

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Monday 16 April 2012 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross, 8.30pm

MINUTES

- 1) Absent:** Apologies received from Cllr Couch, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Masson, Cllr Moyse, CCllr John Turner
- 2) Present:** Cllr Daniel, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes (Chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Martin, Cllr Wooster
Julia Todd (clerk)
3 members of the public
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:**
Cllr Hearn declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in Item 6(b)(i)
Other declarations made at Item 8
- 4) Minutes**
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 12 March 2012 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 5) Reports from and matters of concern to:**
 - a) **PC Garth Hatt:** PC Hatt reported that the crime figures for March were high for this parish although some were linked to each other. He emphasised the importance of reporting incidents to the police in order to address, for example, the vandalism that has recently taken place to the picnic benches in Jubilee Field and the ceiling of the gents' toilets. Anyone witnessing such acts is urged to note the time and place as well as a description of those involved.
Included in the monthly crime reports was a case of fraud to gain mail order goods, an arrest for which has been made, and another a serious assault involving drunken behaviour and use of a hammer. Metal and oil thefts are increasingly common and PC Hatt advises protecting oil/fuel tanks with a lockable cage. Some of these thefts are well-organised as thieves follow the tankers and then exploit the isolated and secluded locations of some tanks.

The adoption of a 40mph speed limit on Fore Down is in progress and should be in place towards end of year. It was noted that over 16 horses were killed in last year alone by drivers going too fast to stop. Sheep worrying also continues to be a problem and PC Hatt reminded us that all dogs should be on leads on the moor between March and July. Vehicles on the moors are also still a problem, causing damage to heritage spots such as the dressing floors. PC Hatt would like anyone witnessing vehicles being driven across the moor to report details to him.

PC Hatt gave an update on neighbourhood policing, informing the meeting that cuts of 256 Neighbourhood police would be undertaken by October 2015; of 3 in Liskeard 1 or 2 may be lost.
- 6) Finance**
 - a) **Cash flow and Statement of accounts** It was **resolved** to approve the cash flow statement and the end-of-year Statement and these were signed by the Chairman.
 - b) **Payments**
It was **resolved** to approve the following i) £378.45 CALC annual subscription ii) £77.71 Clerk expenses iii) £84 RMVH hire for meetings

- c) **Receipts** £150 (burial fee), £6.50 (walk's books' sales) £3.23 (bank interest)
- d) It was **agreed** to defer until the next meeting a decision on the proposal from Came & Co parish insurance brokers in order to seek further information regarding a 3 year option.

7) Planning

a) **Planning Applications**

Upon being put to the vote the following recommendations were made

- i) PA12/02480 Change use of land from agriculture to domestic curtilage and construction of steel building at Measham Bungalow, Rilla Mill - **refusal**
Concerns were raised regarding the time limits on this application not allowing the Parish Council the opportunity to submit a recommendation. It was noted however that the Neighbourhood Consultation period was still valid (until 20 April 2012). The application had been validated without a design and access statement, and the plans do not identify the land to be brought into domestic use. The location was felt to be inappropriate for the type of activity indicated.

- ii) PA12/02334 Proposed siting of green metal cabinet at land opposite Mill House, Rilla Mill (deadline 09/03/12) The Parish Council were informed that BT had a discussion with the landowner and suggested that the cabinet be located against the garage wall inside Parsons' Meadow. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would comment upon the new proposed location in the flood plain, that it would put at risk telecommunications for the area during an emergency.

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

PA12/02602 fell one tree in Conservation area at The Gables, Rilla Mill – it was noted that tree applications are no longer sent to Parish Councils for comment.

*The Chairman allowed a parishioner to speak to report rubbish and rat infestation at a property in Upton Cross. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to report this to Cornwall Council to include a copy to CCLr Turner.*

8) Tenders for Parish contracts

- a) The consideration of tenders for the contracts was undertaken in confidential session as the contents are commercial-in-confidence. The Chairman requested that all members of the public leave the meeting. All councillors declared personal interests in this Item once the names of the tenderers were known. Of the seven tender document packs requested and distributed, three were returned submitting tenders for some of the contracts. One tender was submitted for Jubilee Field grass-cutting.
Proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote **it was resolved to accept and approve** the following tenders:
Jubilee Field grass-cutting from Cormac Solutions Ltd, Cornwall Council – unanimous
Public Rights of Way, Civic Burial Ground, RM Play Area from Penquile Services – six in favour, none against, two abstentions.

9) Allotments

- a) It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would support the division of 2 full plots into 4 half plots, or quarter plots if the Association was in agreement.

10) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

a) Jubilee Field

It was reported that a picnic bench was missing and another damaged and removed

b) Rilla Mill Play Area

It was reported that there were no problems

11) Correspondence

a) Items requiring a decision

16/04/12	Crc	Impact survey form – <i>reminder that Plan writing yet to be completed</i> , - noted
12/04/12	CC Electoral Services	Polling districts and polling places review - noted
*22/03/12	Local Council Planning Training	<i>No one wished to attend</i>
16/03/12	Democratic Services	Register of Members' Interests – noted
15/03/12	St John Ambulance	Defibrillator in the parish – noted
14/03/12	CC Planning Forum	Invitation to meeting Wed 25 April 5.30pm County Hall – <i>it was agreed that cllrs would attend coffee/tea sessions</i>

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

16/04/12	Glasdon	Promotion material
*13/04/12	CALC	'illustrative text' of new Code of Conduct
12/04/12	Unity Trust Bank	Cheque and paying in books, letters to activate online
12/04/12	Bardays	New cheque book
12/04/12	CC Highways	Acknowledge response to B3254 speed limit
12/04/12	Steve Shaw	Rep 'Local Works' lobby letter
11/04/12	CC Cormac	Apologies APM
11/04/12	Unity Trust	Completion registration and online users
10/04/12	SWW	Cheque for refund
10/04/12	Alec Robertson	Leader message to members
10/04/12	Crc	Report on provision of 'affordable' housing in Cornwall
05/04/12	PC Hatt	Info re response to vandalism in gents' WCs UX
04/04/12	Unity Trust	Confirm account details
	Came & Co	Promotion material
04/04/12	Four Lane Projects	Request for used stamps & for donation for 2012 appeal
03/04/12	Audit Commission	Annual return for 2011-12
03/04/12	Unity Trust Bank	Account transfer notification/request to activate - <i>done</i>
02/04/12	CC Lance Kennedy	Re panic-buying of fuel
30/03/12	Landscape & Amenity	Promotion material
30/03/12	SLCC	Courses and conferences + Plantscape promo material
30/03/12	CC Health Well-being	'Your Guide to Winter Well-Being' booklets
30/03/12	LAHA	Info re payment of rent/division of plots
27/03/12	ICO	Confirmation of renewal
27/03/12	NALC	VAT briefing
26/03/12	CC Alec Robertson	Leader message
26/03/12	HMRC	Reminder – Employer annual returns
21/03/12	CC Resources	Reminder re changes to purchase orders and invoices
*20/03/12	CC Countryside Access Forum	Annual Recruitment for forum members notice
20/03/12	CHAHP	Events and notice re livestock
20/03/12	CC Alec Robertson	Leader message
19/03/12	CCllr Turner	e-petition re Air Ambulance fuel VAT exemption
15/03/12	CALC	The Week issue 09

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12) Close of Business

The meeting closed at 10.00pm. Cllr Hearn was congratulated on his appointment to the Executive Committee of Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 14 May 2012**