

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

**at the Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross on
Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.00pm.**

MINUTES

Present at the meeting were:

Brian Norris (Parish Hall Committee), Simon Hordley (RMVH committee), Zena Jones (Tuesday Trekkers, Lunch Club) Vanesa Hawkins (Upton Cross PTFA), Beryl Martin (Roberts and Jeffery Foundation), Maxine Browne (Linkinhorne PCC), Simon Parker, Barbara Wolstenholme (Caradon Orchard Group), Alison Humphreys (Recycle for Charity), Susannah Dent (The Link) Simon Hordley (RMVH), and Jo Horrell.

Cornwall Councillor Daw and Cornwall Councillor Flashman

Cllr Hearn (Chairman) Cllr Lobban (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Daniel, Cllr Corfield, Cllr Wallis, Cllr Rounsevell, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Boarland, Cllr Sharp-Philips, Cllr Stansfield, Cllr Sturrock, Cllr Ward and Melanie Kilby (Clerk)

1. Apologies received from the following invitees:

Rev Jo Smart (Methodist Minister), Tony Stephens (Church of England), Emily Goodey (Upton Cross ACE Academy) Simon Humphries (Friends of Stara Woods), Norma Draper (Community Lunches), Gill Corfield (LPH), and Carrie Marshall (WI).

2. The minutes of the Meeting of Monday 14th May 2018 were agreed as an accurate record of that meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

Welcome to this year's Linkinhorne Parish Annual Meeting – an opportunity for you as electors to come together, to find out about and discuss parish matters. This is not a Council meeting – it is the annual parish meeting for electors of our parish.

My name is Carl Hearn and I have been privileged to serve as Chairman of your Parish Council for the last year.

I hope you will find this evening both helpful and interesting. Afterwards there will be a meeting of your Parish Council which you are welcome to stay for if you wish.

It has been another busy year for your Parish Council. We continue to provide a range of services to you, from the parish burial ground to the provision and maintenance of play areas, from public conveniences to footpath maintenance, allotments to bus shelters; basic but essential services that enhance the quality of life for the residents of, and visitors to, our parish.

But it has also been a year of tragedy with the death of former Councillor Greg Coombe. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family, and indeed all those who have suffered the grief, despair and loss of bereavement within our community.

We have been working with Cornwall Council. Following concerns expressed around traffic speeds, both at Bray Shop and in Upton Cross we submitted requests for two traffic management schemes. I am pleased to be able to report agreement has been reached for a speed management sign to be installed at Bray Shop (this was also supported by South Hill and Stoke Climsland Parish Councils). A feasibility study will also be undertaken in Upton Cross to assess options and it is very much to be hoped this leads to an affordable and lasting solution to issues of speed through the village.

Your Council is working toward securing a new lease for the continuation of the Rilla Mill allotments (following changes in landownership) and is investigating how best to secure an extension to the parish burial ground. It is also in close contact with the School around how to balance appropriate security measures to support safeguarding with the heritage and amenity value of the historic railings behind which so many of us, our parents and grandparents, received our schooling.

Your Council responds to consultations on parish matters including on planning applications. I know that for many the loss of the Post Office and Shop has been a blow and we continue to seek confirmation from Cornwall Councils enforcement team on the legal position regarding change of use.

Your Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan is approaching a final draft version, very much underpinned by the principles of sensitive sustainable development and with a strand to provide homes to enable local people to live in the parish whether young, old, or at any life stage in between. I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this, and especially Councillor Ward who has done so much to get it to this stage.

The Council is also looking at whether we might be able to work with the Cornwall Community Land Trust to provide a small development that would provide affordable housing, protected in perpetuity, for occupation by local people.

Arrangements for the Public Conveniences at Upton Cross are now completed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Hall Committee for the partnership which has made this facility possible. We are now negotiating with Cornwall Council regarding whether we may dispose of the old toilet block.

You may not be aware but Cornwall Council is presently carrying out a review of Parish boundaries and we do not expect ours to change. However, from 2021 the Cornwall Council divisional boundary (or the other parishes with which we are grouped so as to send a Councillor to Truro) will change. At the moment we are part of the Lynher division with South Hill and St Ive Parishes. For future Cornwall Council elections we will stay with them but also be included with St Mellion, Quethiock and Pillaton.

In conclusion I would like to thank all my colleagues for their support and commitment throughout the year and especially our Clerk Mrs Kilby and my Vice Chairman Councillor Lobban.

Throughout your Council continues to do its best to deliver relevant and value for money services for our Parish which contribute to making it a place where people choose to live, work, and visit. There is a cost associated with these, but also real benefit to the quality of life for our parishioners.

And on behalf of the parish thank you to all those individuals, groups, and organisations who work in so many different ways to improve our way of life.

