

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Monday 11 April 2011 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, 7.30pm
MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Gilbert
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Dilworth, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes (Chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Masson, Cllr Martin, Cllr Moyse, Cornwall Cllr Turner, Cllr Wooster (Vice-Chairman)
PC Garth Hatt
There were four members of the public present
Julia Todd (clerk)
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:
Cllrs Hopes and Wooster declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9(a)(i)
Cllr Lobban declared a personal interest in Item 9(a)(i) and (ii)
Cllrs Daniel and Hordley declared a personal interest in Item 9(a)(iii)
Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in Item 7(d)
- 4) Minutes
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 14 March 2011 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting subject to the following amendment: In Item 11(a) second paragraph delete "Cllr Martin is in contact with a group looking for training sites to lay hedges;..." and add "The CHAHP is looking for training sites to lay hedges;..."
- 5) Co-opted Councillor
 - a) The Declaration of Office was signed by Cllr Paul Terrett, and counter-signed by the Clerk.
- 6) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters
It was agreed that this Item would be heard at Item 9 as some members of the public present wished to comment upon the application at Item 9(a)(i).
- 7) Reports from and matters of concern to:
 - a) PC Garth Hatt: informed the meeting of the serious cuts and changes about to take place with region's police force, including the loss of 700 out of 3,000 posts which would be lost through 'natural wastage' and a freeze on recruitment. The knock-on effects will include closing of 'front desks' except for Liskeard's. The changes begin to take effect from 20 May 2011. The Liskeard area will fall under the management of the Inspector at St Austell.
 - b) Cornwall Councillor Turner: informed the meeting that charges for placing waste into landfill have risen, and that the Boundary Commission was still considering the options for Cornwall where, according to CCllr Turner, there will be a cross-border constituency. The county can no longer support 6 seats. A consultation period will begin in the autumn.

CCllr Turner departed the meeting

 - c) Parish Plan: progress report on analysis – Cllr Hopes has circulated the analysis

- d) Cllr Martin reported on Bodmin Moor Parishes' meeting, and will submit a piece for the Link. A dossier including a map was given for the clerk to keep on file. A pilot scheme was being introduced that will give legal rights and powers to commoners to deal with agricultural management such as the removal of a bull or stallion.

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) Clerk expenses £75.81 ii) RMVH (rent) £70.00 iii) Aon insurance renewal £1,285.35
- c) Receipts: i) VAT refund £723.18
- d) Skate facility feasibility study trip: to approve acceptance of CCllr Turner's funding towards the trip into the Parish Council bank account proposed and approved to accept money into account. It was resolved to approve, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would provide a letter to support CCllr Turner's trip.

Cllrs Hopes and Wooster departed the meeting

9) Planning

- a) Planning Applications
As both the Chairman and Vice-chairman declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9(a)(i) the council resolved to approve Cllr Masson's move to take the chair. Cllr Masson then declared the meeting open in order that members of the public were able to put forward their comments regarding this item. Concerns were expressed regarding the probability of an exacerbation of the existing excess water drainage problem in the lane which serves the application site and neighbouring properties. It was reported that excess surface water had increased following development at Shire's Meadow which had been built on an existing soakaway and is no longer functioning. There were photos passed to councillors to illustrate the problem. Access to the proposed development was also cited as a problem since the increase in traffic would further damage the surface of the lane. It was noted that the lane is a public footpath. Concern was also expressed regarding the safety of traffic pulling out of the lane on to the highway, and photos were passed around to illustrate the limited view at the junction. Following accounts given by members of the public regarding this item Cllr Masson then closed the meeting, and invited Cllr Lobban to present the applications to the meeting. Upon being put to the vote, it was resolved to make the following recommendations:

- i) PA11/01724 Construction of detached dwelling with garage at Meadow Grove, Liverscombe, Rilla Mill

"The Parish Council voted unanimously to comment that the application contains insufficient information from available drawings by section to show the relationship between the proposed dwelling and the host dwelling in order to ensure that there is no impact on the amenity to the host dwelling. The Parish Council would wish to be certain that the scheme would be subject to SUD so as not to exacerbate the existing drainage problems in the vicinity, and to be assured that the County Surveyor had inspected and was satisfied with regard to visibility on to access road (main route through Rilla Mill)."

Cllrs Hopes and Wooster rejoined the meeting, and Cllr Hopes resumed the Chair

- ii) PA11/01972 work to trees at Beech House, Hillyfields, Upton Cross - unanimous approval
- iii) PA11/01405 Construction of lych-gate at Rilla Mill chapel - unanimous approval
- iv) PA11/01313 Construction of workshop/store and new vehicular access at 7 Duchy Terrace, Minions – refusal on the grounds that the proposed development does not meet the criteria to enhance the character of the Conservation Area/AONB/World Heritage site, and is detrimental to the integrity of the character of the row of quarrymen's cottages, which stand in a prominent position.

