

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Tuesday 8 June 2009 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm
MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Hearn
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hopes (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Cllr Masson (Chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Todd, Cornwall Cllr Turner, Cllr Wooster
Julia Todd (clerk)
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:
Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in item 13(d)
- 4) Minutes
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of 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 member of the public spoke.
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:
 - a) Cornwall Councillor Turner:
Cllr Turner expressed his appreciation for the work achieved at District level by Cllr Martin, and his hope to share her wealth of experience and information. His work as Cornwall Councillor will involve consideration of strategic issues of the county, but he also wants to focus his efforts within the Ward, remaining open to questions, and meeting individuals. He will endeavour to be present at farmers' markets in Rilla Mill and Pensilva, and will attend St Ive Parish Annual meeting on 23 June from which he will feedback. Cllr Turner also expressed his wish to make use of parish councillors to unite voices in the Ward, and sought an early meeting with the Chairmen and clerks of parishes in order to unite, since he fears the risk of 'being drowned out' by County and Callington Community Network. He will keep us informed by email. Regarding Cornwall Council, Cllr Turner reported that Kevin Avery, the Chief Executive, had spoken of the challenges being faced, such as the need for a proper waste management policy, the reduction in funding due to Regional Development Agency cuts as a result of a recent inspector's report. The finance of local government will, in the not-to-distant future, be subject to swingeing cuts, therefore a close examination of services needs to be looked at sooner rather than later. Cllr Turner expressed his concerns that, with Cornwall Council based in Truro now having to deliver services across the county, officers would be unable to see as far as South East Cornwall.
 - b) PC Garth Hatt/PCSO Bob Anslow: Both members of the Police being absent, Cllr Wooster, as Parish/Police liaison representative, reported on progress of the speed watch programme; that many parish representatives were uneasy at conducting speed watch activities within their own parish and felt that it was preferable that the police perform this function.

Cllr Lobban arrived

- 7) Highways
Cornwall Cllr Turner reported that he had had discussions with a representative at Highways and would continue to ensure that he was informed of any progress of schemes in the Ward.
Cllr Wooster reported that the police liaison group can deal with reports

regarding highways' matters.

The scheme at Upton Cross had, Cllr Masson reported, caused an "outcry" from people in Upton Cross, according to a Cornish Times journalist. Cllr Martin expressed concern that, from the Liskeard direction, the chicane did not push out far enough, and that the trees make it dark, reducing visibility. Cllr Wooster thought that the chicanes are too close to each other, making it difficult for lorries to turn safely. Cllr Masson felt that it is a case of fine tuning but needed to be addressed sooner rather than later. It was agreed that the clerk write again to Highways.

No progress was forthcoming regarding land for highway improvements at Caradon Town. The landowner is unable to respond, it is not a compulsory purchase matter, and there is no further funding anyway. It was agreed that emails to Highways would be copied to Cornwall Cllr Turner.

8) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

a) Jubilee Field

Yet more graffiti on the play house was reported. Differing styles indicated a different culprit(s). Cllr Todd reported that one child had offered to help clean it off with sandpaper. The climbing frame is getting looser in ground due perhaps to moles or heavier children, and needs more detailed inspection. The possibility of placing a rubbish bin inside field was discussed. Three councillors had cleared rubbish that had collected in the stream.

b) Rilla Mill Play Area

No problems were reported; the grass had been cut again and looks good. There were fewer moles. If necessary, Cllr Todd has contact details for a no mole, no fee mole-catcher.

c) RoSPA report

Cllr Todd expressed his disappointment at the report; it repeats much of the previous report including items that had already been rectified. A copy of the section regarding the seats would be given to the village hall committee. Cllr Todd proposed to pay the invoice, but to query details within the report with Playsafety Ltd. It was agreed that Cllr Todd and Cllr Hopes draft a response, asking for an explanation of the current report.

Cllr Martin expressed her concern that the sign giving contact details was placed too high and therefore not noticeable, as commented upon in the report.

Cllr Todd suggested an excavation around the wooden pole of the climbing frame at Jubilee Field to check the condition. Cllr Hopes offered to help.

9) Allotments

Cllr Todd distributed a plan of the proposed site at Netherton, showing details such as stock proof fencing, access and water supply. Councillors discussed in detail the requirements for construction of the allotments including costs of materials, planning application and lease or purchase of land. It was noted that there was no provision for the cost of setting up allotments in the budget. It was agreed that the clerk determine whether or not planning consent is required and, if so, whether the parish council is still entitled to a lower rate, and write to the landowner to establish terms and costs of land provision.