4. A short presentation by Duchy Defibrillators on where the defibrillators are located within Linkinhorne Parish and brief guide on how to access and use them

The Chairman's report was followed by an informative and interesting presentation by Alan from Duchy Defibrillators on where, how to access and the basics of using a defibrillator. Linkinhorne Parish is very lucky to have two defibrillators and a third to be installed. They can be found in the following locations:

- Cheesewring Hotel, Minions, PL14 5LE, SX 26082 71170.
- Rilla Mill Village Hall, Rilla Mill, PL17 7NT, SX 29602 73186.
- To be installed August 2019, Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross, PL14 5AN, SX 28074 72131.

How to use a defibrillator

- To use a defibrillator it is important to recognise that the person who has collapsed may have sudden cardiac arrest. It is very important that 999 is dialled and an ambulance is dispatched.
- The 999 call handler will provide the access code for the defibrillator cabinet. Don't worry if you don't know how to use a defibrillator, the call handler and defibrillator itself will talk you through what you have to do.
- To use the defibrillator attach the two adhesive pads (electrodes) that are used to connect the device to the person's bare chest. Through the pads the defibrillator can both monitor the heart's electrical rhythm and deliver a shock if needed. The defibrillator will provide an audible instruction for the user to follow.
- The defibrillator will analyse the person's heart's electrical rhythm and if it detects a rhythm likely to respond to a shock, it will charge and deliver the high energy shock. Afterwards the device will inform the rescuer to give the victim CPR. After a fixed period, the device will instruct the rescuers not to touch the victim while it checks the heart rhythm and a further shock is given (if it is needed).

Information above taken from <https://www.duchydefibs.co.uk/defib-info/>. Once the defibrillator is installed at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Duchy Defibrillators will be providing a practical training session.

Discussions highlighted the following:

- The defibrillator does not have a 100% success rate but does increase the chance of survival.
- A message is sent from the defibrillator cabinet to Duchy Defibrillators indicating that the cabinet has been opened. This is so that the defibrillator can be located and returned quickly (usually within 2 hours) so that it can be used again. Duchy Defibrillators work with the ambulance service to get the defibrillator returned.
- The pads are single use and have to be replaced if used or exceed their 2 year lifespan
- Inside the unit is:
 - The defibrillator



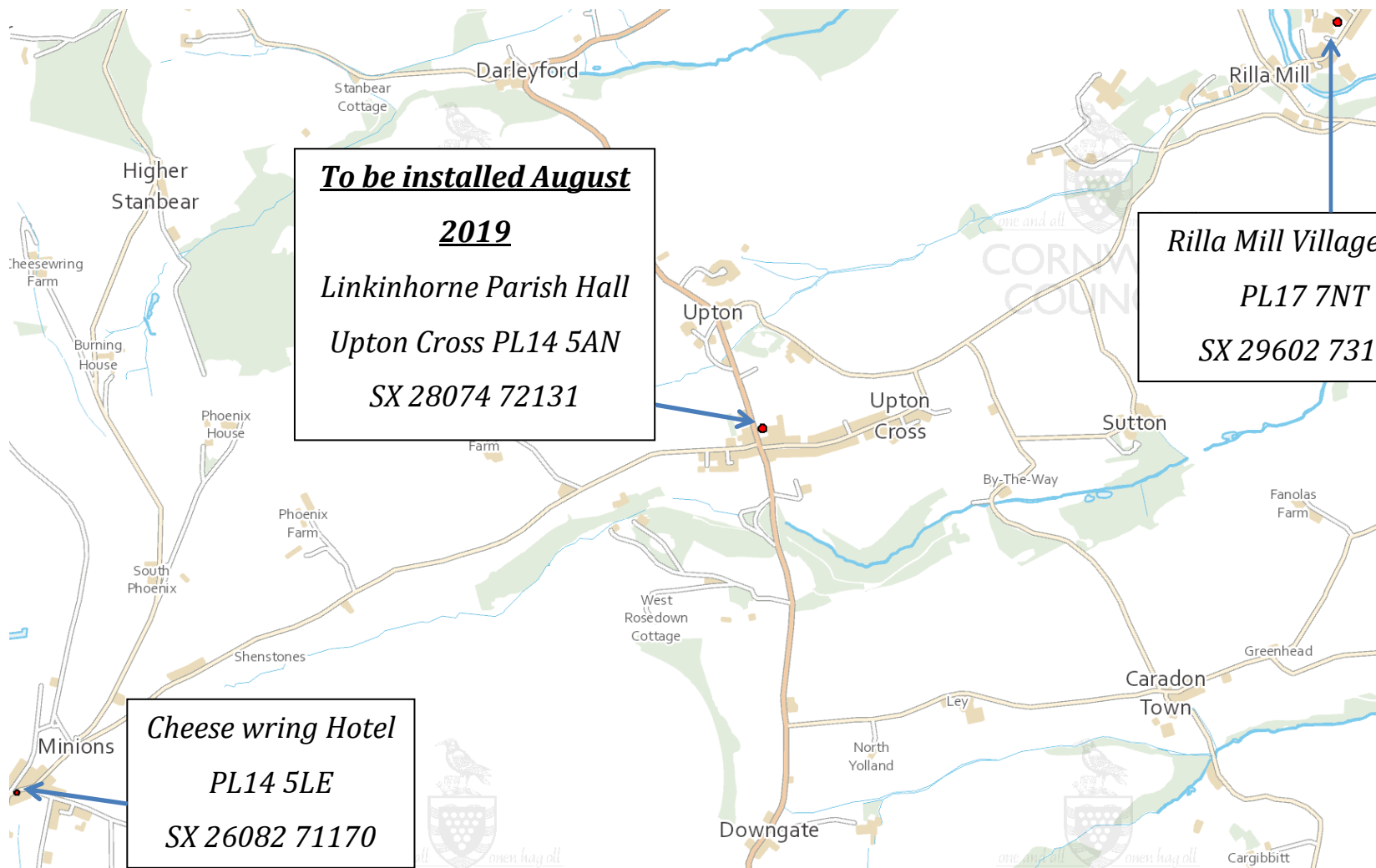
- A rescue kit which includes scissors, razor, masks etc.
- There is an annual maintenance fee for monitoring, maintenance and replacement of pads etc.
- The temperature of the cabinet is maintained at 13°C to ensure that the defibrillator works at its best at all times
- The cabinets and defibrillators are all made in Cornwall. They have so far never been broken into (if they are the defibrillator is replaced for free). Currently there have been no failures.

