

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Monday 12 October 2009 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Horrell
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Todd, Cornwall Cllr Turner, Cllr Wooster
Julia Todd (clerk)
- 3) Co-option of new councillor: The newly co-opted councillor, Mrs Kate Dilworth signed the Declaration of Office, which was witnessed by the clerk/Proper Officer.
- 4) Declarations under Code of Conduct:
Cllr Wooster declared a personal interest in Item 16(a)(i)
Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in Items 15(d) and 16(a)(ii)
- 5) Minutes
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 14 September 2009 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 6) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters
No member of the public spoke
- 7) Reports from and matters of concern to:
 - a) Cornwall Councillor Turner: *this Item was 7(b) of the Agenda*
Cllr Turner re-iterated his availability to respond to questions both at parish council meetings and elsewhere. He felt that participation in the Cornwall 'Big Care' debate was important and it can be accessed by website. An Open day will be held on Thursday 15 October 2009 at Luxstowe House, to exhibit the new care facilities being developed on the site previously occupied by Passmore Edwards hospital - all welcome. The project will be completed by autumn 2010. Cllr Turner will meet with Oliver Jones of Highways regarding the traffic calming scheme at Upton Cross tomorrow and will inform the clerk of the outcome. An advisory panel at Cornwall Council is investigating off-street parking across the county, looking at costs and benefits.
Cllr Daniel arrived at the meeting
The Scrutiny Committee network enquiry day had taken place to consider the flaws in the structure on the Community Networks. It was concluded that the current structure will not work properly and there were concerns that area east of county was in danger of being overlooked. Cllr Turner expressed his desire ensure the localism agenda. Cllr Turner announced that his projects' grant of £2,100 was to spend over the three parishes before the end of March 2010. Councillors expressed parishioners' concerns regarding the intensity of lighting installed at the affordable housing at Upton Cross. There was also some discussion regarding the criteria for entitlement to the affordable housing as some parishioners who had applied to be housed had been turned down or felt that they had been ignored. Cllr Turner will investigate both the lighting matter and the allocation process to ensure applicants have been correctly treated, and also why the parish council had not been involved in the opening of the estate. Cllr Turner informed the parish council that all those on the register for affordable housing must re-register with the new unitary council and this had been circulated to those concerned. The Chairman thanked Cllr Turner for his report.
Cornwall Councillor Turner departed the meeting
 - b) PC Garth Hatt/PCSO Anslow: *this Item was 7(a) of the Agenda*
Cllr Wooster responsible for police liaison reported on the latest PACT meeting that focused on anti-social control; the problems associated with stallions and bulls on the

moor were raised but there is no legislation and therefore it is difficult to have them removed, other than by negotiation wherever possible. Police will however continue to monitor the situation. In the event of any such problems arising the clerk has details of those to contact. A programme of speed-watching is taking place in the region. Highways' matters will be the focus of the next meeting.

8) Highways

The overhanging trees at Upton Cross will be trimmed in the coming month.

9) Community Networks:

Cllr Hopes reported from the first meeting of forum. He was encouraged by the positive and collaborative discussions that would hopefully bring benefit albeit in modest ways to each of the parishes. Dropping the 'Callington' label of the network was strongly favoured and combining services such as the inspection of play areas and auditing could save on costs. Any pressure from outside the network to take on other service provision was treated with resistance. The next meeting will take place on 11 November and Cllr Hopes offered places for others to go in place of or with him. Cornwall Council is seeking evidence for the functioning of networks and the cabinet is to decide on 11 November after having considered the short questionnaire of three questions. It was agreed that all cllrs would review the email previously sent and would make a contribution by email to the clerk. Cllr Martin expressed the importance of holding meetings in public.

10) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

a) Jubilee Field

It was reported that the ditch had been cleaned, and the water running away. Goal nets had been cut, and there were cones, apparently being used for football goal markers. Some suggestions to remedy this were discussed. It was agreed that the grass-cutting contract would be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Rilla Mill Play Area

It was reported that there was some mossy growth on the equipment which required cleaning. There was also some curling of the safety surface around the edges of some equipment and needed pinning. Cllr Todd agreed to investigate the costs of pins.

c) Play area safety inspection

Upon being put to the vote it was unanimously resolved to invite The Play Inspection Company to undertake the 2010 inspection. Clerk will write to give notice to Playsafety, and to engage The Play Inspection Company.

