

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Monday 14 January 2013 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 1) Absent:** Apologies received from Cllr Coombe and Cllr Lobban
- 2) Present:** Cllr Boarland, Cllr Couch, Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes (Chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Martin, Cllr Moyse, Cllr Stansfield, Cllr Wooster (Vice-Chairman), CCllr Turner
Julia Todd (Clerk)
One member of the public
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:**
No declarations were made.
- 4) Minutes**
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 10 December 2012 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to the following amendments:
In Item 6(c) "... the grit bin at Stanbeare is empty" should read "... the grit bin at Stanbeare is not full"
In Item 12(a) "Cornish mining" should be replaced by "World Heritage site"
- 5) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters**
The meeting was adjourned to allow for Keith Brown, who with his wife Maxine, is the new owner of Methodist chapel in Rilla Mill, to address councillors regarding the forthcoming planning application for the chapel. In response to a question from a councillor Mr Brown confirmed that he had not yet received a response from the Conservation officer.
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:**
 - a) **Police representative/Cllr representative of 'Liskeard Have Your Say' (LHYS):** There was no report from LHYS since no meeting had taken place. Cllr Stansfield noted a number of thefts of domestic oil.
 - b) **Cornwall Councillor Turner:** this Item took place at the end of Item 6(c). CCllr Turner expressed his appreciation to the council for the get-well-soon card. He explained the new procedure for housing benefit/Council tax support, highlighting the shortfall in funds available, and three options that Cornwall Council will be considering. The benefits not as well enhanced as originally thought and there is a proposal to set up a hardship fund. Cornwall Council has adopted a modified form of cabinet governance; each Cabinet member will have an advisory committee of ordinary members who will have greater influence upon the Cabinet. Highways' services has received £4million from central government to address the problems, such as potholes, caused last year and by more recent flooding. CC is working on a draft Local Plan and has concerns regarding the proliferation of wind turbines, solar farms etc and requests comments before 12 February 2013. Plushayes Farm, Linkinhorne is to be re-let and prospective tenants are being interviewed next week. The Cornwall Council precept proposal represents an increase of 1.97%

The Chief Executive is leaving Cornwall Council at the end of March 2013. The newly-elected council in May will be responsible for a new Chief Executive. In response to a question from the meeting regarding access to public documents i.e. planning history Cllr Turner confirmed that it can be accessed on One Stop computers. At Luxstowe House access is by appointment only on Wednesday mornings.

It was noted that the new markings outside the school have been undertaken. Cllr Martin queried missing P (parking) signs at Minions. It was **agreed** that the clerk would address Highways. Cllr Turner agreed to investigate a pattern of thefts of signs.

Cllr Turner departed the meeting following his report.

- c) Reports from Parish Councillors (other meetings, conferences)
Cllr Boarland met with the head at Upton Cross school, Mark Clutsom, regarding goal nets. It was **resolved to approve** the purchase of a goal net costing in the region of £80 provided that it is able to withstand freezing conditions. Cllr Boarland attended a meeting on community funding on 18 December at Roche; it focused mainly upon regeneration of community buildings, but Cllr Boarland stressed the availability of funding such as 'Awards for All', and reported that applications were strongly encouraged as funding is available. Groups can bid for up to £10,000.

Cllr Turner arrived at the meeting

Cllr Martin had made a precis of the contents of the Cornish and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site consultation, which ended today, and was satisfied. She requested that a copy be held in the library.

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 i) £26.83 (clerk expenses) ii) £481.96 Cormac Solutions (grass-cutting) iii) £78 SLCC (conference fees) iv) £516 Richard Stevens (work to RM play area)
- c) **Receipts** i) £13.59 bank interest
- d) Precept review in the light of new Council Tax Base information. Proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was resolved to approve the following:

"the precept figure shall be such as shall produce a sum of £13,600 for the Parish in the financial year 2013/14 and the Clerk be authorised (in consultation with the Finance Working Group) to amend our precept request as may be necessary to such figure as achieves this in the light of decisions to be made by Cornwall Council on the new options open to them in relation to collection of Council Tax".

8) Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

- i) PA12/11187 various work at Hillside Cottage, Treovis, Upton Cross (deferred from December meeting of Parish Council) - **support**

- ii) PA12/11675 Removal of single-storey utility room, replace with two-storey extension at The Cart Linhay (land north of Darley Farm) – **object** for the following reasons: The application description is incorrect; there does not appear to be an earlier application or consent. The proposed design would, by reason of its design, scale and mass, be detrimental to the character of the existing dwelling and would fail to form a subservient and sympathetic addition to the original building. Furthermore, the dormer windows form an incongruous addition to the design. The Parish Council notes that work has already begun. The Parish Council considers that the building has merit in terms of architecture and heritage and that the planning guidance that exists relating to barn conversions has not been followed.
- ii) PA12/12148 Extension to existing front porch at Barnacre, Rilla Mill - **support**

b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration

- i) PA12/10160 Demolition of redundant modern chimney and stack and associated repairs to roof at Lower Millcombe **approved**

9) Standing Orders

- a) It was **agreed** to defer a proposal to amend SOs in accordance with CALC recommendations until the next meeting.

10) Play equipment

- a) Risk assessments i) Jubilee Field – the multi-sided table is being used as steps to climb the wall. It was **agreed** that the clerk would contact Sterts regarding preventing access to the road through the post and rail fence adjacent to their drive and to ask Sterts to consider 'formalising' a gateway at the bottom corner of the fence. It was reported that there is rust on connections to the swing seats/tyres. The litter bin is provided by Linkinhorne Parish hall, Upton Cross but is constantly full. It was **agreed** that Cory should be contacted. ii) Rilla Mill play area has now recovered from two bouts of recent flooding, and the posts have been re-concreted.
- b) Jubilee Field Recreation Committee report. No report was available. Cllr Hopes and the clerk are to collaborate over the next approach. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Playdale the original suppliers of the Jubilee Field play equipment for a replacement 'leg' to the swings. The Jubilee Field working party will assemble to consider work to be undertaken, purchases to be made for the site.

11) Works ordered/outstanding

- a) i) Jubilee Field – repair/alteration to playhouse – almost completed ii) Public conveniences: door to gents, pipe-lagging in ladies iii) War memorial iv) RM play area fencing – completed v) notice boards vi) swing support
It was **agreed** to investigate with the Land Registry ownership of the piece of land in gateway of Jubilee Field.

12) Parish Contracts

- a) It was **agreed** to invite current contractors for works in the parish to continue for another year at the same price of contracts in 2012-13 but with slight amendments to requirements as follows: i) burial ground – no change ii) play areas – Rilla Mill, no change; Jubilee Field, 15 cuts instead of 14 per year from 1 April or beginning of the school Easter holidays, whichever be the earlier, until mid-November iii) PRoW maintenance – no change to frequency of cutting/clearing iv) Public conveniences' cleaning – the clerk is currently

investigating the contract which seems to have lapsed between changes at Cornwall Council (the contractor).

Cllr Boarland departed the meeting between Items 12(a)(i) and 12(a)(iv)

The clerk will contact Linkinhorne Scouts regarding the cleaning at Minions' bus shelter and will minute that work will start and the rate for payment in the February meeting's minutes.

13) Correspondence

a) Items requiring a decision, not included above

14/01/13	SW Water	Review of meter budget plan – <i>it was agreed that the clerk would pursue a lower rate</i>
14/01/13	J P H Stonework	Request to advertise on parish website – business outside parish – <i>a rate was set in September 2007</i>
*20/12/12	Consultations	<i>noted</i>
19/12/12	CC 'Localism'	Cost of Crypto card to enable clerks access to CC intranet (replaces directory previously provided free of charge) – <i>it was resolved, with one absence, to approve the purchase of a CRYPTOcard at cost of £50 one-off payment.</i>
*15/12/12	Crcc	Cpd workshops – <i>noted</i>

b) Items for information only. The following were noted:

14/01/13	East Cornwall Harriers	Notice of Annual 5 Tors race
*11/01/13	'Cornwall Conversation'	Newsletter with links i.e. to Neighbourhood Planning
10/01/13	SLCC 'The Clerk'	Society magazine
10/01/13	SW Water	'Water Future'
*09/01/13	CHAHP	Events and courses
*08/01/13	Peter Hockin	More on Council Tax Support funding/precept (ref Item 7d)
*20/12/12	Mark O'Brien	Flood reporting
19/12/12	SW Ambulance	newsletter
19/12/12	Peter Hockin	Council Tax-base (ref Item 7(d))
*17/12/12	DEFRA	Flood resilience community pathfinder document
*15/12/12	CALC	Budget and Precepting issues
*15/12/12	Judith Cook	Safeguarding Adults
*13/12/12	CALC	Proposed changes to Standing Orders (see Item 9)

14) Annual Parish Meeting

a) It was **agreed** that the clerk would contact a speaker to talk on Neighbourhood Planning at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

15) Close of Business

The meeting closed at 10.00pm