

# Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council  
Monday 10 August 2009 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 7.30pm

## MINUTES

- 1) Apologies: Cllr Hordley, Cornwall Cllr Turner, PC Hatt/PCSO Anslow
- 2) Present: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hopes, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Masson (chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Todd, Cllr Wooster  
Julia Todd (clerk)

- 3) Declarations under Code of Conduct:

- 4) Minutes

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 13 July 2009 and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

*Cllr Martin arrived at 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/PCSO Anslow: Cllr Wooster passed an email from PC Hatt stating that no crimes had been reported since 1 July 2009. School Speedwatch had been conducted outside of Upton Cross school on 14 July, where the children stopped and spoke to offending drivers. The data taken will be available for maths' lessons and also for the parish council should there be any requirement for further speed reduction projects. The police will be focusing attention on motorbikes using the moor later in the summer/autumn. Any questions or concerns from the parish council for the police liaison should be directed via Cllr Wooster.
- b) Cornwall Councillor Turner: apologies

- 7) Highways

- a) Brief from site meeting on 21 July 2009  
Cllr Todd spoke for the councillors who had met with the Highways' engineer reporting that the Safety Audit team will make their findings and report back to the parish council. The Safety Audit will take place once school has resumed, and the parish council awaits further developments.

- 8) Play Equipment Risk Assessments

- a) Jubilee Field  
Cllrs Hopes and Todd had removed climbing frame that had become dangerous and reported that the area was now safe. No faults were reported on the remaining equipment. During Field Day a member of the public had fallen and twisted an ankle in a hole, probably caused by rabbits, in the field. It was agreed to assemble the working group to consider rectifying the situation.
  - i) Damage to tree. The clerk read out an email from a young person of the parish who had confessed to stripping the bark off the tree and who had offered to make reparation for doing so. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the young person and to the young person's parents to suggest joining the working party in Jubilee Field.

- b) Rilla Mill Play Area  
Cllr Todd reported that the lifted matting under the cobra was now laying flat. No other faults were reported. The grass is being well-maintained.
- c) Play Areas' Inspection (2010). Some investigatory work has been undertaken on this but more needed to be done. It was agreed to make this a regular agenda item until completion.

9) Allotments

- a) Stock-proof fencing Cllr Todd had assembled estimate details from three contractors and handed out copies for councillors to consider. It was agreed that the contractors would be contacted to thank them for their estimates and to inform them that they would be contacted once the allotment site had been secured.
- b) Report on negotiations with landowner Cllr Hopes reported arrangements had been discussed, and an agreement in principle had been made but the terms of a written lease were still forthcoming. It was agreed that Cllr Hopes would continue to proceed with negotiations. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Allotment Association to convene a meeting in early September to discuss further details. It was agreed that Cllr Wooster would investigate further any planning application the parish council would need to submit.

10) Parish Plan

- a) Final draft of questionnaire Cllr Todd reported that he now has a draft of a questionnaire for publication and was now formatting it, to be ready, hopefully, in September. It was agreed to convene a meeting of councillors who had expressed particular interest in the plan to discuss the final copy.

11) Correspondence

CAB: Newsletter - *noted*

CC: rambles - *noted*

CC Highways: extent of highway at Upton Cross - *noted*

Emails:

CC Highways: notification of street works in Rilla Mill (water main re-lining) - *noted*

CC Planning: planning committee meeting dates - *noted*

CRCC: AONB consultation - *noted*

Highways: Upton Cross scheme – outstanding issues – *discussed at Item 7(a)*

CC Building Control Services: July newsletter and info - *noted*

St Newlyn East PC: copy of letter re CALC/planning liaison group - *noted*

CRCC: forwarding petition – requested fund for community buildings - *noted*

Clean Cornwall Summit: booking form - *noted*

Visit Cornwall: events' publication - *noted*

Age Concern: a Cornish Celebration - *noted*

Interlink: Callington Showcase event - *noted*

CC Highways: road closure Rilla Mill (water connection) - *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council newsletter - *noted*

Minions Shop: concerns for future of Post Offices – *noted, awaiting further developments*

New for meeting

SLCC: Cemetery management course at Bodmin Town Council - *noted*

NALC: Strengthening Local Democracy – consultation questions - *noted*

SLCC: marketing - *noted*

Penwith College, Truro: Accredited courses on community development - *noted*

Westcountry Housing Association: request to post notice - *noted*

Cornwall Library Service: renewal letter to update details - *noted*

- a) Items requiring a decision  
Cornwall County Training Partnership: Planning Training (see Agenda Item 14(b)) – a two-day course limited to one member per council at cost of £25. Choice of venues. *It was agreed that the clerk will forward the details of dates/venues to councillors.*  
Ray Cornwell: comments on placing planning applications on the parish website. *it was agreed that the clerk would put a link on the parish website to the appropriate Cornwall Council site, and reply to Mr Cornwell.*
- b) Distribution of emails to councillors Following the increase in unsolicited emails it was agreed that the clerk would use discretion in distributing the emails to councillors.

## 12) 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 payments i) Clerk's expenses £59.42 ii) Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC) membership renewal £82.00 iii) Gloves Landscaping and Garden Services £843.50
- c) Receipts: i) Walks' booklets £11.00
- d) Parish Hall, Upton Cross  
Cllr Martin declared personal and prejudicial interest in this item then reported that the grant donated by the parish council carried weight in making an application to Viridor for further grants. She also explained to the council the difficulties associated with obtaining funding for a staged improvement as opposed to a complete refurbishment. The cost of the latter would present a considerable obstacle particularly in view of the lack of support for the Parish Hall. The parish council was sympathetic to the problems, and it was agreed that the grant would remain in the Parish Hall account until the end of the financial year, as previously agreed, when the situation will be reconsidered.
- e) Internal/independent auditor  
The clerk informed the council of two potential candidates. It was agreed that she would continue to obtain terms of others and that this would remain an agenda item until November when the council will make the decision.

## 13) Planning

- a) Planning Applications
  - i) 09/01122/FUL Retention of change of use of agricultural land to additional residential curtilage at Chaswell House, Lanhargy. It was resolved to recommend for approval
  - ii) 09/01037/TRECON Notification for removal of two spruce trees at Kildayre, Downgate. It was resolved to recommend for approval
- b) Decisions received from Caradon  
09/00673/FUL Solar PV panels at Upton Cross School – approved with two conditions

## 14) Items for next agenda

- i) Co-option of new councillor ii) Internal/independent auditor iii) Play Areas' Inspection (2010)

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 September 2009

The meeting closed at 21h38