

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Notes of the Informal Meeting of the Parish Councillors

Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm at Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross
Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr K. Wallis (Chairman), Cllr S. Beech, Cllr R. Hanson, Cllr C. Hearn, Cllr P. Seeva (Divisional Member).

Lena Batten (Clerk).

Members of the public: None.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

It was noted that, in the absence of a quorum, the Meeting was not in a position to make decisions on matters listed on the Agenda. Accordingly the record of the Meeting took the form of Notes only. Any decisions arising would either fall to the clerk (where covered by delegated authority or prior authorisation), or to the next Meeting of the Council where the views of the following Meeting would constitute, in effect, a recommendation.

1) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Corfield, Cllr D. Heritage, Cllr B. Martin.

2) Code of Conduct:

- a) To receive declarations: Cllr R. Hanson item 6 a (vi, vii).
- b) To grant dispensations: The Chairman granted Cllr R. Hanson dispensation to remain in the room.

3) Minutes:

The consensus of those present was that the minutes of the previous meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 14th October 2024 be confirmed in due course, as an accurate record subject to formal determination / ratification at the next validly constituted meeting.

4) Public Participation:

No members of the public were in attendance.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

- a) Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva:

Cllr P. Seeva gave an update in relation to four areas.

- i) Cllr P. Seeva advised that Cllr S. Daw had not yet returned to work. He had raised that some local parishes were not receiving the support needed and an arrangement was now in place where he would, until May 2025 now remain the allotted Divisional Member for Linkinhorne Parish Council. He further confirmed Community Chest funding was still available if required.
- ii) Cllr P. Seeva reported that last week at the Cornwall Council Meeting there was a vote of no confidence, and stated that in a matter of months the public would be asked for a democratically elected member. He expressed concern regarding the expense of a vote of no confidence so close to an election.
- iii) Cllr P. Seeva commented that he felt it most important to update in relation to the progress which had taken place at the Heritage Centre in Minions. The Heritage Centre had been closed since the Covid pandemic and there were signs of deterioration leaving it unable to open at this time.

Consultation with the project management team took place last week in partnership with Cornwall Council with a view to it opening again in the near future.

iv) Finally, it was confirmed that the yellow lines earmarked for near the bridge at Rilla Mill are due to proceed.

One Councillor asked about any progress of Primrose Vale Cottages: Cllr P. Seeva reported that there was no movement that he was aware of and would chase this. The Chairman confirmed that she had contacted Anna Gelderd, local MP however had not received a response to date.

One Councillor asked about the potential funding package for Cornwall Heritage Trust to reopen The Heritage Centre at Minions. Cllr P. Seeva confirmed that is understanding was that Cornwall Heritage Trust would have better access to funding in order to progress the opening in the near future.

b) Councillors:

One Councillor gave an update in relation to Plusha Bridge junction and stated that Highways had confirmed as a result of the latest fatality they had partially closed the junction with bollards. It would no longer be possible to turn right from the B3257 onto the A30. This would be a permanent closure with work due to take place in the early spring. The consequence of this over the weekend was many local villages were snarled with heavy traffic.

6) Finance:

a) Cash flow of accounts / bank reconciliation -

The consensus of those present was that the bank reconciliation / cash book statement was confirmed as an accurate account, subject to formal determination / ratification to be signed by the Chairman at the next validly constituted Meeting.

b) Payments - i) £833.33 (VAT not included if paid directly to contractor Branch Brothers Tarmac Services, maintenance to lane), ii) £18.00 (laptop maintenance), iii) £366.88 (Cormac, field maintenance), iv) £50.00 (Lena Batten, Wreath donation), v) £420.00 (WC cleaning October), vi) £50.00 (weeding of Jubilee Field), vii) £325.00 (burial ground maintenance).

The consensus of those present was that the following payments should be approved subject to formal determination / ratification at the next validly constituted meeting as they had all been budgeted for with the exception of i) for the amount of £833.33 as this payment would require resolution to be paid.

c) Receipts – i) £223.00 (Minions WC coin collection), ii) £456.31 (HMRC VAT rebate)
- noted for information.