10) Parish Plan

Progress report

Councillors were handed prepared draft questions to consider and feedback as a prelude to creating a questionnaire to put to parishioners. A list of names was circulated for councillors volunteering to assist with the questionnaire. Draft questions will be evaluated at the next meeting (tba) of the working group.

11) Correspondence

CALC – Councillors discussed in detail concerns regarding CALC's decision to include only Quality Status councils in the Planning Liaison group, and much anger was expressed at unrepresentative action CALC has taken. It was agreed that the Chairman write a draft letter to both CALC and to Cubert Parish Council Chairman to be circulated to Linkinhorne Parish councillors for feedback, prior to sending. Further discussion on a possible alternative to CALC then took place. Cornwall Cllr Turner will liaise with other parishes in a similar situation.

Playsafety Ltd: Play Area Safety inspection report (and invoice) – *see item 9(c)*

CC Democratic Services: Register of Members' Interests – *a number of completed forms were handed to the clerk.*

St Ive PC: Proposed meeting regarding Callington Community Network – *Cllr Hopes is liaising with St Ive PC clerk but little interest shown from elsewhere*

Glasdon Products: Bins, bus shelters, bicycle sheds and more - *noted*

CC Localism: Community Network Manager for Callington - *noted*

Trp southwest Ltd: Promoting rubber & plastic products – *noted*

Emails previously distributed

Jill Rowell, Tourism: Events' listings – *none for listing*

LAIS: Toolkit, Service Delegation, Clustering info sheets - *noted*

CC Playing Fields Assc.: Offer of award – *It was agreed that councillors put forward proposals for projects and contact the clerk. It was agreed that the clerk email to ask for detailed guidelines and email them to councillors*

CRCC: Parish involvement in AONB management plan – *an event has been submitted by Cllr Todd to Sharon Davey.*

St Ive PC: Results of interviews for Community Network Managers - *noted*

CAPTC/Planning Advisory Service (PAS): Call for pilot support and associated documents – *see above response to CALC*

CC Newsletter - *noted*

Cubert PC: Protest (and supporting) against CALC's decision to select parishes for Planning Liaison Group – *see above response to CALC*

12) Items requiring a decision

- a) Electrical improvements at Upton Cross toilets. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to accept the quote for work by Andrew Davey.

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 £20.08 ii) Allianz Insurance £966.42 iii) RoSPA £148.35 – it was resolved to defer payment (see Item 8(c))
- c) Internal/independent auditor – It was resolved to ask the clerk to contact the previous auditor for details of requirements and to place an ad in the Link for a new auditor.
- d) Grant to Parish Hall, Upton Cross Cllr Martin reported on the situation regarding ceiling and roof needs, which are more complex than previously thought. If the money is not spent or committed by end of the financial year when hall may close anyway the money will be returned. Concern was expressed that the money may be retained by the Charity Commission in the event of

closure. Cllr Martin assured the council that the Parish Hall committee would write to the Parish Council concerning this matter.

14) Planning

a) Planning Applications

i) 09/00673/FUL Installation of solar PV panels on south-facing roof at Upton Cross School. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to recommend to neither object nor support. The Parish Council supports the principle of such schemes but concerns were raised regarding visual impact and it was unclear as to whether or not neighbours had been consulted. Such panels may reflect light/coloured light on to facing properties. Concerns were also expressed regarding the southerly-facing position in this AONB/World Heritage site.

ii) 09/00450/LBC Replacement of timber sash window with new white timber sash windows at Caradon Villa, Downgate. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to recommend for approval.

iii) 09/00805/FUL Conversion of barn into office/studio for ancillary purpose at The Barn, Notter Farm, Henwood. Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to recommend for approval.

b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council

08/02185/FUL Change of use of land/construction of garage at Brambles, Hillyfields, Upton Cross – approved with two conditions.

09/00416/FUL Change of use of land/construction of garage, and alterations to vehicular access at Moor Cot, Downgate – approved with five conditions.

09/00501/FUL Various alterations to windows and doors, and construction of canopy porch at Blackcoombe Farm, Henwood – approved with two conditions.

09/00415/FUL Construction of single storey glass roofed extension at Eldon House, Downgate – approved with four conditions.

09/00473/LBC (as above)

Items for next agenda:

National Allotment association membership; treewarden matters (grants for trees in hedgerows)

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 July 2009

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 22h17