

# **Linkinhorne Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Meeting of the Council**

### **Monday 9 December 2013 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm**

#### **MINUTES**

*One minute's silence was observed by those present in respect for Richard Masson, deceased, erstwhile councillor and Chairman of this Parish Council*

**1) Absent:** Apologies received from Cllr Hearn (Chairman), Cllr Stansfield, Cllr Wyatt

**2) Present:** Cllr Appleby, Cllr Couch, Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban (Vice Chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Moyse, Cllr Ward  
Cornwall Cllr McWilliam  
Julia Todd (clerk)  
10 members of the public

**3) Code of Conduct:** a) Declarations – Cllr Couch declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 8(a)(ii) as agent to the applicant b) Grants of dispensation – none requested

**4) Minutes**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 11 November 2013 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to the following amendments: at Item 6(b) the penultimate sentence to read as follows, "Cllr McWilliam reported that the police have reduced resources and that the community speed watch team is not allowed to do speed checks during darkness hours; at Item 6(c) delete the phrase "... and that consideration be given to questioning the future of the centre once the project is over."

**5) Adjournment of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to raise matters**

Mike Todd addressed members to express his support for Item 7(e)(ii) and explained the practical benefits of sundry expenditure on materials for Public Rights of Way (PRoW).

A member of the public expressed an objection to the application at Item 8(a)(i) and asked members to take into account the following: concerns that no pre-application process had taken place, no relevant noise survey was forthcoming, and of the adverse visual/noise impact on the surroundings. She queried the necessity for and purpose of two wind turbines at the site.

Members of the Henwood Residents' Association expressed interest in undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, and urged the Parish Council to consider its support at Item 8 (c)(i) and (ii).

Mr Wooster announced that plans for the redevelopment of Linkinhorne Parish Hall are ready for seeking planning consent, and requested that planning application be submitted under the umbrella of the Parish Council. An item to address this matter will be included on the next Parish Council agenda.

**6) Reports from and matters of concern to:**

- a) **Police representative/Cllr representative of 'Liskeard Have Your Say' (LHYS):** Bernie Wooster reported an increase in crime in Linkinhorne compared to the same period last year. There were six reported crimes: theft from vehicle at Highbury, Rilla Mill, attempted theft from vehicle at Rilla Mill, attempted burglary at Moor View Terrace, Upton Cross, theft of diesel from farm premises

at Linkinhorne, domestic harassment at Upton Cross, public order offence at Bray Shop.

He further reported that the Department of Work and Pensions investigation branch is seeking public assistance to beat fraud.

Commoners monitoring the health and welfare of animals on the moor have noted that horses are being abandoned. Moorland horses are still being fed by members of the public; this is illegal, and dangerous to the animals. Those witnessing illegal feeding should report it. Any reporting submitted will be disseminated by the network manager.

b) **Cornwall Councillor McWilliam:**

Cllr McWilliam confirmed Cornwall Council's 1.97% budget increase. The new Chief Executive spent three days in Truro, acquainting himself with councillors, staff and the business of Cornwall Council. The Cornwall Local Plan will be on agenda for next meeting of Cornwall Council. Cllr McWilliam expressed concern over matters at Minions: the cattle grid has still not been replaced, agreed signage is not yet in place, and the faulty locks on the public conveniences have resulted in users being locked in. She has asked for but received no feedback to date. She is also attempting to establish ownership of Houseman's visitor centre but has had no success so far. Bernie Wooster has reported falling stones from the building and has also received no feedback.

*Cllr McWilliam departed the meeting*

c) **Reports from other councillors (other meetings, conferences)**

Cllr Martin attended the last meeting of CHAHP and noted the attendance and absence of financial report.

Cllrs Horrell and Stansfield had attended training on assessing visual landscape impact for making recommendations on planning applications. Cllr Horrell expressed concern at the charge for the documentation necessary to benefit fully from the training.

## **7) 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) £57 Linkinhorne Parish Hall (rent) ii) £43.86 clerk expenses iii) £72.57 L M Todd (burial ground maintenance) iv) £53.71 L M Todd (RM play area grass-cut)

c) **Receipts** – none

d) **Parish Plan** i) It was **resolved to approve** the final draft of the plan ii) the clerk informed the meeting that the finance account will be available once printing and distribution costs have been confirmed.

e) **Budget 2014-15**

i) The proposals of the finance working group were explained to the meeting. This included a proposed small increase in the precept in order to maintain a sound financial basis in the light of uncertainty around central government decisions, devolution of services currently the responsibility of the principal authority, and the future probability of capping any increase in Town and Parish

Council precepts, and associated referendum costs. It was **resolved to approve** the budget within the constraints of the approved precept.

ii) It was **resolved** unanimously to **approve** annual allocation of up to £100 for expenditure on PRoW materials under delegated authority to the clerk/RFO.

iii) **Precept 2013-15** – The proposed increase was discussed, and a proposal to retain the precept at the same level at the previous financial year was tabled. Proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was **resolved** by five votes in favour, four against, one abstention, to **approve** the retention of the precept at £13,600.

Cllr Hopes expressed thanks to the group for the work undertaken.

- f) Risk Review and Freedom of Information publication – It was **resolved to approve** the proposals of the Risk Review. Cllr Hopes reminded the clerk and members that he was holding the 'No Smoking' signs and kindly agreed to place them in the parish bus shelters.
- g) Annual electrical installation safety check – Proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was **resolved to approve** the quote provided by Andrew Davey.

