

# Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council  
Monday 9 November 2009 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm  
MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Todd
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes (vice-chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Wooster  
Julia Todd (clerk)  
Two members of the public
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct: Cllr Hearn declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 12(c)
- 4) Minutes  
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 12 October 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  
No members of the public spoke.
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:
  - a) Police Liaison Councillor: Cllr Wooster informed councillors of the recent PACT meeting, drawing attention to the services proposed by Rebecca Kam of East Cornwall Council Voluntary Services. He also gave some of the results of the recent speed-watch throughout the region. Councillors expressed concern regarding motorists' apparent refusal to observe speed limits.  
  
*Cllr Dilworth arrived*
  - b) Cornwall Councillor Turner: (This was conducted following Item 10) Cllr Turner gave a summary of the recent Ofsted report, critical of safe-guarding children in the county. It was felt to have resulted partly from the previous merging of these services with Education, and senior officers were now being brought in to review the system. He also reported that the Waste Management Plan was about to run out in two years and that new technologies were being considered. He confirmed that he would keep the council informed regarding highways' matters, and grass-cutting grants, which he felt may no longer be available.
- 7) Highways
  - a) Progress report on safety scheme at Upton Cross  
Most councillors had seen the report but a summary was given by the chairman who noted that the concerns raised by the Parish Council had, in the main, been addressed.
- 8) Play Equipment Risk Assessments
  - a) Jubilee Field  
It was reported that there was graffiti yet again on the playhouse and ways to facilitate ease of removal were discussed. The cones that had been scattered around the field had been confiscated and locked away. The picnic/games tables had been moved into a dangerous position, and covered in mud, and a large

sheet of metal had been removed. Councillors discussed padlocking the gate to the road as it was frequently found to be open.

*Cllr Lobban arrived*

It was agreed to place the replacement of the climbing frame on the next meeting's agenda and for councillors to bring ideas/suggestions for new equipment.

i) Maintenance Contract Review

It was agreed to seek a new contract for grass/hedge-cutting, looking into ways of sharing services with other, local service users, having decided upon a specification.

- b) Rilla Mill Play Area  
No problems reported.

9) Allotments

- a) Progress Report

Cllr Hopes reported that the tenancy agreement between the Parish Council and the 'allotmenters' was ready for Parish Council approval, subject to the agreement with the landowner. The rents for the allotments to be £25/pa for a full allotment and £15/pa for a half thereby not exceeding the cost to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the clerk would determine the extent of public liability insurance. The chairman affirmed the enthusiasm shown by the allotment association members and their willingness to self-administer. He also noted the significant achievement thanks to the hard efforts of a number of councillors, and proposed the agreement subject to costs not exceeding income. This was seconded and upon being put to the vote it was resolved to approve the tenancy agreements with the allotment holders. At the vote there were six in favour with three abstentions.

10) Parish Plan

- a) Progress Report

Drafts of the questionnaire were distributed to councillors for feedback by the end of November. It was hoped that printing could be done in December for distribution in January.

*County Councillor Turner arrived*

11) Correspondence

Callington Community Network: Programme for meeting 7pm 11 November 2009 – *chairman to respond.*

BT: response to questions from clerk re 'Adopt a red kiosk' – *it was agreed to decline*

Julia Braine: re Little Lanhargy planning application – *discussed at item 14(c)(ii)*  
West Country Housing: invitation to 'Meet the neighbours' on Tues 10 November at 6 Marke Valley View, 4.30-6.30pm. *Applicants' concerns regarding allocation to be directed to Cornwall Cllr Turner.*

Katie Bruce: Funding Bulletin Friday 30 October – *noted*

Barclays Bank: notice of interest rates' changes – *noted*

Cornwall Access Landscape: Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service: consultation of the service planning process – *it was agreed that chairman would complete the form*

Record RSS: offering playground inspection and maintenance service - *noted*

Cornish Rambles: - *noted. It was suggested that walks should be advertised in the Link but there were problems with timing between receipt and publication*