The training session for the new Defibrillator at Linkinhorne Parish Hall will be advertised once it has been installed.

The Chair thanked Alan for his presentation.



Location of Defibrillators in Linkinhorne Parish



6. Your questions, comments, and suggestions. This is your opportunity as a parish elector to put questions or make comments on parish and community matters that interest or concern you.

Shop within the Parish

A member of the public brought up the absence of a shop at Upton Cross. They highlighted that a shop has been in the village since its creation and had remained the same for generations. They asked whether anything had happened since the meeting last year. A large number of people had agreed to form part of a working group but no one was willing to lead the group. The member of the public asked about the possibility of using the original Public Convenience's as a shop. Other locations were also discussed. In regards to the Public convenience this had not been considered before. The building is subject to a restriction which would require consent from Cornwall Council. The Parish Council does not have the power to provide a shop service. It was suggested that a proposal is put forward sooner rather than later identifying the following: feasibility; public's needs, wants; evidence of community engagement; example of where a shop has been successful in other local villages; who will run the shop, volunteers?

There is the potential for a community asset to be included in an affordable housing project within the Parish through the Cornwall Community Land Trust. The community assets must be sustainable with a body / individual prepared to deliver and commit to it. This could be a micro-unit as part of a residential property.

It was highlighted that grants are available to providing funding to community shops.

Minions Heritage Centre

The Chair asked the current position of the Minions Heritage Centre. A discussion around the future of the Minions Heritage Centre took place. Issues with water entering the building affecting the electrical wiring has led to the centre being closed since October 2018. A surprisingly large number of people (included coach trips) have been trying to access the building. Cornwall Council appears reluctant to make the repairs necessary to maintain the building. Cornwall Cllr Daw has suggested that English Heritage is approached to ensure its future.

The Chair is to bring up the issues highlighted at the next Caradon Community Network Area meeting.

Robert and Jeffery's Foundation:

The Roberts and Jeffery Foundation made an appeal for secondary school aged students living within the Parish to apply for the funding available for educational opportunities, that could not be afforded by the family without support. The trustees are looking for ways to communicate with parents of secondary school age children that live in Linkinhorne Parish. After a resolution was passed and approved by the Charity Commission to amend the charity document, two members can now be co-opted by the Trustees. Those interested in becoming a trustee or would like further information please contact Beryl Martin (Tel: 01579362773 or Email: berylmartin@rocketmail.com).

Linkinhorne Parish Hall Committee (LPHC)

Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) status was completed last year, and the assets have been transferred. The committee now has four sub-committees to share the work load, which is working well. The introduction of the clouds has appeared to reduce the noise levels in the hall and have added an interesting feature. Hall bookings are up and it is being well used, well worth the re-build. The Facebook page and website are up and running, this is going to be linked to the online booking system. Events / groups/ services run by LPHC:

- Drop in – Thursday 2-4pm has now been running for two years

- Micro library – has had a slow start and is mainly run by volunteers.
- A grant was received for the purchasing of a computer and printer for all to use.
- Post office – open Wednesday which has been very successful now also open on a Saturday.
- Film club – reasonably successful. A screen and projector (kindly part funded by Linkinhorne Parish Council) has recently been installed. This is available to all hall users.
- Junk food project – first Thursday of the month 12-1:30. Has been successful.
- A defibrillator is due to be installed. This has been paid for through fund raising.

