

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Monday 13 September 2010 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Gilbert
 - 2) Present: Cllr Dilworth, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes (chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Masson, Cllr Martin, Cllr Todd, Cornwall Cllr Turner, Cllr Wooster (vice-chairman)
Julia Todd (clerk)
Three members of the public
 - 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct: Cllrs Hopes and Wooster declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 8(c)(i)
Cllr Horrell declared a personal interest in Item 8(c)(iii)
 - 4) Minutes
Upon being put to the vote there were 5 votes for, 1 against and 3 abstentions following an objection to the decision noted in the minutes at Item 9 (ii), Monday 12 July. Cllr Martin understood that previous arrangements of delegating two, named councillors residing close to applicants had been the decision reached. As a result of the vote it was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 12 July 2010 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
A member of the public spoke to voice concerns regarding the future of the library located in Upton Cross school, and invited suggestions for promoting the library service within the parish.
 - 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:
 - a) PC Garth Hatt/PCSO Anslow/PACT cllr: It was reported that the monthly crime figures were up slightly on August last year. An incident involving stabbing in St Cleer was considered a targeted crime and therefore does not present a threat to the general community. There had been several thefts involving farm equipment. A question was raised regarding a recent attack on a woman on Caradon Hill but there has been no further progress to report although several unfounded rumours were circulating.
 - b) Cornwall Councillor Turner: It was reported that the NHS was the subject of a consultation for a reconfiguration of community services, which would see the phasing out of Primary Care Trusts. It was reported that a road sign at Upton Cross had been damaged and Highways had acted quickly to order a new replacement.
- Cllr Lobban arrived at the meeting.*
- 7) Finance
 - a) Cash flow of accounts: upon being put to the vote it was resolved unanimously to approve the statement of accounts and this was signed by the chairman.
 - b) Payments: i) Cllr Hopes £18.49 (trophy) ii) Clerk expenses £61.09. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved unanimously to approve the above payments.
 - c) Receipts - *none*
 - d) Report of Finance committee meeting decisions 16 August 2010 – *noted*.

8) Planning

- a) Planning applications: upon being put to the vote it was resolved to recommend for the following:
 - i) PA10/04287 Bos Cres, North Darley – Construction of two-storey extension – unanimous approval.
 - ii) PA10/05143 Little Barn, Darley Farm - Construction of garage and store - approval
- b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council – *none received*.
- c) Any applications received before the meeting.
Some councillors expressed concerns regarding this item as planning applications that were likely to be contentious and may not have been given sufficient time to for the public to make representation. It was noted that the Planning authority has a timetable to which it must adhere, and a process that involves notifying neighbours of applications likely to affect them. It was agreed that in future in the event of a last minute receipt of application the clerk would contact the planning officer concerned to verify whether more time would be available to consider the application. This matter will be raised on the next agenda.

In the event of both the chairman and the vice-chairman expressing personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application PA10/05178 (see (i) below) to be considered, and a request to defer consideration of the same application to a later date the council decided to put the matter to the vote. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to approve Cllr Masson's move to take the chair. Furthermore, it was resolved by a vote of 6 in favour to continue to consider the applications received after the publication of the agenda on this occasion.

Cllr Hopes requested, as a member of the public, to address the Parish Council on behalf of himself and other residents in the vicinity of the applicant. Cllr Masson, as temporary chairman, declared the meeting closed to allow Cllr Hopes to speak and reminded the Parish Council that it was not permitted to pose questions. Cllr Hopes made representation raising objections to a number of matters of concern regarding the application. Cllr Masson then re-convened the meeting.

Cllrs Hopes and Wooster departed the meeting. Cllr Lobban declared a personal interest in the following item.

- i) PA10/05178 Construction of dwelling with double garage at Meadow Grove, Liverscombe, Rilla Mill. Upon being put to the vote, proposed and seconded, there were 5 in favour and 3 abstentions. It was resolved to recommend for refusal on the grounds that there was an absence of suitable evidence to indicate site levels and degree of detrimental and adverse impact on the adjacent (named) property and the proximity of the development to that property. The impact of the amenity is not proven.

Cllrs Hopes and Wooster returned to the meeting. Cllr Hopes returned to the chair.