11) Allotments

a) Progress Report following meeting on Thursday 8 October 2009

The newly-formed association will meet with Cllr Hopes on finalising the tenancy agreement before next parish council meeting. The draft lease for the landowner will be discussed with him tomorrow. The parish council will be responsible for the perimeter fencing, and posts for marking out the individual allotments. Cllr Daniel was thanked for his work at cutting and clearing the allotment area. Some concern was expressed for the impact on neighbours and the question of possible on-going maintenance (such as the boundary fence and hedges) and administration (including clerk time) costs was raised. On the basis that the lease would be approved, and upon being put to the vote, it was resolved unanimously to approve up to £1,750 for boundary fencing. It was also agreed that Cllr Masson would write to Cornwall Cllr Turner for a share in his projects' grant.

12) Parish Plan: About half of the clerical work had been completed and the working party would convene to finalise the questionnaire. It was noted that costs for the work had already been approved.

13) Correspondence:

CALC: Notice of General Meeting - *noted*
Community Network Panels: draft 'Call for Evidence' - *noted*
Devon & Cornwall Police: Liaison meeting 14 October 2009 - *noted*
SLCC: money-saving offers inc Wicksteed play equipment brochure - *noted*
Fields in Trust: September newsletter - *noted*
CC: The Big Care Debate - *noted*
NALC: Employment briefings - Age Discrimination, Revised Pay Scales - *noted*
CALC: Planning Forum and draft notes of planning liaison group meeting - *noted*
LAIS (Local Associations Information Services): Regional Strategies Policy and Leaders' Boards' Guidance - *noted*
CC: Precept (NB 'double charge' grant) – for finance committee

14) Items requiring a decision

a) Cornwall Council (CC): Review of Designated Public Places Orders – *it was agreed that this was not relevant for this parish*
b) BT - 'adopt a red kiosk' scheme – *it was agreed to write to BT asking for clarification of the apparent intention to close the call box service, especially given that no public consultation seems to be proposed.*
c) Cornwall Council course on media awareness – free sessions – *noted (no cllr to attend)*
d) NALC Consultation on Marine and Coastal access – *it was agreed that this was not relevant to this parish*
e) CC: Climate Change – The Cornish Declaration – *upon being put to the vote, it was agreed not to sign.*
f) CC: Planning and regeneration service questionnaire – *it was agreed that Cllr Masson would complete this*
g) CC: Upton Cross toilet cleaning – recovery of payment due to undercharging – *it was agreed to accept the proposal*

15) Finance

- a) Cash flow of accounts It was resolved to approve the cash flow as an accurate statement and this was signed by the Chairman.
- b) Payments
It was resolved to approve the following i) Clerk's expenses £106.57 ii) RMVH rent £91.00
- c) Receipts i) £5,594.50 (precept) ii) £2.60 (interest Tracker acc)
- d) War memorial wreath It was resolved to approve a donation of £20. Cllr Roberts agreed to receive and store the wreath until required.
- e) Internal auditor It was resolved to approve Ken Abraham as internal auditor for one year in the first instance.

16) Planning

a) Planning Applications
i) 09/01507/TRECON Remove line of trees with conservation area at the Coach House, Henwood – it was resolved to accept the proposals
ii) 09/01490/FUL Resurfacing of existing sand school at Coach House Stables, Henwood – it was resolved to recommend for approval

iii) 09/01432/FUL Construction of dwelling (revision to previous approval) at Langston Down, Minions – it was resolved to recommend for refusal on the grounds that the parish council's previous comments still stand.

iv) 09/01471 Construction of temporary agricultural workers dwelling at Little Lanhargy, Bray Shop – subject to the county land agent's approval it was resolved to recommend for approval

b) Planning protocol: *it was resolved to receive initial views of the planning officer by email but to maintain vigilance in face of undue influence.*

c) Decisions received from Cornwall Council

09/01122/FUL Retention of change of use of agricultural land at Chaswell House, Lanhargy, Bray Shop – approved

d) Any applications received before the meeting – there were none

17) Items for next agenda: affordable housing, footpath contract 2010/11 (for December), parish plan, community network forum meetings' representative/s (for December), contract for maintenance in Jubilee Field

Date of next meeting: Monday 9 November 2009

Close of Business: The meeting closed at 21h53