

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Tuesday 10 March 2009 at Hall, 7.30pm
MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Willison
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniels, County Cllr Emuss, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Lobban, District Cllr Martin, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Todd. Cllr Wooster
Julia Todd (clerk)
- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:
District Cllr Martin declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in all planning applications and her vote is not taken into account on such items.
Cllr Daniels declared personal interest in item 15(a)(ii)
Cllr Hearn declared personal and non-prejudicial in item 9(a)
- 4) Minutes
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of 10 February 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 member of the public spoke.
- 6) Reports from and matters of concern to:
 - a) PC Garth Hatt: apologies
 - b) County Councillor Emuss: announced that he will remain as County Councillor until 4 June when the unitary council elections are to be held, and expressed doubt over the smooth passage to the unitary council. County Councillor Emuss notified the Parish Council of the imminent cessation of his highways budget, particularly in the light of the proposal for the bus shelter at Upton Cross. There is to be planning training provided by County for Parish Councillors.

County Cllr Emuss departed
 - c) District Councillor Martin: gave her last report as District Councillor. She confirmed that the parishes of Linkinhorne, St Ive and South Hill will make up one Electoral division to return one Councillor to Cornwall Council and noted that there seemed to be no objections. Some concern had been expressed with regard to the execution of the elections including those of the MEPs.
- 7) Highways
Some concerns arose regarding the new traffic calming scheme at Upton Cross. Cars were parked close to the chicane causing some obstruction and the mobile library van was seen parked on the zig-zag lines near the chicane. The barrier outside of the school gate seemed to be badly positioned. Discussion also took place about visibility through the chicane as well as warning approach notices, some motorists apparently having been taken by surprise. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways expressing the concerns of the Council.

Cllr Roberts arrived
- 8) Play Equipment Risk Assessments
 - a) Jubilee Field
It was reported that much litter had been collected, and the top of one of the picnic tables was loose. A piece of wood wrapped in barbed wire had been removed from the area. It was agreed to contact the Caradon Dog Warden to ask for 'No Dog' signs. The new picnic table and Parish Council notice board have been delivered; permission for siting the latter should be sought from the Parish Hall Committee.

- i) Storage/management of games pieces
Cllr Roberts very kindly offered to undertake this responsibility from Upton Cross PO and Stores.
- b) Rilla Mill Play Area : Mole activity continues. Nothing else to report.
- c) Play Equipment Annual Inspection
It was reported that RoSPA do not advise of the time of its inspection therefore not allowing for the clerk or a councillor to be present. It was suggested that another accredited inspecting organisation be approached. After some concerns were raised regarding an inspectorate's track record in court when choosing another inspector, and also whether the insurance company approved particular organisations, it was agreed to ask RoSPA to inspect the play areas for this year. Future inspections to be discussed well in advance of the 2010 inspection.

9) Allotments

- a) Situation update: the clerk reported that the Duchy of Cornwall is seeking more information from the Parish Council regarding the requirements, such as water supply, sheds, etc. at the proposed allotments as there would be some important planning issues to consider. Questions were raised with regard to the Duchy's intentions; whether the land was being offered for sale and how and by whom would the work involved be executed. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Duchy administrator to clarify these points. It was also suggested that other possible sites for allotments might be considered, and landowners approached.

The subject of allotments would form the theme for the Annual Parish Meeting and Cllr Masson agreed to coordinate a fact-finding exercise and to invite an allotment group/administrator to come to talk at the meeting.

- b) Establishment of working group: Councillors felt that five volunteers and one councillor would be an appropriate combination for a working group to set up and manage the allotments.

10) Burial Ground

- a) Rules and Charges: this item is deferred until a later meeting

11) Police Liaison Representative

- a) Nomination – upon being put the vote Cllr Wooster was elected as police liaison representative

12) Correspondence

Bailey Partnership: revised window design at the affordable housing plots in Upton Cross. It was agreed that the clerk would write to confirm that the decision made earlier still stands.

Cornwall County Council: Local Maintenance Partnership – Offer of grant - noted

Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall Appeal: - noted

Duchy of Cornwall: mine shaft collapse at Cheesewring Quarry notification - noted.

Cornwall County Council: Local Maintenance Partnership authorisation of payment - noted.

Caradon District Council: Rambles - noted

Cornwall County Council: Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Newsletter - noted

Shelter: Grant application - noted

Cornwall County Council: information regarding hedge management - noted

North Cornwall District Council: Publicity of Planning Applications - noted

Cornwall County Council: (email) contacts for Regulation 3 planning applications - noted

Community Networks: (email) responses to consultation on boundaries - noted. Devon & Cornwall

Police: notice of liaison meeting at Torpoint, Wed 18 March at 7.30pm and at Bodmin on 24 March - noted

Cornwall County Council: confirmation of account details for BACs payments – noted.

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Groves Landscaping: application to tender for footpath and grass maintenance contracts - noted

Cornwall Rural Community Council: follow up to Michael Hinks' presentation - noted.

Local Associations Information Services (LAIS): (emails) Policing and Crime Bill and Governance and Accountability for Local Councils - noted.

Cornwall access strategy forum – noted

Election to new council – 67 page-booklet – clerk to collect from Caradon District Council

North Cornwall Local Framework/Local Plan monitor – Cllr Masson will liaise.

Planning training 25/26 March – Cllrs to inform clerk should they wish to participate.

EC voluntary services 27 March training and networking - noted

Caradon sustainability forum 27 March - noted

Rilla Mill Village Hall committee receipt and thanks for donation - noted

Citizens' Advice Bureau receipt and thanks for donation - noted

13) Items requiring a decision

- a) Appointment of internal auditor (due to Mr Gibbs' retirement): It was resolved to agree to invite tenders in the Link for a new internal auditor and also to find out whether Mr Gibbs would consider undertaking the Parish Council's internal audit for this year given the proximity to the year end.

14) 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 £44.66 ii) ICO registration £35.00 iii) Cornwall County Council Jubilee Field maintenance £509.07 (inc £66.40 VAT) iv) Schoolscape for games sets £58.62 v) Western Web to set up email £22.43 (inc £2.93 VAT)

15) Planning

- a) Planning Applications
 - i) 09/00215/TRECON Work to various trees at Netherhill, Rilla Mill.
It was resolved to recommend for approval.
 - ii) 09/00229/FUL Construction of garage and store at Clampit Cottage, Halwinnick Butts, Linkinhorne
Upon being put to the vote it was resolved to recommend for refusal on the grounds of scale.
 - iii) 09/00230/FUL Single storey extension to south east elevation at Netherhill, Rilla Mill.
It was resolved to recommend for approval.
- b) Decisions received from Caradon – none received

Items for next agenda: Phoenix 100

Acceptance of tender for PRow, burial ground and play areas contract

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14 April 2009 – Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm followed by the meeting of the Parish Council at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 21h46