

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Monday 14 December 2009 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: None received
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Dilworth, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Todd, Cornwall Cllr Turner, Cllr Wooster
Julia Todd (clerk)
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:
Cllr Wooster: personal and prejudicial Item 13(a)(i)
Cllr Todd: personal Item 13(a)(v)
Cllr Martin: personal, not prejudicial, as Parish Council's representative of the Parish Hall committee, on any item relating to Parish Hall
- 4) Minutes
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of 9 November 2009 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting with the following amendment:
12(b) [...] – it was agreed that Cllr Martin would represent the Parish Council vis a vis this matter.
- 5) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters
A parishioner from Rilla Mill area spoke regarding concerns that overhanging trees posed a threat to the highway, and caused reduction of light to properties in that area. The Parish Council expressed sympathy to the residents but stated that the matter should be resolved with the relevant landowner, in the first instance.
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:
 - a) PC Garth Hatt/PCSO Anslow/PACT cllr:
Cllr Wooster reported on the latest PACT meeting that focused on neighbourhood watch. Environmental services and emergency management service for Cornwall were also subjects under discussion.
 - b) Cornwall Councillor Turner:
It was reported that there had been a debate on budget, and any increase in council tax was likely to be less than 3%. The first comprehensive area assessment looked into how well local authorities are working together and some of the results of this had been in media recently. Some media reports had been rather misleading; there were concerns over the need to upgrade private housing stock. Car parking charges of 5% across the board for East Cornwall were being considered. Cornwall Cllr Turner expressed his reticence regarding charges for residents and is arguing to maintain good practice to keep people in local shops/towns. Community Network area is developing a work programme. Only two emails regarding play area grants had been received; the Parish Council was informed that the deadline had not been as previously thought and that grant applications were still being accepted. Cllr Turner reported that the grant for public rights of way had yet to be decided but he thought it was unlikely to continue, although cuts may be gradual. Concern was expressed that the grant would be fully cut without warning.

7) Highways

- a) to decide on comments to submit regarding remedial work to Upton Cross Junction Improvement

It was noted that the trees now cut back have improved visibility and that the initial remedial work largely accords with the Parish Council's original proposal. The double yellow lines had already supported. It was noted that, for councillors and public to post comments, seven days remain. Hope was expressed that the erection of the bollards and of the sign at the refuge would happen soon.

It was reported that there is a large pothole in the road at Lower Rillaton. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways to report this.

8) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

- a) Jubilee Field

It was reported that there was little change; some graffiti on playhouse. Cllrs expressed concerns that the equipment is getting old, and presents little challenge to users. It was agreed to reconvene the working group in mid-January to put in a grant proposal. It was also suggested that members of the public should be consulted on choice of equipment. It was agreed that the clerk would email the working group to set a date for the meeting.

- b) Rilla Mill Play Area

A late grass cut had been completed by the contractor at his own expense. Mole activity in play area was reported; the soil would need to be distributed at intervals to keep the ground level.

Cllr Turner departed the meeting

9) Allotments

- a) to establish a working liaison group to liaise with the Allotment Association
Following some discussion and upon being put to the vote it was agreed to invite the LAHA to propose one of its members to represent its views at or make requests to the Parish Council.

10) Parish Plan

- a) Progress Report

Interested parties have now responded with proposed questions for the survey and these are now being collated. A working group meeting needs to be arranged to decide upon distribution and collection of the questionnaire. The possibility of using a Freepost licence needed to be considered. A meeting early in the New Year will be called, and an article had been submitted to the Link to inform the public that the questionnaire would be circulated.

11) Correspondence

- a) Items requiring a decision

CC commercial manager*	Quote of £140 ex VAT given. See Item 12(d)
NALC Policy consultation*	New accountability framework for LGA - noted
Tourism Officer*	No events to be forwarded
Parishioner (name given)*	Wants to advertise business (not situated in the parish) on the Parish website. It was agreed that parish businesses only could place an advert
Empowering Local Councils and the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill	No response required
Community Networks*	Fire service consultation seeking representatives. No response req'd
Cornwall Landscape Character Best Practice Guide*	No response req'd
Parishioners at Millpool	Concerns regarding trees close to houses – see Item 5

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Audit Commission

Boundary Commission

Invitation to second meeting of Bodmin Moor Parishes' Network on 26 January 2010. It was agreed that Cllr Martin may attend
Appt of External Auditor – request for approval (formal requirement) it was agreed to accept the recommendation
Questionnaire – it was agreed that the clerk would circulate the questionnaire.

