

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30pm at Rilla Mill Village Hall

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr K. Wallis (Chairman), Cllr S. Beech, Cllr M. Corfield, Cllr R. Hanson, Cllr C. Hearn.

Lena Batten (Clerk).

Members of the public: One member of the public was present at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr C. Hordley, Cllr B. Martin.

2) Code of Conduct:

a) To receive declarations: None.

b) To grant dispensations: None.

3) Minutes:

Resolved that subject to the amendment of item 2(b) that one Councillor left the room is not a dispensation and item 3 that no proposer or seconder should be named unless specifically requested, the minutes of the previous Meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 10th February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4) Public Participation:

One member of the public was in attendance in relation to Primrose Vale Cottages and the Chairman welcomed him to the meeting. The Chairman requested that item 5 was moved forward to hear a report from one Councillor who had attended a recent meeting in relation to Primrose Vale Cottages prior to one member of the public giving further information and this was agreed.

One Councillor detailed that the Chairman and himself had attended a meeting with two case workers from Anna Gelderd MP's office on the 6th March 2025 at Callington Scouts Hall. He confirmed that Linkinhorne Parish Council had this arranged appointment following the member of the public's appointment however as it was in relation to the same issue, both appointments were amalgamated which the case workers found helpful. A timeline of the events of Primrose Vale Cottages was shared alongside the two main objectives firstly for LiveWest to maintain / improve the bungalows and site and secondly for the properties to be kept as affordable housing. He reported that the case workers were grateful to receive copies of all documentation and up to date photos and they would be responding to LiveWest's comments to obtain more clarification. The meeting concluded to state that the case workers would be meeting with Anna Gelderd MP and would formulate a plan which would be forwarded to Linkinhorne Parish Council for information. The Chairman added that following initial difficulties in contacting the office of Anna Gelderd MP it was a positive and constructive meeting.

The Chairman then invited one member of the public to speak. He gave an update to confirm that the initial date given that the properties were transferred to LiveWest was not accurate and wanted

to clarify that the tenants of the properties had all left in 2016 when the properties were still owned by Devon and Cornwall Housing, It was known at this time that improvements were needed to the windows, bathrooms and kitchens. He further clarified that there were differences in the overall size of the properties between the LiveWest comments and the Valuation report completed in February 2018. A copy of the valuation report was shared with the Council for information with a request to forward this onto the case workers. The Chairman thanked him for the additional information and the member of the public left the room.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

- a) Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva: None.
- b) Councillors: One report previously detailed at item 4.

6) Finance:

- a) Cash flow of accounts / bank reconciliation -

Resolved that the bank reconciliation / cash book statement was confirmed as an accurate account, and this was signed by the Chairman.

Resolved that the following payments were approved with all in favour:

- b) Payments - i) £70.00 (replacement flush Minions WC), ii) £1236.00 (new Gazebo roof), iii) £366.88 (Field Maintenance, Feb), iv) £45.00 (Open Spaces registration), v) £12.00 (LPH room booking), vi) £360.00 (WC cleaning February).

Resolved that the current receipt was noted for information.

- c) Receipts: i) £45.00 (donation from one Councillor).
- d) To note for information CCLA investment on the 31st January 2025 was £41,237.08 – This was noted for information.
- e) To note for information the Information Commissioners Office Registration is due to renew on the 27th March 2025 at a cost of £52.00 payable by direct debit – This was noted for information.

7) Planning:

- a) Planning applications:

Resolved that Linkinhorne Parish Council made the following recommendations:

- i) PA25/01387 – Plash Mill Farm, Upton Cross, Liskeard, PL14 5AU – Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA24/07357 dated 15/11/24, enlarged window to east elevation, flat roof light over link with main house – There was no objection to the application.

b) Any applications received before the meeting – No new applications were received before the date of the meeting however the Chairman read out an email from one member of the public received in relation to PA24/06982 – land north of Gospenheal – the points raised were noted for information and it was confirmed that the clerk had responded to the email to ensure that the member of the public had also submitted their comments to Cornwall Council planning department.

8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

- a) Weekly safety inspections:

- i) To consider/ resolve whether to accept the ROSPA annual play inspection at a reduced rate of £80.00 plus VAT per play area if booked within four weeks:

Resolved that the clerk would respond to confirm that Linkinhorne Parish Council would like the ROSPA inspection to proceed at the reduced rate and also that they would like the automatic opt in service for the future.