- b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration
None received

10) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

- a) Jubilee Field
A lot of obscene graffiti has again been removed from the playhouse; some of it was extremely offensive. Councillors heard that some children had also been abusing school play equipment and had received letters from the Headteacher. It was agreed that the possibility of treating the area with anti-graffiti paint would be investigated, and that parents should be made aware of the actions of some children. Cllr Martin agreed to draft a piece for the Link and liaise with the Clerk and Chairman. Further discussion included the possibility of seeking advice or support from the Youth Service.
- b) Rilla Mill Play Area
No problems were reported.

11) Jubilee Field

- a) Cllr Hopes gave brief description of Deed of Dedication to Fields in Trust and asked that the matter be included in the next meeting's agenda. He will circulate the documents beforehand.

Cllr Daniel departed the meeting

12) Public Rights of Way

- a) It was resolved to approve the PRow committee proposal to adopt Cornwall Council's cutting regime. Cllr Lobban proposed that the council thank Mike for his work on the schedule which had not been a straight-forward task.

13) Highways

- a) to decide upon a response to Cornwall Council with regard to the funding of refilling winter grit bins – it was agreed that a discussion would take place a later date, once more information had been gathered.

14) Public Conveniences

- a) As far as this current council is concerned, and provided maintenance costs remain within the budget, it was resolved to approve assurance to the Cricket Club of continued maintenance of these facilities in the light of the Club's offer to undertake repairs.

15) Correspondence

a) The following were noted:

29/03/11	Kompan Playful Living	Playground funding support service
*15/03/11	2011 census	'How you can help your residents complete the census'
*15/03/11	CCN/Rosemary Stone	'Winter conditions' meeting notes
15/03/11	Duchy of Cornwall	Copy of letter to Mrs Piper re boulders on verge
15/03/11	SLCC	Promotional lit. for various items
15/03/11	Barclays Bank	Completed mandate notice
16/03/11	CAB	Receipt for donation and letter of thanks
*16/03/11	NALC	Re conferences
17/03/11	LPCC	Receipt for donation with thanks (burial grounds)
17/03/11	LPCC	Receipt for donation with thanks (drop-in centre)
17/03/11	CC	Request to publish notices re voting referendum
17/03/11	D&C Police Authority	Invite to liaison meetings and request to publish notices
*18/03/11	CC via CClr Turner	Press release re Feed in Tariff funding
18/03/11	Duchy of Cornwall	Request for update re railway bridge at Minions
21/03/11	Linkinhorne Lunch	Receipt for donation with thanks
*21/03/11	CALC	The Week 28 , LAIS, training day
*22/03/11	Graham Webster	Press Association re Health Reform
*22/03/11	CC	Salt bin – request for response to proposals (Item on agenda)
23/03/11	CCPFA	Receipt for donation with thanks
24/03/11	CC	Darley Ford culvert strengthening work to take place in June
*25/03/11	CCN – R Stone	Salt bin management – supplementary to CC provision
28/03/11	Cruse	Request for donation (ltr advising of Feb decisions sent)
28/03/11	Duchy of Cornwall	Copy of letters to Arqiva re potholes in access road
28/03/11	Cliff Sykes	Reference and copies of certificate
28/03/11	CrcC	Copy of contract re Parish Plan questionnaire analysis
28/03/11	Ico	Confirmation of renewal of registration
*31/03/11	CrcC – S Davey	Community Planning e-newsletter
*28/03/11	CALC	The Week 29, LAIS notices, training booking forms
*31/03/11	CHAHP	Talks and Walks programme and newsletter
30/03/11	RMVH – Mr Sampson	Receipt for donation; letter advising of costs for Parson's Meadow grass cutting
*01/04/11	CCN – R Stone	Panel meeting notes (23 March 2011) and other docs
01/04/2011	Cruse	Reply to Clerk's letter re donation process
04/04/2011	Audit Commission	Confirmation of appointment of auditor, and Notice of the Annual Audit for year ending 31 March 2011
04/04/2011	A Strowger pcdt	Press release + notices of 'drop in' event re NHS changes
05/04/2011	Eccvs	Minutes of March mtg + newsletters
11/04/2011	SLCC	Branch newsletter April

Date of next meeting: Monday 9 May 2011

Close of Business: The meeting closed at 10.20pm