7) Planning:

The consensus of those present was that Linkinhorne Parish Council made the following informal recommendations:

a) Planning applications –

i) PA24/07456 – Sterts Barn, Upton Cross, Liskeard – Hedgerow removal notice for removal of 3.05 meters of hedgerow - Linkinhorne Parish Council were unable to formally comment however a brief discussion was held and no objections were raised.

ii) PA24/07904 – Meadowgate, Upton Cross, Liskeard – Construction of single storey extension (replacing covered veranda) – Linkinhorne Parish Council were unable to formally comment however had no objection to the application.

iii) PA24/02691 – Land East of Christor, Upton Cross, Liskeard – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for up to three dwellings at Blake's Meadow – Linkinhorne Parish Council was unable to formally comment however the consensus of those present was that it felt that it was not an insignificant development for the size of Upton Cross. It was furthermore agreed that without additional information to better understand the type of dwellings no view could be given. There was also concern as to whether any consideration had been given to affordable housing and potential future development of adjoining sites.

iv) PA24/08205 – Quarrymans Cottage, Golberdon – Change of use from holiday accommodation to full time residential use – Linkinhorne Parish Council were unable to formally comment however the consensus of those present was that there was no objection to the change of use.

b) Any applications received before the meeting – none.

8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

a) Weekly safety inspections:

No significant issues have been raised.

b) Jubilee Field:

i) To feedback Highways confirmation that they will clear the pipe but are unable to confirm when this will happen – One Councillor gave his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting between the Parish Council, Highways and Duchy held on the 24th October 2024. Highways confirmed that they would undertake the jetting of the pipeline.

ii) To consider / resolve a request from CSW to cut the hedge running parallel with the Jubilee Field to allow better vision for the CSW volunteers - The consensus of the meeting was for the clerk to inform the Community Speed Watch Team that they were welcome to cut back the section of the hedge themselves for increased visibility should they wish to do so.

iii) To confirm that Duchy were contacted as requested and had stated that they don't believe the approach to resolving the issue of the pipe affects the Duchy in any way - It was noted that Duchy confirmed they do not have any information to add in relation to the pipe.

c) Rilla Mill Play Area:

i) To consider / resolve the quote received for repairs to the platform on the slide – It was agreed that the clerk could use delegated authority in relation to the repair needed on the slide and proceed on this basis.

ii) To discuss / resolve any required actions following information received on how busy the play area gets during bonfire night – The consensus of those present was that the clerk would contact Rilla Mill Village Hall to congratulate them on a spectacular bonfire night event and that discussion regarding the play area and how busy it got would be deferred to the next meeting when the Councillor who had raised concern would be present.

9) Public Conveniences:

a) Minions – No reports of concern were raised.

b) Upton Cross -

i) To note that Mr Davy, electrical contractor, has completed the fitting of a new hand dryer – this was noted for information and it was agreed that a thankyou was sent to Mr Davy.

10) To consider / resolve next steps as invoice has been received for the tarmacking of the allotment lane at £833.33 without VAT but this does not include improvements to the land drain: Following discussion the consensus of those present was that as the invoice could not be paid as the meeting was not quorate, the clerk would respond to apologise for the delay in payment and would request more information in relation to the potential purchase of the land.

11) To note the outcome of the meeting held between Duchy, Highways and the Parish Council at Minions bridge:

Feedback from Duchy and Highways was shared with the meeting to conclude that Duchy was unlikely to be able to address the issue and Highways would alter the signage to try and improve driver awareness. The Chairman confirmed that she had been contacted by the Commoners association as they were not present at the meeting. The Commoners association expressed a further concern regarding bikes on the moorland. A discussion was held regarding previously erected fencing that had been placed on the moorland and who had fitted this. Cllr P. Seeva confirmed he would contact The Commoners association to discuss this further.