- b) Jubilee Field:

i) To resolve / accept the quote for £100.00 for replacement football net staples to secure the football goals:

Resolved that the quote for £100.00 for replacement football net staples was accepted, one Councillor would proceed and order them.

ii) To consider / resolve two quotes received for the clearing of the ditch:

The clerk shared two recently obtained quotes.

Resolved that one quote was accepted, the clerk would respond to request they proceed and thank the second potential contractor for taking the time to quote for the works.

iii) To consider adding an advert in the Link to state that dogs are not allowed in the field:

A discussion was held as one Councillor had recently observed dogs in or around the field on two separate occasions. Dog faeces had also been left in the field.

Resolved that the clerk would put an advert in the Link to emphasize the health and safety concerns of dogs in a play area and the need for the public to ensure dogs did not enter the play area.

iv) To note that the clerk has chased Highways for a confirmed date for the jetting of the ditch with no confirmation of date received:

This was noted for information.

Resolved that one quote had been agreed so the ditch would be cleared in the Jubilee Field soon and the clerk would continue to liaise with Highways for a potential date for the jetting of the pipe.

v) To consider any further actions in response to Sterts who have stated the debris is running down their car park:

The clerk shared further information received from Sterts regarding difficulties with flooding in the car park causing erosion. The clerk confirmed that Sterts had given permission for their contact details to be forwarded to Highways which had been done.

vi) To note the response from Fields in Trust when asked if they would support an application to register the field as a village green was "FIT's charitable objects are to protect green spaces in perpetuity, therefore there is no need for the field to be registered as a Village Green":

Consideration was given to the response and it was agreed that as Fields in Trust only owned part of the field, the remainder was still at potential risk.

Resolved that the clerk respond to Fields in Trust to clarify that as only a part of the field is owned by them, Linkinhorne Parish Council would still like to take steps to secure the other half. One Councillor abstained.

c) Rilla Mill Play Area:

i) To note for information the clerk is waiting for one member of the public to make a fitting to be able to remove the rotten wood from the slide in order to repair:

This was noted for information.

9) Public Conveniences:

a) Minions:

i) To note for information Source for Business have increased the monthly direct debit to £99.00 per month with effect from the 8th March 2025:

This was noted for information.

ii) To note the plumber has fixed the ladies toilet leak:

This was noted for information.

iii) To note the contractor was unable to remove the tree due to bad weather and will be removing both the one that has fallen and another which is likely to fall as soon as possible:

This was noted for information.

iv) To note for information the water meter reading on the 27th February 2025 at 761:

This was noted for information.

The clerk reported that the gents toilet door hinge at the bottom had come off preventing the door from closing. The hinge could not be reinserted as the wood behind it was rotten.

Resolved that the clerk would obtain quotes and dependent upon cost involved, either proceed under delegated authority to get the work done or return the quotes to the next meeting.

b) Upton Cross:

No reports of concern.

10) To consider / resolve any comments for submission regarding call for sites and Neighbourhood Priority Statements:

Consideration was given to any potential sites.

Resolved that no response was required at this time.

11) To consider / resolve any response to the letter received from Redruth Town Council regarding allocation of second home funding:

This was noted for information.

Resolved that no response was required.

12) To note for information the clerk has reported a breach of planning on the 13th February 2025 in relation to application number PA24/08997 which was refused on the 6th February 2025. The clerk has also directed several members of the public to the planning enforcement portal:

One Councillor gave an update in relation to this and reported that Highways had also been informed. Concern was raised regarding the footpath 614/13/1 having been potentially blocked off.

Resolved that one Councillor would walk the path to confirm if it was obstructed and report this to the clerk. The clerk would list any correspondence received on the next agenda and a decision would then be made as to whether a compliant would be made. The clerk would contact Highways for an update.

13) To consider an alternative speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting as Cornwall Heritage Trust have declined the offer of speaking due being unable to speak with confidence about their plans until the building is in their ownership:

The response which gave apologies as they were unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting was read by the Chairman. Consideration was given to alternative speakers for the meeting.

Resolved that the clerk would contact PCSO Steve Edser to request if he was able to speak specifically around basic crime prevention measures or signpost the clerk to the rural crime prevention unit to invite them to speak.

14) To note for information that Cornwall Council pop up sites officer has confirmed they did not receive any applications for the Pop Up at the Minions and Hurlers car park and will keep our comments on board for any future discussions:

This was noted for information.