b) Items for information

RoSPA	Details of services
The Clerk	magazine
Standards' Committee*	Appointment documents to become representative
Clerks and Councils Direct	Monthly magazine
Town & Parish Council	Monthly newsletter inc Community Network Panel review update
Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	Request for funding – letter explaining donation process to be sent
CC Business Applications & Information manager	Proposed street naming and numbering policy (www.cornwall.gov.uk/streetnaming)
Caradon Local Plan First Alteration Proposal Maps	To accompany the Caradon Local Plan First Alteration
CALC	Extraordinary general meeting (cancelled due to lack of interest) Minutes of previous general committee meeting Report on the constitutional review and recommendations for the new structure of executive committee and proposals and terms of reference
Amber Electronics*	Offering services regarding outside taps
Edf	Change of pricing structure (www.edfenergy.com/largebusiness) for Energy Prices Explained factsheet – clerk to pursue newsletter
CC Building Control Services	Notice of remedial work to be undertaken at Upton Cross Junction improvement – see Item 7(a)
CC Highways	Written quotation for work to install notice-board brochure
F D Hall & Son	Cornish Hedge management/Farmer and the Highway leaflets
Technix	Community Grant Scheme – payment being processed
CC	Appeal for donation
CC	Walking for Health
Tanya's Courage Trust	Autumn newsletter x2
CC	
Cornish Mining	

*sent by email

12) 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) Andrew Davy Electrical £115 inc VAT
ii) Clerk expenses £14.34 iii) Topan fencing (allotments) £1,644.07 inc VAT
iv) G Spiers footpaths and grass-cutting £843.50
- c) Receipts: no receipts
- d) Pressure wash of Minions bus shelter: to decide upon quotation from CC for work £140 plus VAT. Following some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Martin would investigate an alternative contractor, up to the sum of £75
- e) Precept: budget for 2010-11 to be decided
Following discussion and upon being put to the vote it was resolved with one abstention to approve, the precept for 2010-11
Furthermore it was agreed that an item agenda would be raised in the near future to discuss the management of levels of reserves in conjunction with expenditure in order, particularly to avoid a leap in precept in future years, and to set out a procedure for the finance working group. The voluntary work carried

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out for the parish may no longer be available and such future costs need to be considered.

Cllr Wooster departed the meeting

Further discussion took place on funding projects and burial charges, areas of finance that need reconsideration.

Cllr Wooster returned to the meeting

Cllr Gilbert departed the meeting

- f) Public Rights of Way: to approve extended maintenance contract

Cllr Roberts departed the meeting

Cllr Hearn departed the meeting

Cllr Hearn returned to the meeting

Following discussion, and in the light of funding concerns previously voiced, the chairman put forward alternatives to councillors.

Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to invite the contractor now to give costs for three years on grass-cutting and for one year on footpaths, and to express the Parish Council's appreciation of the good work undertaken to date.

13) Planning

a) Planning Applications

Upon being put to the vote the following recommendations were made:

- i) 09/01815/FUL Construction of 2 storey side extension and replacement conservatory at 1 Christa Court, Upton Cross – it was resolved to recommend for approval
- ii) 09/01796/LBC For the conversion of mill studio to form bedroom with en-suite facilities and provision of internal spiral staircase at Addicraft Mill, Rilla Mill - it was resolved to recommend for approval
- iii) 09/01780/TRECON To remove lower branches of Ash trees by 20%, remove Ash tree and crown reduce Monterey Cypress by 30%, removal of side limb of Ash and felling of Ash trees in conservation area at 4 Mill Pool, Rilla Mill – it was resolved to recommend for approval
- iv) 09/01898/TRECON Various work to a number of trees at Netherhill, Rilla Mill - it was resolved to recommend for approval.
- v) 09/01901/FUL (this application was considered first to give the applicant present opportunity to hear then leave) Change of use and alterations to outbuilding to provide self-contained residential unit for ancillary use to main dwelling at Mill House, Rilla Mill – it was resolved to recommend for approval (7 in favour, 2 absentions)

b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration

- 09/00744/FUL Erection of wind turbine at Cheesewring Farm, Minions – approved with 4 conditions.
- 09/01490/FUL Resurfacing of sandschool at Coach House Stables, Henwood – approved with 1 condition.
- 09/01432/FUL Construction of dwelling with new vehicular access and revised design to windows – approved with 7 conditions
- 09/01549/TRECON Removal of two eucalyptus trees at Lower Measham House, Rilla Mill – approved.

14) Items for next agenda: Closing date for agenda items 1 January 2010

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 January 2010

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 22.15