- ii) PA10/04275 Chapel Cottages, Bray Shop – Proposed two-storey extension to provide utility room and additional space to master bedroom. Upon being put to the vote, proposed and seconded, there were 8 in favour and 1 abstention. It was resolved to recommend for approval.

- iii) PA10/05026 Change of use from redundant cheese farm to holiday accommodation re app no 07/01654. Upon being put to the vote, proposed and seconded, there were 5 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. It was resolved to recommend for approval.

- d) Reports:
Riverview Cottage, Starabridge. Cllr Hopes attended the Planning Committee meeting at Cornwall Council which refused the application.

9) Highways

- a) To consider possible action regarding persistent flooding at Kersbrook Cross Cllr Masson had observed work being undertaken, and believed it to be a soakaway, but it has raised the level in the adjacent field resulting in greater flooding in the road. The Parish Council had received a letter in 2006 following a consideration by Highways but was deemed cost prohibitive due to extensive drain work required. Concerns were raised regarding the hazard to traffic particularly when icy. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Highways.

Cllr Hearn departed the meeting

10) Correspondence

a) Items requiring a decision:

06/08/10	Cornwall Playing Fields Association	Request for donation – Already made in March 2010 (£50.00) clerk to send standard letter
13/08/10	Winter Service Policy	Relocation/provision of bins/training It was agreed to put on agenda next month – clerk to send hard copy to cllrs
13/08/10*	Town Clerk - Penryn Town Council	Request for £20.00 Grant Merlin Project (Multiple Sclerosis) – It was agreed that the clerk would write to decline.
17/08/10	Woodland Rise parking	Removal of grassed area – It was agreed that the clerk would pass this to Cornwall Council - Cllr Martin declared a personal interest. Grass area is owned by CC.
19/08/10*	NALC Legal Briefing	The Independence of PCs Internal Audit – noted
27/08/10*	Library Review WG	Upton Cross Library future – See item on agenda
01/08/10	Complaints about Parish Councillors	Booking form for Free Training at Camelford "How complaints about Parish Councillors are dealt with" – noted
07/08/10	Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project	Minions Car Park Information Board replacement – for next agenda

b) Items for information only:

July	Barclays – Change to Agreement	Changes from 01 Oct 2010
July	Monthly Report – Caradon	By Mark O'Brien – Community Network Manager
July	Clerk & Councils Direct	July Issue of Magazine
09 Jul	Dog Control Orders	Details Schedule of land to which this applies
09 Jul	Service Level Agreement	For Provision of Services by CALC
13 Jul	Equity & Excellence – Liberating the NHS	Paper (15 pages) on Managing the Transition Passed by Cllr Turner for info.
14 Jul	Being a good employer	A guide by NALC/SLCC for parish & town councillors
27 July	The Green Company	Details of Exhibitions in August
29 July	NHS SW Ambulance Service	Annual Report notification
August	Link Bulletin	
August	Society of Local Council Clerks	Cornwall Branch Newsletter
01 Aug	Acknowledgement of Donation	Letter from Benjamin Smith
02 Aug	Temporary Road Closure/Restriction	Redmoor Rd and South Hill Road, Kelly Bray 18 October – 9 Days patching. Sent to Link
04 Aug	Police Liaison Meetings	Change of meeting format
04 Aug	Proposals to CAP PC	Consultation from CALC (closing date Aug 27)
05 Aug	Bodmin Moor Parishes' Network	Minutes of meeting on 27 July plus Edition 2 Newsletter
11 Aug	Black Plastic Bags	Cornwall Council press release
11 Aug	Temporary Road Closure/Restriction	South Botternell to Cottages, Henwood 29 November – 2 weeks patching. Sent to Link
13 Aug	Campaign to protect Rural England	Campaign to protect AONB
13 Aug	Parking enforcement	An opportunity to give local priorities
18 Aug	Boundary Review	Update on boundary situation by Mayor of Saltash
20 Aug	KOMPAN brochure & letter	

