

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Monday 11 January 2010 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm
MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Dilworth, Cllr Martin, Cllr Wooster, PC Hatt, Cornwall Cllr Turner
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Hopes (Vice-chairman), Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Roberts, Cllr Todd
Julia Todd (clerk)
Four members of the public
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:
All councillors present declared a personal interest in Item 11(a)
- 4) Minutes
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 14 December 2009 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
One of the younger members of the parish spoke in support of establishing a skate park in Jubilee Field, Upton Cross. The Chairman explained that a working group meeting on Wednesday would consider play area facilities including the feasibility of a skate park. Cllr Masson explained that there would be difficulties financing such a project but that grants may be available. He also pointed out that it would be important to seek the engagement of others in a consultation process. A letter would be sent to inform the member of the public of any development following the working group meeting.

One member of the public spoke in support of a planning application.
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:
 - a) PC Garth Hatt/PCSO Anslow/PACT cllr: An email from PC Hatt gave the following details of crime figures for Linkinhorne Parish in December 2009:
3 offences namely,
 - § stolen Massey Ferguson tractor from a farm in the Rilla Mill area between 17th and 18th December 2009
 - § attempt theft of two granite mushrooms from Upton Cross
 - § domestic Assault in Darley Ford - enquiries to continue
In 2008 there were 30 reported offences for Linkinhorne; in 2009 there were 16 reported offences (subject to change).
 - b) Cornwall Councillor Turner: Due to weather conditions Cllr Turner was unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Masson reported that, having received no satisfactory reply to questions regarding the allocations of affordable housing at Upton Cross, had asked Cllr Turner to pursue the matter. He has agreed to do so and would be taking it up with the Chief Executive, if necessary.
- 7) Highways
 - a) Road gritting – to agree a response to non-treatment of parish roads during icy weather
Following the many comments received from parishioners regarding untreated roads councillors discussed the priority that Highways places on A and B roads to the neglect of other, sometimes more frequently used, roads such as the ones through Rilla Mill from Kersbrook Cross to Upton Cross and from Upton Cross to

Minions . Councillors also discussed the number and location of grit bins and felt that the current situation was insufficient. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Highways expressing the council's wish for priority to be given to the routes frequently used in the parish with particular emphasis on bus and tanker routes, and request that Highways consult the Parish Council to review gritting priorities and supply of grit and grit bins.

Cllr Hearn arrived at the meeting

8) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

- a) Jubilee Field – it had not been possible to check equipment due to icy conditions
- b) Rilla Mill Play Area – there were no defects to report
- c) Jubilee Field – to agree on new play equipment – the working group meeting had been postponed and would now take place on Wednesday 13 January

9) Correspondence

a) Items requiring a decision

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| NALC * | Survey on conferences and events: Will Cllr Martin attend on our behalf? |
| CC Transportation* | Consultation on off-street parking charges: it was agreed that the clerk would respond reflecting concerns that it would affect small business in market town |
| Adam Sibley | Request for funding filming equipment for youth football project: the request would be considered in February in accordance with council procedure |

b) Items for information only

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| CC* | Town & Parish Council December newsletter |
| Highways* | Notice of road closure A388 between Tavistock Road and B3257 Launceston 17 March 2010 for 10 days |
| Community Network* | Progress report on naming of new Network area. |
| CALC | The County Bulletin newsletter |
| CC | Community Grant Scheme – confirmation of offer and cheque for £700.00 – it was agreed that the clerk would write to thank CCllr Turner for the grant |

*sent by email

10) Finance

- a) Cash flow of accounts It was resolved to approve the cash flow statement and this was signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.
- b) Payments
It was resolved to approve the following i) Clerk's expenses £10.56 ii) CC for grass cutting Jubilee Field £1,552.50 inc VAT
- c) Receipts i) £2.95 interest on Tracker account

- d) Edf new pricing structure – Councillors expressed concerns of the new structure imposed an excessive increase in charges for the electricity supply to the public conveniences at Upton Cross. Discussion regarding other service providers and the feasibility of finding other sources that may involve initial set up costs but might be more financially and ecologically sound. It was resolved not to accept the new structure and the clerk would write to edf expressing concerns for the significant increase and to query the Parish Council status as 'large business'. Other service providers will, in the meantime, be sought.

11) Planning

a) Planning Applications

Upon being put to the vote the following recommendations were made

- i) 09/01999/FUL Proposed change of use of garage into dwelling at Mason's Garage, Rilla Mill

Following discussion it was resolved to recommend for approval subject to either a Grampian condition or Section 106 agreement to ensure the establishment of the business into the garage premises opposite, and to design improvement with particular regard to fenestration and use of natural materials in line with surrounding properties. Concerns were raised regarding contamination and flood risk.

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

12) Items for next agenda:

- a) Local shops
- b) Parish Plan
- c) Care of the elderly during severe weather

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 February 2009

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 21.35