

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.30pm at Rilla Mill Village Hall, Rilla Mill

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr K. Wallis (Chairman), Cllr M. Corfield (Vice Chairman), Cllr S. Beech, Cllr B. Cox, Cllr C. Hearn, Cllr C. Hordley, Cllr S. Street, Cllr A. Thomas.
Lena Batten (Clerk).

Eight members of the public were present at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Gale.

2) Code of Conduct:

a) To receive declarations: Cllr M. Corfield item 6 b (v).

b) To grant dispensations: The Chairman granted dispensation to stay in the room but not speak or vote on the expenses.

Two members of the public left the room.

3) Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 9th June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4) Public Participation:

One member of the public introduced herself as a representative of The Meadow Barns, and stated that her role was to educate families in the Linkinhorne Parish area about mining. Linkinhorne Parish Hall, Upton Cross A.C.E. Academy and The Caradon Inn were stated to be all interested in progressing this and the member of the public wanted to know if the Parish Council would also be interested in supporting the project by allowing four small rockeries to be located in the Jubilee Field. The Chairman reported that this matter was listed under item 23 and with the agreement of the meeting, the item could be brought forward. This was agreed and the member of the public left the room.

A second member of the public was invited to speak and confirmed she wanted to raise several issues. Firstly, item 20, listed on the agenda with a view to inviting Cornish Tin Limited to a meeting given the rumours regarding the potential re opening of Phoenix Mine. She felt that the Parish Council should write to The Duchy and request a copy of their policy in relation to mineral rights on their land prior to the meeting. Secondly, Minions bus shelter having been closed off last month. The member of the public commented that the verge outside the bus shelter was owned by Cornwall Council. Concerns had been raised as cars were now parking on the verge, which left no walking space along the road which placed individuals at risk, also that the locking of the gate to the bus shelter could cause difficulties and gave an example. It was felt that there should be a key left with Minions Tea Rooms in case the gate needed to be opened and the clerk was not available which

was agreed. Lastly, Minions bus shelter itself, as there were still two school buses that stopped there on a daily basis. The design of the bus shelter was wrong and could leave individuals feeling vulnerable when in the shelter as if another person came in, you could not then exit the shelter. The design also meant that you could not see buses coming from the opposite direction. She would like to see the current opening closed up and the front opened up to allow individuals, particularly females, to feel safer when waiting for a bus and better signage to the public conveniences. The Chairman confirmed that both Minions bus shelter and Cornish Tin Limited were listed for discussion at item's 14 and 20 and the requests would be considered and thanked the member of the public for their input.

Resolved that the clerk would seek permission from Minions Tea Rooms to leave a spare key with them in case of any emergency need to open the gate.

One member of the public left the room.

A third member of the public introduced herself and raised concerns about the potential new developments at Sutton House and the impact of this, also the removal of the hedgerow on the lane to Sutton. The Chairman advised the member of the public to contact the tree preservation officer at Cornwall Council and gave a full update with regards to the outcome of the planning enforcement investigation held in relation to the removal of the hedgerow.

Four members of the public left the room.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

a) Cornwall Councillor Jim Gale:

Councillor J. Gale sent apologies and forwarded the following information "As far as my report is concerned I have had a response regarding Primrose Vale Cottages, the housing officer concerned is reopening the file on the site largely thanks to the excellent information provided by yourself, this should shortly bring the issue back under the spotlight and I will of course be pushing for a suitable outcome to finally get this resolved.

I have also been striving to try and gain movement on the burned-out public house at Minions. I have tried an approach using a section 215 which basically means the site is detrimental to the area which has world heritage as you know. I found it staggering that this situation is allowed to continue as long as it has, I have had a response from planning which is not the one I wanted which was to say the site is securely fenced and therefore no action would need to be taken. That I feel is not acceptable and I will look to other avenues to push for a method of dealing with the site.

The only other item is the huge 120 hectare solar farm which I copied to you recently and although not in your parish felt you needed to be aware of and of course make comments should you wish, either positive or negative as it covers a huge area of agricultural land. I have asked for a 1 to 1 consultation with EDF tomorrow to look at the proposed project and will keep you informed accordingly."

b) Councillors:

The Chairman stated that Linkinhorne Parish Council had been invited to attend Linkinhorne Community Day, due to take place on the 12th October. They were looking to have workshops and classes. There would be an advertising wall display for posters and business cards and a flyer was available with more information. It was to be a day of celebration showcasing and promoting businesses and groups within the community area. One Councillor reported that this had last been done fifteen years ago.

Resolved that in principle Linkinhorne Parish Council would like to be there. More information and discussion would take place and the matter would be listed on the September agenda.