12) To ratify agreement and conditions of use for the BT kiosk adopted by Linkinhorne Parish Council with two members of the public being the guardians of the kiosk. The current declared value of street furniture for insurance purposes is £60,000. To resolve if this is adequate to cover the phone kiosk as well:

The consensus of the meeting was to accept the agreement with the inclusion of a further statement to state that this was not a relationship between landlord and tenant and the agreement could be terminated by either party with a three month notice period.

13) To note all deeds / agreements for Jubilee Field, Parsons Meadow play area, Farm Business tenancy, Burial ground, land at Rilla Mill village hall and Minions WC's are now stored at Parnalls Solicitors in Launceston:

This was noted for information.

14) To consider a response in relation to the request for ideas at the Minions Heritage Centre:

The consensus of the meeting to respond to confirm that Linkinhorne Parish Council would welcome proposals to bring it back into use and wished Cornwall Heritage Trust and Cornwall Council best wishes in the new endeavour.

15) To note for information that one member of the public no longer wants to be a custodian of the phone box. The agreement has been shared with Minions Tea Rooms as the custodian's. The phone box is confirmed to come under "street furniture" which is currently insured at £60,000:

The clerk confirmed that one member of the public had now withdrawn their interest in becoming a custodian for the BT kiosk leaving one member who remained interested. The consensus of the meeting was to request the clerk contact the insurance company to clarify if they could confirm what a BT Kiosk was normally insured for.

16) To consider / discuss Cornwall Housing Allocations:

The email received regarding Cornwall Housing Allocations was shared with the meeting. A brief discussion was held where the general consensus was that more affordable housing was required. It was agreed that no response would be sent.

One further piece of information was shared from Cormac who wanted a response by the 25th November 2024 in relation to the location of the potential bus stop at Upton Cross. It was the consensus of the meeting that this had previously been discussed in an earlier meeting this year and was in the same location, just a bit further down the road than initially agreed. Responses could be returned by individuals.

17) Correspondence as listed:

10/10/2024*	Councillor Advocate from police	Reopening dates and public engagement events
10/10/2024*	Free online event	Personal safety for Councillors
10/10/2024*	Online briefing	Cornwall Council Budget Update Briefing
18/10/2024*	Community area partnership	Online survey
21/10/2024*	Agenda	East Sub-Area Planning Committee
21/10/2024*	CALC AGM	Tuesday 12 November 2024
24/10/2024*	Councillor Advocate	The Commissioner's weekly column
28/10/2024*	CALC	Cornwall Council Budget Update Briefing
29/10/2024*	Devon and Cornwall Police	Sixth lowest crime rate in England & Wales

29/10/2024*	Councillor Advocate OPCC	Weekly column
31/10/2024*	Minutes	East Sub-Area Planning Committee
31/10/2024*	Positive Planning	Planning news, Autumn newsletter

Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA24/06956 – Chi-An-Dowr, Rilla Mill, Callington, PL17 7NT - Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include T1 Magnolia. Crown reduction by 1.5m. Aim of pruning away from property and increasing light. T2 Conifer. Sectional fell. Tall tree, outgrown its position, close to outbuilding. Low amenity/ habitat value. T3 Oak. Sectional fell. Due to basal decay and proximity to road and outbuilding - Decided not to make a TPO.

PA24/07217 - Quarrymans Cottage, Golberdon, Callington, PL17 7NQ - Proposal Refurbishment of derelict cottage to include extension to provide holiday accommodation without compliance with condition 6 of decision notice E2/03/00543/FUL dated 21/11/2003 – withdrawn.

PA24/05945 - Devon and Cornwall Logs Ltd - Barn North West Of Great Lanhargy Farm Bray Shop Callington, Cornwall PL17 8QJ - Change of use and conversion of a barn to a dwelling – Approved.

PA24/06991 - Devon and Cornwall Logs Ltd - Barn 1 Great Lanhargy Farm Bray Shop Callington Cornwall PL17 8QJ - Prior approval for change of use of an agricultural building to 2no. dwellinghouse - Prior approval not req'd(PA/AF/TEL/DEM/).

Notifications forwarded by Cornwall Council:

None.

18) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 21.13