*It was **resolved to approve** nominated Cllr Hopes to take the chair during Item 8. The Vice Chairman, Cllr Lobban, relinquished the chair in order to present planning applications to the meeting. Cllr Lobban abstains from voting on planning matters.*

## **8) Planning**

### **a) Planning Applications**

Upon being put to the vote the following recommendations were made:

i) PA13/10327 Two Wind Turbines at Northcombe Farm, Uphill

The Parish Council finds the application insufficient and misleading and therefore does not support the application on the following grounds:

The Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) provides no evidence to show whether or not the proposals will have an adverse impact on the surroundings. A LVIA should include a 'true eye view image' but the photographs provided by the applicant give a false picture i.e. the turbines appear to be smaller than they would be in reality. The turbines would, in reality, be prominent and clearly visible from the Halwinnick Butts to Coad's Green road, and from the AONB of the eastern escarpment of Bodmin Moor. The planning policy documents quoted are inaccurate and out of date; there is reference to neither NPPF nor Cornwall Council guidance note 3, and appendices are inconsistent.

There is no information to suggest that the electricity generated would supply the farm.

There are several dwellings within 1km of the proposed turbines. (A distance recommendation currently before Parliament).

*Cllr Couch departed the meeting*

- ii) PA13/10435 Installation of stand-alone solar panels at Higher Stanbear, Henwood – support

*Cllr Couch returned to the meeting*

- ii) PA13/09680 Notification for consent to works to trees at Lynher House, Rilla Mill – noted decision taken under delegated authority

- iv) PA13/10468 Change of use of existing annexe to provide ancillary and/or holiday accommodation. Conversion of existing stable/workshop to provide holiday accommodation at Cider Mill Cottage, Bray Shop – support
- v) PA13/10526 Conversion of barn used as domestic outbuilding into dwelling at The Barn, Treovis - support, subject to satisfactory vehicular, including emergency vehicles, access to public highway being demonstrated.

*Cllr Lobban returned to the chair*

b) **Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration**

PA13/09373 Lawful development certificate for existing use as two separate Dwellings at Mitchells Cottage, Plushabridge **Granted (CAADs and LUs only)**

PA13/09283 Timber stable block comprising two stables and one tack room at Lower Millcombe **APPROVED**

PA13/09648 Felling Leylandii type Cypress in rear garden of Caradon Villa at Caradon Villa Downgate **Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)**

PA13/09680 Notification for consent to remove 2 Laurel Trees (C), topping of remaining Laurels (B2) by 2-3m, crown lift 2 Conifers (A) by 2-3m and reduce Hawthorn (B1) by 2m within a conservation area at Lynher House Rilla Mill **Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)**

c) **Neighbourhood Planning**

i) Cllr Lobban expressed the view that the feasibility of a NP depends upon, yet not exclusively, the following: a Local Structural Plan which sets general parameters for development or policy framework (Cornwall Council does not yet have such a plan in place); a clear idea of what are we/the community are seeking to achieve, and how, with what, this has not yet been addressed; strong, clear leadership, and not an equally balanced committee, otherwise such an endeavor would continue to struggle. The development for a NP does not have to come from within the Parish Council, although parish councils decide whether or not a NP goes ahead. It was noted that the Secretary of State is changing rules on NPs which might make them cheaper and easier to undertake.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would welcome the formation of a group to study the feasibility of a NP and hear its outcome at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2014.

ii) It was **agreed** that Cllr Appleby (Henwood) would lead a small working group formed to investigate the feasibility and aims of developing a NP and that other volunteers for the working group were Cllrs Hordley (Rilla Mill) and Ward (Darley), and non-member Tom Pawley (Henwood).

**9) Play equipment**

- a) Weekly risk assessments were signed and submitted to the clerk i) Jubilee Field – it was **agreed** that the JF working group would anchor the picnic tables. More damage evident to apple trees ii) Rilla Mill play area - noted
- b) Jubilee Field Recreation Committee – it was **agreed** to request a clear budgeted plan/costed proposal by the time of the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

It was **agreed** to defer Items 10 and 11 below until the meeting in January.

**10) Burial ground**

- a) Revised regulations – to consider proposals of working group

**11) Highways**

- a) to consider matters regarding traffic in Treovis/Darley area (Cllr Couch)

**12) Correspondence**

- a) Items for information only

09/12/13	CC Planning	CD re consultation on renewables and landscape
09/12/13	Peninsula Health	Annual Review – community health x3
02/12/13	Terri Winchester	Re LMP grant info (for PRoWs)
02/12/13	A Davy	Quote re electrical testing and report
01/12/13	CHAHP	Goodbye from CHAHP
30/11/13	Cllr Couch	Highways matters Treovis/Darley
30/11/13	Cllr Martin	Minions heritage centre closed, and WCs locks
30/11/13	Cormac	Statement of account (grass cutting at Jubilee Field)
29/11/13	NALC	Council Tax benefit support grant – information
28/11/13	Cliff Sykes	Handyman services available
28/11/13	SWW	Price freeze
28/11/13	CC Localism	Weed treatment – spraying with herbicide – reduced services due to funding constraints
28/11/13	SLCC	South west regional conference details
27/11/13	CC Finance Service	Council Tax Support Grant 2014-15 information
27/11/13	LHYS	Meeting agenda
22/11/13	Came & Co - Tim Forward	Insurance cover regarding works to PRoWs
18/11/13	CC Planning & Regen	Landscape guidance for wind & solar dev. training
18/11/13	SLCC	Promotional material
14/11/13	Comwall Air Ambulance	Request for donation
	Recycling & rubbish collections	Notice for Christmas/New Year collection arrangements
	Wickstead	Promotional material
*11/11/13	Cllr Martin	To CC re Steps at heritage centre

**13) Close of Business**

- a) The meeting closed at 10.15pm