would intervene.
- c) Jubilee Field working group report/proposals. It was **resolved to approve** the purchase of two picnic tables at approx. £200 each and two rubbish bins at approx. £90 each, and the actions proposed by the working group.
- d) Annual independent play inspection, it was agreed that the clerk would arrange for the inspection to be undertaken in March, and it was **resolved to approve** the costs of £50 per play area quoted by Digley Associates.

**10) Works ordered/outstanding**

- a) i) Jubilee Field – repair/alteration to playhouse, repair to swing support are being undertaken ii) pipe-lagging to Ladies' WC has been completed iii) Notice-boards works. It was **resolved to approve** a request to one of the 'handymen' to undertake the agreed work.

*Cllr Hearn departed the meeting*

**11) Public use of Parish Council provided notice-boards**

- a) It was **agreed** to adopt the draft policy presented to the meeting.

**12) Correspondence**

**a) Items for decision**

29/01/13	Parsons Brinckerhoff	Notice of bridge strengthening at Cellars request info appropriate time to undertake work – <i>noted</i>
*28/01/13	Tony Hogg PCC	Consultation – <i>noted</i>
*28/01/13	Sustainable Energy	Action plan for green Cornwall – <i>noted</i>
*23/01/13	Localism – H Couch	Community Resilience event – <i>noted</i>
*17/01/13	Cornwall AoNB forum	<i>noted</i>
16/01/13	Barry Isaacs	Confirms agreement re advertising on parish website. <i>It was agreed to defer this until March.</i>
*15/01/13	Liskeard work hub	<i>noted</i>

**b) Items for information only – the following were noted:**

11/02/13	Coodes	Offer of free consultation for legal services
11/02/13	SWW	DD now stands at £10/month
09/02/13	Richard Masson	Missing road signs around Treovis
08/02/13	Diana Best	Road closure – cancelled (Lowerlake to Barnacre, RM)
08/02/13	Diana Best	Road closure – junction to Bathpool and Fitch Lane
08/02/13	CALC	New amendments to Code/SOs
07/02/13	Sue Lee	Services of locum clerk
08/02/13	Karen Johns AoNB	Annual forum details
08/02/13	CALC AGM	Notice of meeting 21 Feb 2013
08/02/13	SW Ambulance Serv	newsletter
06/02/13	St Endellion	Easter festival
06/02/13	Proludic	publicity
05/02/13	CHAHP	events
05/02/13	Zurich Municipal	Promotion material
02/02/13	Kenneth Rickard	CWFSDB re CC & Eunomia
01/02/13	Ashley Wood	Response to Cllr Kaczmarek
01/02/13	Mike Todd	See Item 7(e)
29/01/13	Simon Penna	See Item 7(e)
31/01/13	Kate Bruce	Events in SEAP response form
*29/01/13	CCAF	Inc RoW and Definitive Map working group
28/01/13	Glasdon	publicity
28/01/13	Pear technology	Digital mapping for T & PCs
*25/01/13	Streetworks	Re road closure between Rilla Mill and Lower Lake
*25/01/13	Streetworks	Re road closure between junction to Bathpool and Fitch Lane
22/01/13	M O'Brien	Re Fire and Ambulance services in Callington
19/01/13	Keith Browne	Letter and plans for RM Methodist chapel
15/01/13	Clerks & Councils	magazine

**13) Close of Business**

The meeting closed at 10.05pm