

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Monday 11 June 2012, Linkinhorne Parish Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 1) **Absent:** Apologies received from Cllr Daniel, Cllr Couch, Cllr Masson
- 2) **Present:** Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes (Chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Martin, Cllr Moyse, Cllr Wooster (Vice-Chairman)
Julia Todd (Clerk)
- 3) **Declarations under Code of Conduct:**
Cllr Wooster declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9(c)
Cllr Lobban declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9(a)(v)
- 4) **Minutes**
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 2012 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting subject to the following amendments:
Item 4 to read that existing trustees "were re-elected" and the new trustee, "Cllr Daniel was elected for a 3-year term".
Item 10(a)(iii) – the result of the vote should read, "6 votes in favour of objection".
Item 13 should clarify that "there were bits of wood lying around, offering potential for bonfires".
- 5) **Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters**
No members of the public present.
- 6) **Casual vacancy**
 - a) Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to co-opt Sarah Coombe to the Parish Council. The vote was unanimous.
- 7) **Reports from and matters of concern to:**
 - a) **PC Garth Hatt/PCSO Anslow/PACT cllr:** There had been no meeting but Cllr Wooster will pass the crime statistics to the clerk.
 - b) **Cornwall Councillor Turner:** Cllr Turner was unavailable for this meeting
- 8) **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) £837.57 Came & Co (insurance - approval given ref May minutes) ii) £10.50 LPH (rent) iii) £62.40 inc VAT WesternWeb Ltd (web space/email) iv) £55.35 clerk expenses
 - c) **Receipts** i) £181.09 HMRC/VAT return ii) £1.56 interest (close of Barclays account)
 - d) **Audit Commission:** there were no reasons to object to the appointment of external auditor Grant Thornton UK LLP.

9) Planning

a) Planning Applications

Upon being put to the vote **it was resolved** to make the following recommendations:

- i) PA12/04529 Work to tree in Conservation Area at Aldor, Rilla Mill – (notice only; no comment required) - noted
- ii) PA12/04274 Notification for installation of BT BB cabinet at Mill House (opposite, inside entrance to Parsons' Meadow), Rilla Mill - noted
- iii) PA12/04556 Works to several trees in Conservation Area at Netherhill, Rilla Mill
The Parish Council expressed concern at the potential detrimental impact on the Conservation Area not only from the proposed complete removal of so many trees but particularly from the almost identical proposed crown lowering of the remainder some of which it felt might not be really suitable for such treatment. It would like to see each tree individually assessed by the County Forester for its quality, nature, stability and suitability for such treatment and the overall effect on the immediate landscape. If this was to result in the total felling of some of the commoner, weaker or poorer quality trees and complete retention of the rarer or best specimens it would be unlikely to be so concerned - **object**
- iv) PA12/04470 Construction single storey rear extension at Sutton Oak, Higher Sutton, Upton Cross – **support**, unanimous
- v) PA12/04460 Construction detached garage at Higher Sutton, Upton Cross – **support**, unanimous

Cllr Wooster departed the meeting

- vi) PA12/04649 Erection of garage, improve access etc at Fourways, Upton Cross –
The Parish Council supports the application as far as the erection of the garage is concerned. The Parish Council expressed concern that the proposed access to the highway would present an inherent danger to other road users, given the proximity to the crossroads, the 'pinch' part of the traffic calming system, and the dip of the road. It would be particularly hazardous to motorists coming from the Minions direction. Members questioned the presumption of an established right over the land that forms the proposed access, having accepted a temporary access during other recent development on the property. The Council, therefore, strongly emphasises the necessity for consulting Highways - **object**

Cllr Wooster returned to the meeting

- vii) PA12/04986 change of use of barn from holiday accommodation to dwelling at Little Barn, Darley – The Parish Council was provided with no marketing and viability appraisal or any other detailed evidence of failure to succeed as holiday accommodation, or of capital cost relative to rental value, and there was no environmental assessment - **object**

b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration

- i) PA12/04521 Application for Non Material Amendment to E2/04/01579/FUL at Berern, Rilla Mill, for construction of first floor extension to side of dwelling, namely addition of a glass balcony (toughened, laminated, regulation height etc coming out from french doors instead of window on rear elevation of approved extension) – **approved**

10) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

- a) **Jubilee Field** - there is some damage to one of the toddler seats but not considered to present a risk. The main gate is now locked. It was agreed that the working group would meet at the field before next Parish Council meeting. There was no progress to report on replacing the picnic tables.
- b) **Rilla Mill Play Area** the entrance gate needs some attention but is not urgent.

Urgent Item: *On the advice of Cornwall Association of Local Councils an urgent item was presented here to adopt the new Interim Code of Conduct. The item was refused by the Parish Council as the relevant document had not been available in sufficient time for councillors to have read and considered it.*

11) Correspondence

a) Items requiring a decision

06/12	CC re facilities	CCN and planning - <i>noted</i>
08/06/12	CALC Code of conduct	Interim code – <i>see agenda</i>
04/06/12	CCLr Turner	Royal recognition for older volunteers – <i>noted</i>
*31/05/12	CC – Localism	Ltr re CC governance review – <i>no agreement to participate</i>
28/05/12	Audit Commission	Appointment of external auditor Grant Thornton UK LLP – see agenda Item 8(d)
18/05/12	S Coombe	Application for casual vacancy ref agenda Item 6

b) Items for information only

11/06/12	CC Cormac	Notice of speed limit decisions
11/06/12	Cruse	Invite to AGM
*11/06/12	Countryside Access	Paths for Communities (P4C)
11/06/12	CC Planning & regen	Cornwall Renewable Energy Show 2012 and leaflets
11/06/12	CALC	The Week issue 17
08/06/12	CCLr Turner	Mobility scooters on buses
08/06/12	Landscape & Amenity	Products
08/06/12	Liskerrett – Hub	Various events
08/06/12	CALC	The Week issue 16
08/06/12	CHAHP events	
08/06/12	Linkinhorne History	Notice re 'A Star on the Mizzen'
31/05/12	SLCC	e-newsletter
*31/06/12	CALC	Interim Code of Conduct (see above)
31/05/12	Local Main partnership	LMP 2012/13 agreement notice
31/05/12	CC Public Health	Caravan and Campsite proposed harmonised Licence conditions
31/05/12	Cornwall Rural Housing Assc	Recruiting Board members – notice
29/05/12	Came & Company	Confirmation of receipt of cheque
28/05/12	Aon insurance	Reminder of renewal
25/05/12	CC Localism	events
25/05/12	CALC	The Week 15 and NALC
*25/05/12	May G Streetworks	Notice of road closure
*24/05/12	CC Public Health	Amendments to Licensing Act 2003
*24/05/12	Cornwall VSF	Safer Futures' Communities' Lunch
*20/05/12	Action for Children	Zip it – fund raising event
*18/05/12	CALC	The Week 14 and NALC topic notes
18/05/12	Play Inspection	Quote and terms and conditions
17/05/12	Localism newsletter	2 copies
*16/05/12	CALC	Access to Council info in Braille
15/05/12	May G Streetworks	Notice of road closure (North Hill)

*sent by email

12) Dates of July and August meetings

- a) It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would meet on Wednesday 18 July 2012, and the date for an August will be decided upon later and would include only items of planning and finance, if required.

13) Succession planning

- a) A number of options were considered: offer practical guidance to potential candidates, notices to appear (e.g. in the Link, on notice boards) at intervals up to the election, for current councillors to encourage other residents to stand for nomination, and promote actively the role of the Parish Council.

14) Close of Business

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 18 July 2012**