

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Tuesday 10 February 2009 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm
MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Hearn, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Wooster (late arrival)
- 2) Present: County Cllr Emuss, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, District Cllr Martin, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Todd
Julia Todd (clerk)
PC Garth Hatt
- 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.
District Cllr Martin also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 11(b) in the event that matters relating to the Parish Hall were raised.
Cllr Lobban declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 13(a)(i) and in Item 11(b) should matters relating to Rilla Mill Village Hall be raised.
Cllr Wooster declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 13(a)(ii)
Cllr Hordley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 11(b)
- 4) Minutes
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Tuesday 13 January 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) PC Garth Hatt:
Incidents of crime have been low. A vehicle parked on the moor at Minions had been deliberately damaged over the New Year, and the recent snowy weather had been a factor in a few minor accidents on the roads. PC Hatt informed the Council of a police initiative to encourage volunteers from parish councils to collaborate with the police on a number of community concerns, such as the community speed watch in the parish of St Ive.
 - b) County Councillor Emuss:
The Implementation Executive is pleased to be setting a tax increase below the national average and is optimistic of making savings. The Boundary Commission should know the dates for elections by mid-March.
County Cllr Emuss departed.
 - c) District Councillor Martin:
News of the low tax increase was echoed, albeit tempered by the possibility of higher increases in the following year. A series of meetings are being held, by One Cornwall, to look at a county-wide policy for affordable housing.
- 7) Parish Plan Refresh
A presentation to the Council given by Michael Hinks from Caradon District Council explained how the Parish Plan might be revived. He considered that the Parish Council had achieved many of its objectives, and suggested a number of various ways that the Plan could be developed and gave some interesting examples of projects in other parishes. The concern and disappointment in the lack of public interest and response were discussed but it was encouraging to

learn that other routes to progress remained open. The Parish Council expressed gratitude for Mr Hinks' attendance at the meeting and for his enthusiastic and positive suggestions.

*Michael Hinks departed
Cllr Wooster arrived*

8) Highways

- a) Upton Cross Junction Improvement update – it was noted that work was almost complete.
- b) Hedge-cutting and undermining of Cornish hedges by large vehicles. Concerns were expressed regarding lack of maintenance of hedges forming domestic curtilage, in some cases, forcing pedestrians to walk into the middle of the road. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways to confirm the responsibility of owners concerned and, if necessary, to include information in the Link.
- c) Large, heavy lorries using the narrow lanes around Treovis had caused damaged to the Cornish hedges to the extent that they are in danger of collapse. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways for advice on this matter and it would be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

9) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

- a) Jubilee Field
The recent, poor weather conditions had prevented a good inspection.
- b) Rilla Mill Play Area
Mole activity persists but otherwise there was nothing to report.

10) Correspondence

Caradon DC: Training on Tuesday 24 February – Standards and Code of Conduct. *The clerk will attend the afternoon session.*

Caradon DC: Public Consultation (Licensing) Consultation. See documents at www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk or hard copies for reference at Luxstowe House - *noted.*

Community Safety Partnership: (currently known as Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships) Work on the new structure is underway and opinions are sought – *noted.*

E-mails

Caradon DC: insignia, artefacts, memorabilia. *It was agreed that the clerk would write to express concern that they remain accessible to the public.*

Julian German: New Cornwall logo abandoned – *noted.*

Rural Services Community: weekly digests. *The clerk will circulate to email addressees only.*

David Walley: seeking views on future of Implementation Executive. *The Parish Council supports the Implementation Executive until the elections for the new Cornwall Council.*

CDC Tourism officer: bookings being taken for summer events - *noted.*

One Cornwall: notice of meeting to give response to Boundary Committee proposals - *noted.*

11) Items requiring a decision

- a) Concern was expressed regarding the increase in email circulars, requests from agencies and organisations to distribute publicity to notice-boards and its associated printing, stationery and distribution costs. It was agreed that a

standard reply would be formulated, and that more discretion would be exercised over inclusion of material to be printed and/or distributed.

b) Donations

It was resolved to approve the following donations and record acknowledgements.

Anglican Cemeteries – Linkinhorne & St Paul’s towards maintenance of the burial ground	£100.00
Methodist Cemetery – Rilla Mill, towards maintenance of the burial ground	£100.00
Parson’s Meadow towards grass-cutting	£300.00
Citizen’s Advice Bureau	£100.00
Cornwall Playing Fields Association	£50.00
Linkinhorne Luncheon Club	£75.00

It was agreed that the clerk would write to Victim Support explaining that donations were being limited to causes directly benefiting parishioners. It was also agreed to include the question of donation recipients and engaging the views of parishioners in the Parish Plan.

12) Finance

a) Cash flow of accounts

It was approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Payments

It was resolved to approve the following i) Clerk’s expenses £11.40 ii) F.D. Hall £343.69 (inc £44.83 VAT) iii) South West Water direct debit payments now £3.50/month iv) EDF energy direct debit now £3.43/month v) quotes for Jubilee Field equipment (expected by date of meeting) from M.A, Griggs, Workplace products, and Schoolscapes (funding from the Community Development grant). It was resolved to approve spending from the surplus of the Community Development grant on the gents’ toilet door at Upton Cross. Cllr Todd offered to obtain a door closer and to fit it.

13) Planning

a) Planning Applications

- i) 09/00137/TRECON Various tree work at Primrose Vale Cottages, Rilla Mill. It was resolved to recommend for approval.
- ii) 09/00037/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to provide residential curtilage, and demolition/construction of garages at Starabridge Cottages, Rilla Mill. It was resolved to recommend for refusal.

b) Future Planning in the Parish

- i) Report from meeting at St Ives Parish Council. Cllrs Hopes, Horrell and Wooster found the meeting encouraging and urged progress on the Parish Plan. Planners will have to consider the views of the parish council including on matters such as affordable housing sites.
- ii) The Planning seminar/walkabout will meet on Saturday 21 February, starting at RMVH car park, 10.30am. A range of developments will be looked at and discussed.

c) Decisions received from Caradon

08/01957/FUL Removal of condition 5 on land adjacent to Mill House, Rilla Mill – approved with four conditions.
08/02092/TRECON Removal of sycamore at Brambles, Hillyfields, Upton Cross – refused.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10 March 2009

The meeting closed at 22h20