

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Monday 8 February 2010 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Daniel
- 2) Present: Cllr Dilworth, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Todd, Cllr Wooster
Julia Todd (clerk)
Three members of the public (from Linkinhorne Allotment Holders' Association)
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:
Cllr Wooster - prejudicial at Item16(b)(i)
All councillors (except Cllr Hearn) - personal Item 16(b)(ii)
Cllr Todd – prejudicial Item15(b)(ii)
Cllr Martin - personal Item15(b)(ii)
- 4) Minutes
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 11 January 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
Three representatives of the LAHA spoke to express their dismay at the recent damage at the allotment site caused by a hedging contractor. The proposed parking area and some of the allotments had suffered significant damage, setting back the cultivation plan of the respective allotment holders. Cllr Todd reported on the progress made in consultation with the landowner to restore the ground and make it accessible again. A report would be made available at the next meeting of the Parish Council. Concerns regarding fund-raising were also highlighted.
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:
 - a) PC Garth Hatt/PCSO Anslow/PACT cllr:
Following the PACT meeting Cllr Wooster reported that it had been suggested that boxes be placed in the parish inviting comments from parishioners and the Parish Council could consider their locations. The Parish Council was informed that safety audits were carried out on road alterations such as those at Upton Cross only when problems arise. There were now fully trained, certified speed watchers available to monitor trouble spots. A 'dog awareness day' will be held on 13 March at Minions, to address in particular moorland problems. Crime for 2008 totaled 30 down to 16 for 2009 (subject to change). The gritting of roads had been raised and consideration being given to adopt at least one through route that would allow passage to the village school, to bus routes etc. Salt bin requests and location points were also the subject of consideration. At present, the repair of pot holes is being given full attention. A collapsed culvert near Henwood had been repaired. The possibility of fortnightly rubbish collection was discussed.
 - b) Cornwall Councillor Turner: due to commitment at another parish meeting CCllr Turner arrived later and responded to questions on other Items. Cllr Martin reported on the recent Bodmin Moor Parishes/Moorland Network meeting. The Network was being funded by the community for 18 months, but apparently has no legal powers. Planning training was being offered. A Heritage lottery bid was in process for a photographic archive.

7) Highways

Following the response from Highways to the Parish Council's letter Cllr Masson asked councillors to consider locations for new salt bins around the parish and to pass on by email suggestions to the clerk. Cllr Masson reported that the Upton Cross junction improvement to extend double yellows had been approved, and that a speeding vehicle activated sign/monitor from the Liskeard direction would be erected.

8) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

a) Jubilee Field

Nothing hazardous to report but more graffiti on the playhouse was noted. The gate is often left open. Upon being put to the vote nine councillors were in favour of putting a padlock and chain, supplying duplicate keys for contractors and other users. It was resolved to approve the purchase of the necessary equipment (action: clerk).

b) Rilla Mill Play Area

There is much mole activity in the area, and in field, the Parish Council were informed that RMVH committee is considering specialist treatment. Rubber edging on the child swing seat is disintegrating; the manufacturer had been contacted and suggests use of detergent. All the play equipment is looking shoddy and needs cleaning up.

9) Caradon Community Network

a) brief from the meeting of Monday 25 January 2010

The Chairman gave a brief summary of items from the meeting and venues for Panel meetings were discussed. It was thought that Upton Cross school could host but parking would be a problem. Rilla Mill Village Hall was considered as a good option as it has a large hall and ample car parking.

b) to decide upon questions to be raised at the next Community Network meeting.

The Chairman asked for councillors to send proposed questions to the clerk in time for the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman would be the voting representative for the Parish Council at the Network meetings, and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman. In the event that both Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent a named nominee would be proposed.

c) to decide upon contribution to database to provide assistance to the elderly and vulnerable in emergencies.

Following discussion on both confidentiality, including safe-guarding the identity of individuals, and providing assistance no decision was reached since it was unclear how the Network intended to establish and maintain such a database.

Cllr Turner arrived at the meeting

10) Housing

a) Report on allocations to affordable housing at Marke Valley View

Cllr Masson reported that, with some help from Cllr Turner, he had finally managed to obtain the information requested, and was pleased that of the 8 units offered for rental, 2 x one-bed units, 1 x two-bed unit and 1 x four-bed unit were allotted to the primary parish (i.e. Linkinhorne), 1 x three-bed unit and 1 x two-bed unit to 2nd tier (St Ive), and 1 x three-bed unit and 1 x two-bed unit to 3rd tier (previous Caradon area). Of the four units for shared ownership 2 x two-bed and 2 x three-bed, 3 went to the primary parish and 1 to a family in the 2nd tier.

Cllr Turner informed councillors regarding discussions at Cornwall Council on

the inappropriate lighting and reported that it had been agreed that the complex should be unlit, and soft lights would be installed.

11) Allotments

- a) progress report. It was agreed that discussion on this Item had been addressed during the adjournment for members of the public to speak.
- b) to approve erection of sheds, polytunnels and chicken house. Following discussion on size and nature of erections, and on permitted planning rights more consideration needed to be given. It was also felt that it would be useful if one or two councillors could attend the LAHA meeting.

Cllr Wooster departed the meeting

12) Parish Plan

- a) Progress Report
Cllr Todd reported that the process was on target and questionnaires would be ready for delivery by 24 February, to be returned by 15 March. Cornwall Council had given support in franking for postage. It was anticipated that data-entry and analysis would be completed in time to draft re-freshed plan, and circulate it by 26 July 2010. Publishing was expected at the end of October 2010. Cllrs expressed thanks to the Community Network for organising the franking. It was agreed that the clerk would write a letter of thanks later in the process.