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20 Aug	Waste & Recycling	Cornwall Council briefing note
24 Aug	Conference 30 Sept 2010	Renewable & Low Carbon Energy
24 Aug	Local Policing News	Liskeard Newsletter
25 Aug	Draft Notes	Caradon Community Network Panel 19 July "Health & Wellbeing"
27 Aug	RMVH Hire charges	Revision following representation by Councillor Todd - Cllr Lobban declared a personal interest, and commented upon increased costs
27 Aug	Funding Bulletin	From Regeneration and Grants Officer – Cornwall Council
27 Aug	Electoral Services	Encouragement to register to vote
27 Aug	CALC Consultation letter	Ref: Local referendum to veto council tax increases
27 Aug	Council Tax Referendums	Proposal to introduce local referendum to veto excessive increases
August	No Need Nuclear	Letter requesting support for EDM 557
Sept	Wicksteed Playscapes	Playground Inspection offer
Sept	Clerk & Councils Direct	September Issue of Magazine
02 Sep	Duchy response	Wire fencing and road repair at Minions. Cllrs Martin and Wooster agreed to meeting with Chris Matthews. It was suggested that one commoner be included at the meeting.
02 Sep	Police Authority Liaison Meeting	Looe – 22 September 2010
02 Sep	Clean Cornwall	Reminder of event with poster
02 Sep	Cornwall Take Part – Year 2 Project	Young people take over The Council Chamber
03 Sep	Sheryll Murray MP	Details of Local Surgeries
06 Sep	Cornwall Compact	Meeting on 16 September 2010
06 Sep	Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project	Update and poster for St Cleer Parish Events
Undated	The Week - Issue 3	Latest News from CALC
Undated	The Week - Issue 4	Latest News from CALC
	The Week – Issue 5 (13.08.10)	Latest News from CALC
	The Week – Issue 6 (20.08.10)	Latest News from CALC

11) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

- a) Jubilee Field – It was reported that the tops were loose on the picnic tables, there is new graffiti, and holes have been cut in the new football net. The grass cutting contractor had apparently mowed some heavy plastic, scattering shards over the field. The ditch needs strimming and clearing out. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the contractor and to ask if advance warning could be given so that field could be cleared if necessary. It was agreed that the clerk would obtain a new swing chain under delegated powers.
- b) Rilla Mill Play Area – the equipment needs cleaning. It was agreed to ask RMVH committee if power and water could be used.

12) Roberts & Jeffreys Foundation

- a) To decide upon trustee applications – It was agreed to nominate Judith Rockcliffe-King, leaving one more vacancy to fill.

13) War Memorial

- a) To decide upon further action – It was agreed that Cllr Hopes, Cllr Masson and the clerk would collaborate to contact PC Hatt, the solicitors' office, and the Land Registry.

14) Community Network Panel

- a) To consider and decide upon questions for next meeting on 'Education'
- b) Report on previous meeting: Cllr Wooster reported on 'Health': Liskeard Hospital is performing more minor operations and dealing with injuries, and provides a transport liaison with Derriford Hospital. A mobile unit will be promoting healthy eating at events in the region. There will be more of a focus on local treatments.

Cllr Lobban departed the meeting.

15) Sustainable Village Competition

- a) To decide upon matters proposed by Cllr Horrell – Cllr Horrell was happy to announce that his application had reached the final. It was agreed that Cllr Horrell would meet with Cllr Martin the following day.

16) Upton Cross Library

- a) To discuss possible action for the future of the service
It was questioned whether or not the statistics produced by the library service take into account the children using the library. It was suggested as a response to the plea for ideas to promote the library, that events such as story telling and book signing could take place. Evening opening times and wider advertising might also be considered.

17) Parish Plan

- a) Progress Report: Cllr Todd reported that no further progress had been made due to lack of available time and opportunity for training on the database.

18) Other Reports:

- a) Skateboard facility: there had been no progress reported by the parents' group.
- b) Youth Council: Cllrs Dilworth and Horrell had circulated a letter to establish interest in this proposal but had received only four responses. It was agreed to review this at the next meeting. It was noted that a new 'drop-in' facility was available at the Cross-Links centre from 12 October.
- c) Allotment Trophy at Linkinhorne Horticultural Society Show: Cllr Hopes reported on the awards presented.
- d) Dog fouling in lane at Rilla Mill: the clerk reported that more stickers had been distributed around problem areas but Cornwall Council felt that a dog waste bin would be problematic to site and, in any case, are expensive to provide. There are also new posters around the parish reminding dog owners of their responsibility and of the fines that may be imposed.

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 22h45