Caradon Orchard Project

The current membership is 50 but new members are always welcomed. The hydro press and associated equipment (mills, pasteurisers, etc.) has been hired on 7 occasions. Sadly, the large hydraulic press has not been hired at all this current year - only used on Apple day.

Events:

- September 2018: Apple day - 500 litres apple juice produced
- November: AGM
- January 2019: Wassailing
- February: Pruning demonstration and Grafting day
- May: Blossom Fair

Event to come

- July: Summer pruning demonstration followed by BBQ
- COG stand at Liskeard show
- September: Apple day
- October: Visit to RHS Rosemoor

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC oversees the running of the two churches within the Parish St Pauls (Upton Cross) and St Mellor's (Linkinhorne) and is representing this evening Rev Jo Smart (Methodist Minister), Tony Stephens (Church of England) and Norma Draper (Community Lunches). The two Churches complement each other with the Anglican and Methodist ministers' alternate service at St Paul. The following activities were highlighted:

- The annual report is now available
- Meet and eat is held at Rilla Mill Village hall from 9:30 instead of a service. All can attend no matter their religion
- Wednesday lunches at the Cross Link Centre for 60+ costing £4 per person
- Pastoral care team who's details are in The Link
- Day of Prayer – this is taking place in the parish churches from 30th May to 9th July details can be found in The Link

Rilla Mill Village Hall Committee

Over last 12 months there has been a good use of the hall. There are lots of regular users and post office on a Thursday. A new fitness club is starting on a Monday morning called Purestretch. A larger number of events took place including Bavarian Evening, Barn Dance, Race Night, Beetle Drive, Johnny Cowling,

Tea Dance, Smite Games and the Pantomime Robin and the Hoods. In Parson's Meadow there has been a wedding, smite competitions, and Johnny Cowling. Despite the weather the Carnival, led by Callington Town Band, had a good turnout followed by the summer fair, model raft race and Duck Race. A children's disco has already been held to choose the 2019 carnival Prince and Princess. The Bonfire night with Hog Roast provided by Chris Rounsevell was yet again a success with good numbers attending. To ensure these events continue support in addition to the committee is being sought. Funding towards a Hall extension has been difficult to obtain. It is hoped that this project will be started this year.

Recycling for charity

Information on the scheme was handed out to those that were present. The charity collects items which cannot be collected by Cornwall Councils kerb side collections. These items are sent to Terracycle. The credit created is given to specific charities. Collections were started in October 2018 and have grown, current collection points include at St Sampson's church in the porch, at the Parish Hall (Golberdon) in the porch, at Trevigro by the bench, also inside Callington Tesco by the recycling bin and inside the Tamar Valley AONB Centre at Drakewalls. Honicombe Manor Metherell, Plus Pirans Playful Piskies softplay, Beeching Park Store Kelly Bray, Stoke Climsland Old School car park shed, Nanny Oakley's café Biscoombes Lane, Callington, and Archway Dental, Well Street, Callington are a collection point for all the dental items. Soon to be at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross.

Tuesday club and Tuesday trekkers

Tuesday club has been running for 32 years at its height had 46 member but these have dwindled to ~16 of which many are old. Desperately need people to attend otherwise it will close. Anyone can join in they do not need to be a member or a senior citizen. Information can be found in The Link. There are people willing to pick up and drop off those who cannot drive or do not have transport.

Tuesday trekkers are doing well with walks taking place the last Tuesday of the month. There are 20 members of which 5 are from the parish. All are welcome to attend.

The Link

The new editor was introduced, welcomed and thanked for her efforts so far. Copies of the Link are sold at the Caradon Inn Upton Cross, Manor House Inn Rilla Mill, Trevallicks and Linkinhorne Parish Hall. There are usually 50 copies left over and therefore more could be sold.

PTFA – Upton Cross ACE Academy

A member of the PTFA highlighted that association meet on the 1st Thursday of the month. On the 29th June the summer Fete will be held, everyone is welcomed.

Additional comments:

- A poppy appeal replacement has still not been found. Beryl will be standing down this year after 30+ years. There have only been 3 people who have undertaken the role since the initiation of the poppy appeal.
- Cornwall Councillor Flashman introduced himself and explained that he is now the head of highways, planning and footpath. The public can highlight any issues with him either directly or via Cornwall Councillor Daw or the Clerk to Linkinhorne Parish Council.

The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. For any other matters that were not raised the Clerk is contactable by email or phone.

Meeting Closed 8:15pm.