Cllr Wooster returned to the meeting

Cllr Lobban departed the meeting

13) Correspondence

- a) Items requiring a decision

18/01/10*	EDF Ashoke Dole	Response to our concerns re price rises. It was agreed that the clerk would pursue supplies and contact Ofgen. Cllr Turner will investigate whether CC supplies are affected, and in particular Menheniot conveniences. Cllrs Masson, Wooster and Horrell to form working group to consider alternative solutions..
18/01/10	South West Water	Increase in Meter Budget Plan payments (from £3.50 to £8.50/month). This has been calculated from estimated readings of consumption. However, actual consumption is higher and so the new figure could be higher still. SWW will take a reading in March and reassess the Plan but in the meantime the PC pays the new rate (by DD) as from 1 Feb 2010. It was agreed to delay a response and reach a decision when meter readings were taken.
New for meeting		
29/01/10	CALC	Annual Conference and AGM – it was agreed that Cllr Martin offered to attend, weather permitting
03/02/10	CC Highways	Response to email – it was agreed that none was required

- b) Items for information only: the following were noted.

01/02/10	"Cornwall in Bloom"	Presentations and discussion groups
29/01/10	CC	Annual Minerals & Waste Monitoring Report 2008/09
28/01/10	Chairman of CC	Invitation to the Chairman and the Clerk to a buffet
26/01/10	CRCC	Requesting timetable for completion of Parish Plan
26/01/10*	CC via Comm Net	Copy of CC response to BT kiosk adoption scheme
26/01/10*	John Turner	Concerns re decisions on office provision, costs, etc without sufficient briefing
25/01/10*	Liskeard Town Council	Copy letter to leader of CC re office accommodation
20/01/10*	Comm Network Panel	Draft terms of reference
18/01/10*	ECCVS Meet Funders	Invitation to meet funding bodies
18/01/10	Kensey Training	Courses available and price list

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15/01/10*	John Turner	Office accommodation (see above)
12/01/10	The Clerk	magazine
12/01/10	Clerks and Councils Direct	Magazine and suppliers' guide and yearbook
12/01/10	Gloves Landscaping	Agreeing to amendments in contract.
New for meeting		
03/02/10*	John Turner	CC parking panel sets work programme
03/02/10*	Rosemary Stone	CC: Long term empty properties
03/02/10*	CALC	Invitation to CALC Annual Conference (see above)
29/01/10	CC LMP	Cutting regimes – to be discussed at PROW mtg
03/02/10	Marshalls	Driveways etc
00/02/10	Aviva	Changes to wording in policy document
03/02/10	NSPCC	Invitation to help promote NSPCC
01/02/10*	Davina Harris	Planning application Mason's garage (previously dist)
08/02/10*	T & P Council news	newsletter
08/02/10*	Rosemary Stone	Notes etc from meeting
08/02/10*	John Turner	Planning – test workshops
08/02/10*	John Turner	CC press release outpatients' experiences
08/02/10*	CALC	Updated files on website

* sent by email

14) Community Facilities/Shops

The Parish Council expressed concerns regarding the problems faced by local businesses and shops in particular but it was agreed that at this stage there was little, other than offer moral support, that the Parish Council was able to do. It was agreed to review the situation as circumstances changed.

15) 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's expenses £11.92 ii) Parish Plan £20.19 (printing) and £229.00 (database) iii) Linkinhorne Parish Hall £9.00 iv) SWW (DD) monthly price increase from £3.50 to £8.50
- c) Receipts
i) £700 (CCllr community chest grant) ii) £391.95 (LMP – footpaths' grant)
- d) Donations i) Tanya's Courage Trust ii) Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre iii) Adam Sibley (filming youth football) iv) Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust. It was resolved to defer this item until the next meeting when the full list would be available.

16) Planning

- a) Planning Applications
i) 09/02047/TRECON Consent to crown reduce two trees, remove two spruce to ground level, to fell one spruce and one ash at Netherhill, Rilla Mill – the Parish Council was informed that this had already been approved by Cornwall Council.
- b) Decisions received (since October 2009) from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration

*Cllr Wooster departed the meeting
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i) Section 78 Appeal 09/00037/FUL 2 Stara Cottage:
to decide what, if any, comments you wish to submit – it was resolved to not to submit as the views of the Parish Council remained unchanged.

ii) 09/01999/FUL Mason's Garage – officer to recommend for refusal on Environment Agency's objections. *This application has been withdrawn.*

iii) 09/01667/TRECON Pollard one Sweet Bay tree at Old Timbers, Henwood – approved.
09/01633/LUCP Certificate of Lawful Use at Dunsley Barton, Upton Cross – planning permission not required.

09/01600/FUL Construction of 2 storey side extension, rear porch and detached garage at Almar, Bray Shop – approved with 3 conditions.

09/01829/PNA Agricultural and Forestry development at Darley Mine Cottage, Upton Cross – permission not required.

09/01231/FUL Construction of farmhouse with garage for agricultural occupancy at Phoenix, Minions – approved with 6 conditions.

09/01514/FUL Conversion of 2 barns to residential use and new access at Higher Sutton, Upton Cross – approved with 16 conditions.

09/01471/FUL Construction of temporary agricultural worker's dwelling at Little Lanhargy, Bray Shop – approved with 5 conditions.

09/01815/FUL Construction of 2 storey side and extension and replacement conservatory at 1 Christa Court, Upton Cross – approved with 3 conditions.

09/01796/LBC Conversion of mill studio to form bedroom at Addicraft Mill, Rilla Mill – approved with 2 conditions.

09/02047/TRECON Reduction and removal of trees at Netherhill, Rilla Mill - approved

15) Items for next agenda:

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 March 2009

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 22h00