CC Town and Parish Council newsletter October 2009: *noted*

CC: range of contact details - *noted*

CC Out and About Service: details of the service and how to access help and advice regarding CC's services – *noted*  
Via John Turner: Upton Cross Road Safety Audit report (email) *see Item 7(a)*  
SW Ambulance Service foundation trust consultation doc – *it was agreed that the Chairman would complete this*  
Edf direct debit notice - *noted*  
Bodmin Moor Parishes' Network: wind turbine proposals  
CC: Active Partnering toolkit - *noted*

#### 12) Items requiring a decision

- a) East Cornwall Local Action group: small grants available. *It was agreed that a councillor would attend the proposed meeting.*
- b) East Cornwall Council for Voluntary Service: Rebecca Kam offering to come to speak to the Parish Council – *it was agreed that Cllr Martin would represent the Parish Council vis a vis this matter.*

*Cllr Hearn departed for this item*

- c) F D Hall & Son: granting permission to site the new notice-board – *it was agreed to request a written quotation from F D Hall & Son for its installation.*

*Cllr Hearn returned to meeting*

#### 13) 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 £13.52 ii) WesternWeb (domain name) £11.50 iii) Greenflow (ex Sensaflo) £36.22
- c) Receipts i) Sales of walks' booklets £10.00 ii) Footpath grant payment £759.15
- d) Clerk's salary It was resolved to approve the following adjustments i) NALC revised pay scale 1 April 2009 - 31 Oct 2009 £36.78 ii) SCP increase from 15 to 16 (at 12 months' employment) £333.25/month iii) NALC revised mileage 47.7p/mile

#### 14) Planning

- a) Planning Applications  
Upon being put to the vote the following recommendations were made:
  - i) 09/01667/TRECON To pollard one Sweet Bay tree at Old Timbers, Henwood – it was resolved to recommend for approval
  - ii) 09/01549/TRECON To remove two eucalyptus trees at Lower Measham House, Rilla Mill - it was resolved to recommend for approval
  - iii) 09/01514/FUL Conversion of two barns to provide residential units and new vehicular and pedestrian access at Higher Sutton – it was resolved unanimously to recommend for neither refusal nor approval since no structural engineer's report was made available to the meeting, the level of redundancy of the barn is questionable, and the costing quoted for conversion seems unrealistic.
  - iv) 09/01600/FUL Construction of two storey side extension, rear porch and detached garage at Almar, Bray Shop - it was resolved to recommend for approval.
- b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration  
09/01507/TRECON Remove line of trees at Coach House, Henwood – approved

09/01241/FUL Construction of general purpose agricultural building at Darley Farm, Darleyford – approved with one condition  
09/01361/FUL Construction of two storey side extension and replacement conservatory at 1 Christa Court – notice of withdrawal of application (agenda item 14(a)(vi))

- c) Applications received before the meeting  
(listed under agenda item 14(a)(v))
- i) 09/00893/FUL Variation of condition to allow use of 1 Mercury Lodge as main residence for owner/manager – This is a notice of a planning committee hearing dated 15 October, but received 13 October 2009, leaving no time for councillors to prepare and make representation to the hearing. Councillors expressed serious concerns regarding this application and its process, and raised the questions of why the Parish Council had not been told of the outcome and why had planners changed decisions. It was agreed to draft a letter for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council, emphasising the history of this application, asking for confirmation on how Cornwall Council will monitor it, and assess or test its success or failure. The Parish Council also felt that it had not been consulted on policy decisions.
  - ii) 09/01471/FUL Construction of temporary agricultural workers dwelling at Little Lanhargy, Bray Shop – this was discussed as a result of parishioners' concerns that the planning site notice was posted following consideration at the Parish Council meeting in October. It was agreed that the previous recommendation reached by the Parish Council remained unchanged but the clerk would seek assurance from the planners that reassessment would take place at the end of the temporary period.

15) Items for next agenda a) play equipment for Jubilee Field b) concerns regarding planning at Mercury Lodge

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 December 2009

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 22h40