

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Monday 11 July 2016 at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, 7.30pm

MINUTES

Those present were: Cllr Daniel, Cllr Hearn (Chairman), Cllr Hopes, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Ward
Julia Todd (Clerk), three members of the public

1) Absent: Apologies received from Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Martin, Cllr Moyse, Cllr Rounsevell, Cllr Rowe, Cllr Stansfield

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Coombe had ceased to be qualified by reason of failure to attend for more than six months without requesting Council approval, and that a councillor vacancy would shortly be notified

2) Code of Conduct: a) *there were no declarations under the Code* b) Grants of dispensation – *none requested*

3) Minutes

a) **Resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 13 June 2016 be confirmed, and these were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

b) **Resolved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council on** Monday 18 April 2016 be confirmed, subject to the inclusion of a point raised in Further Discussion namely to emphasise that the Council will be seeking to engage professional advice and technical expertise with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

One member of the public thanked the Council for its support in a planning application, and asked for its continued support and request that Cllr McWilliam take it to the planning committee.

Another member of the public explained the history of and new amendments to a planning application, changes made in order to comply with the case officer's suggestions.

The Chairman of the Linkinhorne Parish Hall committee expressed interest in providing a library service in the Hall once the anticipated renovations had been funded and undertaken.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

- a) Police representative of 'Liskeard Have Your Say' (LHYS) – *no report was available*
- b) Cornwall Councillor McWilliam – *this report was heard after Item 6*
Cllr McWilliam reported on the Housing Bill noting that the 'right to buy' creates difficulties for councils to keep hold of their stock of social housing. In the private sector there are problems with security of tenure. Cornwall Council officers have found a means, stated within the rules, to maintain security of tenure and to ensure the quality of buildings for affordable rentals.
On highways matters, she has been informed that cats eyes will be reinstated once surface dressing been undertaken.
She reminded the meeting of the election for Cornwall Council in May 2017, and distributed some information for potential candidates.
In the Q&A session she heard a plea to give back-bench members a meaningful vote, facilitated either by a Cabinet appointed by Cornwall Councillors or by a return to the committee system. Currently, only ten Cornwall Councillors have decision-making power. Furthermore, that all those with decision-making powers be given decent remuneration.
- c) Reports from other councillors were heard at the relevant items on the agenda.

6) Finance

- a) Cash flow of accounts
Resolved that the bank reconciliation/cash book statement be confirmed an accurate account, and this was signed by the Chairman.
- b) Payments
Resolved that the payments ii) to v) be approved: i) £tbc Cormac (cleaning WCs – a revised invoice had been requested but is not yet forthcoming)
ii) £80.40 inc VAT WesternWeb (web hosting renewal)
iii) £73.46 J Todd (projects/May) iv) £63.17 J Todd (admin costs)
v) £2,440.78 inc VAT Schoolscapes (play installation) – payment is subject to a satisfactory outcome of the post-installation inspection
- c) Receipts - *none*
- d) Burial ground fees review – **RESOLVED** that the proposed new fees be approved. Regulations regarding advance purchase of an Exclusive Right of Burial will be returned to Council.

Cllr McWilliam arrived at the meeting

7) Planning

- a) Planning Applications
Proposed, seconded, and upon being put to the vote it was **resolved** to make the following recommendations:
 - i) PA16/05413 Bedroom extension and open front garage to holiday let within Netherton Barn – no objection, subject to confirmation from Cornwall Council planning that the area of extensions provided for in this traditional farm building do not exceed adopted thresholds for conversions.
 - ii) PA16/05898 single storey extension of summer room to rear Mulberry House, Henwood – no objection
 - iii) Any applications received before the meeting – *none received*
- b) Decisions received from Cornwall Council Planning and Regeneration
 - i) PA16/03406 Construction of agricultural workers dwelling at Clampits Farm, Bray Shop **REFUSED**
 - ii) PA16/02711 Change of use from agricultural land and the retention of clay pigeon skeet layout Land North East Of Caradon Town **WITHDRAWN**
 - iii) PA16/04373 Extension to the cottage at ground floor and raised ridge at the first floor Wheal Tor Cottage Upton Cross **APPROVED**

8) Play Areas and Equipment

- a) Weekly safety inspection sheets for i) Jubilee Field ii) Rilla Mill Play Area – the Clerk informed the meeting that the sheets had not yet arrived but there were no significant areas of risk. The meeting was reminded of the forthcoming official opening of the new play equipment at Jubilee Field.

9) Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Ward reported that draft working copies of the Plan had been circulated, and he has attended two training courses. It was highlighted that more is needed with regards to collection of evidence, having seen the example set by Roche plan. Caradon Community Network Panel is to be approached and asked to consider the housing requirements in terms of number and distribution.

10) Devolved services

- a) **Resolved** to support in principle continuation of a library service within the community. The Clerk and one Councillor will attend a meeting at Upton Cross School on Friday next.
- b) The meeting heard the report of a meeting convened by Caradon Community Network re 'Heritage Assets', various mining heritage buildings and car parks at Minions. Caradon Heritage group has expressed an interest in taking part in the future management. Cornwall Council had been unable to produce full costings and other records relating to the assets and therefore it had not possible to consider a business plan or seek funding streams. Other questions not yet addressed by Cornwall Council include a report on the condition of the premises to be handed over by Cornwall Council, and the nature of any on-going obligations set by the original Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The view within the Parish Council that funding such assets could not exclude car parking charges was expressed. The Council **agreed** that it was disappointing that these assets had not been 'flagged up' to the Parish Council earlier when other services being shelved by Cornwall Council, i.e. Minions WCs, were being considered.

11) Public Conveniences

- a) It was **agreed** that formal acceptance of Minions WC transfer to the Parish Council is deferred until the Parish Council receives the transfer document from the solicitors. The meeting expressed concerns that delay in the legal process is causing unnecessary expense to the Parish Council. It was **agreed** that an appropriately formed letter be written to the solicitor representing the Parish Council.
- b) The transfer process is still in the hands of the solicitor. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would check the authorisation to extend the cleaning agreement with Cornwall Council.

12) Railway bridge, Minions

It was **agreed** to defer this item regarding the problem of livestock on road until the next meeting due to the absence of the member requesting this item.

13) Website

It was **agreed** to continue deferment of mobile pages. It was also **agreed** to raise matters of risk and Transparency Code at the autumn finance meeting.

14) Linkinhorne Parish Hall

Resolved that the letter of support, read to the meeting, for LPH fund-raising be ratified

15) Correspondence

Items for information only [*items in italic arrived post-publication*]

11/07/16*	Comms & Devolve	<i>GREG inquiry session</i>
11/07/16*	T Perry	<i>BMP event</i>
08/07/16*	CC J Pollard	<i>Who decides? & amends to venue</i>
	CALC	<i>News roundup</i>
07/07/16	Came & company	<i>Change of trading style</i>
07/07/16	Planning	<i>5 day re-consultation re Pencott</i>
07/07/16	The Clerk	<i>SLCC magazine</i>
06/07/16	J Lee-Warner	<i>Speeding in RM</i>
06/07/16*	Comms & Devolve	<i>Stakeholder Survey</i>
04/07/16	Clerks & Councils	magazine
01/07/16	CC Judy Gluyas	Library information
01/07/16	CALC	Weekly news roundup
30/07/16*	CC EP&E	Local Plan consultation – Post-hearing changes
30/07/16	Comms & Devolve	Inc message from Kate Kennally
28/06/16*	Anne Hughes	Request letter of support for LPH funding
27/06/16	Comms & Devolve	Blue Badge holders' free parking
24/06/16	CNN R Stone	Local Devolution Fund by S Foster
23/06/16*	CALC	Councillor and Chairman training
23/06/16	Fields in Trust	Reply to request re Jubilee Field proposals
20/06/16*	Comms & Devolve	Governance Review events
	Cruse Bereavement	AGM Truro
17/06/16	Caradon CN Panel	Press release forwarded by CCIr McWilliam
17/06/16*	Ali Humphreys	South Hill Old School Open Day
17/06/16*	Caradon CN Panel	Meeting 27 June
17/06/16*	CC Planning	J Luker re Clampits Farm proposals
16/06/16*	CALC	Minutes Cornwall Planning Partnership – NB mtg
14/06/16*	CALC	NALC Star Council Awards

16) Close of Business

The meeting closed at 9.30pm