15) To resolve whether Linkinhorne Parish Council is in agreement with the request from one member of the public to involve the press in Primrose Vale Cottages to give full view to the public of their current condition. To accept the Chairman's report back on meeting with MP Anna Geldred held on the 6th March 2025:

A brief discussion was held.

Resolved that whilst ongoing work was taking place with the office of MP Anna Geldred Linkinhorne Parish Council were not in agreement with press involvement.

16) To review / re adopt Linkinhorne Parish Council's i) Equal Opportunities Policy, ii) Health and Safety Policy, iii) Complaints Procedure:

Linkinhorne Parish Council's Equal Opportunities Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Complaints Procedure were reviewed.

Resolved that subject to the formatting of the paragraphs in The Health and Safety Policy, all three documents were agreed and re adopted.

17) To accept the adoption of Upton Cross Phone Kiosk, and agree the formal agreement to put into place with T.M.S. and Upton Cross ACE Academy following confirmation received that they will take full responsibility for the toys / books within the kiosk:

Resolved that subject to the amendment of one section to state “Upton Cross” the formal agreement would be forwarded to all parties and the contract would be returned to BT.

18) To consider/ resolve a request from CSW for an advert to be placed in the LINK for members of the public to contact the clerk if they are willing to volunteer and whether one Councillor wants to observe CSW in practice at Upton Cross:

Resolved that the clerk would respond to thank Community Speed Watch for their offer however at this time, Councillors would not be participating and the clerk would place an advert in the Link following receipt of appropriate contact details for members of the public should they wish to become involved. If anyone expressed an interest to the clerk she would ensure contact details were passed on.

19) To note for information the clerk / Chairman have tried to open a facebook page however this has been disabled stating that it does not follow Community Standards on account integrity:

Resolved that the clerk would seek advice from CALC.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and the clerk for their outstanding contributions, support and expertise and added that if anyone had anything to comment upon which they would like included within her Annual Parish Meeting report, could they please forward this in the next couple of weeks.

20) Correspondence as listed:

07/02/2025*	Community Link Officer	Road Safety Toolkit
10/02/2025*	Agenda	East Sub-Area Planning Committee
19/02/2025*	Councillor Advocate OPCC	Bringing face-to-face policing back into the heart of more communities
19/02/2025*	Community Link Officer	Good Growth Programme/ Shared Prosperity Fund Overview
25/02/2025*	Community Link Officer	THANK YOU as the posts on speed awareness distributed for the A388 are at nearly 7500 views.
27/02/2025*	Councillor Advocate OPCC	The year of visible, accessible policing in Devon and Cornwall
03/03/2025*	PCSO Steve Edser	31/1/25 to 27/2/25 there have been the following disclosable crimes - Common Assault (Rilla Mill)
03/03/2025*	Community Link Officer	Tamar to Moor CAP Meeting on 6th March 2025
03/03/2025*	Cornwall Council	Candidate and Agent Briefing on Wednesday 12th March at 5pm via Teams
03/03/2025*	East area sub planning Committee	Meeting cancelled

Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA24/08997 - Land At Grif Ref: 228670 72303 Lane Adjacent To Field SW Of Sutton Linkinhorne Caradon Town, Cornwall, PL14 5BA - To move 149.5m long section of hedgerow 1.5m to the east in order to the widen the road that it is adjacent to and allow access to agricultural machinery - refused.

PA25/00225 - Henwood House, Henwood, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5BP - Works to trees in a Conservation Area for Conifer (T1) - reduce by 70% to roof height to protect the tree and surrounding properties - Decided not to make a TPO.

PA25/00072 - Land South West Of Rillaton Rilla Mill Cornwall PL17 7PB - Submission of details to discharge in part Condition 3 in respect of Decision Notice PA23/04505 dated 06.12.24 - Discharge of condition - not acceptable.

Notifications forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA25/00992 - Plash Mill Upton Cross Liskeard Cornwall PL14 5AU - Works to Trees within a Conservation Area (TCA) - T1 Large beech to gable end/ East of property. Crown lift on property side from 6-10 metres. Reduce upper canopy away from property by approx 2-3 metres. T2 - Oak Sectional fell to either ground level or monolith at approx 4-5m. T3 - Storm damaged Oak. Sectional fell to ground level or monolith at approx 4m.

PA25/01387 - Plash Mill Farm Upton Cross Liskeard Cornwall PL14 5AU - Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA24/07357 dated 15/11/24 - Enlarged window to east elevation; flat roof light over link with main house.

21) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 20.56pm.