6) Finance:

a) To receive/approve 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.

b) Payments:

i) £390.00 (WC cleaning, June), ii) £18.00 (PAYE April / June Gareth Pollard), iii) £42.00 (CALC election training), iv) £96.00 (Gareth Pollard, internal audit), v) £16.75 (padlock purchase, Cllr Corfield), vi) £12.00 (LPH room rent), vii) £1,100.59 (Cormac, field maintenance), viii) £30.00 (CALC Code of Conduct training), ix) £51.33 (NI contributions), x) £152.40 (renewal of website domain, Western Web), xi) £15.00 (RMVH room hire), xii) £246.00 (Duchy Defibs).

Resolved that the following payments were approved, One Councillor abstained. One additional payment was agreed which was not listed on the agenda for the replacement tap at Minions disabled public convenience at a cost of £113.00.

c) Receipts: i) £3.72 (Wayleave payment) – this was noted for information.

d) To discuss / resolve the most appropriate way to mark the contribution of £1,000 made to the Parish Council within the estate of one late member of the public:

A motion was proposed at 7.48pm by the Chairman and agreed by all present to suspend Standing Order 3 (f) which related to a member of the public being invited to answer questions. The reason given was to allow for a more comprehensive debate on the proposed expenditure. The suspension would be in effect for the duration of the debate at item 6 (d) of the agenda. The member of the public spoke fondly of the recently deceased parishioner and confirmed that she and other friends consulted felt that she would have loved a bench in the Minions area as she loved to look at the view. Some debate took place as to the most appropriate location in Minions as much of the land was privately owned.

Resolved that there was Parish Council owned bench on the village green which was in a poor state of repair but permission to place it there had already been obtained in commemoration of the Jubilee. Two Councillors would look to refurbish this bench with an additional plaque to be added in memory of the parishioner. The Chairman thanked the member of the public for her contribution and at 7.55pm the Chairman confirmed that Standing Order 2 (f) was reinstated.

One member of the public left the room.

e) To note for information the charges for CCLA investment have been changed from 0.08% to 0.11% as from the 1st September 2025 – this was noted for information.

The Chairman requested that item 23 be brought forward for discussion which was agreed.

23) To consider / resolve a request from one member of the public about a longer term plan to build four rockery corners, around the Jubilee Field, each with a different set of information on types of rocks and the metals that may be found in them:

One member of the public, a representative from The Meadow Barns, entered the room. The Chairman advised that the member of the public had given a brief overview during item 4 with regards to the request.

Resolved that the member of the public would put together a reasonably detailed proposal to include the permanence of the structures, sizes and locations, details of public liability insurance and any other relevant matters. The proposal would then be considered at the September meeting.

Permission was given for painting sessions to take place over the summer break in the Jubilee Field as long as all materials were removed after the session.

One member of the public left the meeting.

7) Planning:

a) Planning applications:

Linkinhorne Parish Council made the following recommendations:

PA25/03877 - Land to the South of Sutton – re application for the demolition of existing farm building and construction of new dwelling in lieu of Class Q approval for residential conversion of this farm, building reference PA24/06001 – Linkinhorne Parish Council felt that they were unable to make a decision in the absence of any reason for the re location on the site. Furthermore, unable to support the application unless it was strictly related to the demolition of the class Q building and was not able to set any new president for future development on the site. The character of the application was inconsistent with the surrounding rural environment.

b) Any applications received before the meeting – None.

One Councillor left the meeting.

8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

a) Weekly safety inspections:

Weekly safety inspections had taken place, it was noted for information that the volunteer was happy to continue to complete the visual safety inspections however was unable to the last week of August and all of September.

Resolved that the clerk would complete a visual check at the beginning of August and one Councillor would complete a check at the end of August.

b) Jubilee Field:

i) To consider a request from a member of the public to reinstate the bin in Jubilee Field and they will empty it – debate took place as to the difficulties that had previously been experienced with the bin.

Resolved that Linkinhorne Parish Council was happy to re fit the bin on a stake and allow the member of the public to manage and empty the bin subject to certain conditions. Firstly they had the appropriate insurance, secondly, they were aware of the difficulties involved regarding the type of rubbish that had frequently been placed in the bin, and finally that they provided the bags and the rubbish was legally disposed of. The clerk would contact them to confirm.

The Chairman stated that whilst the meeting had discussed the bin at the Jubilee Field, would the meeting be in agreement to bring item 17 forward as this also related to a bin.

Resolved that item 17 be brought forward.

17) To consider / resolve whether to take over the ownership and maintenance of the bin at Woodland Rise as Cornwall Housing would no longer be emptying the bin:

The clerk informed the meeting that the estimated cost obtained for the annual emptying of the bin would amount to £302.97.

Resolved that the clerk respond to state Linkinhorne Parish Council felt it was the responsibility of Cornwall Housing as the land owner to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the community at Woodland Rise and as such, thank them for the offer but did not wish to take over the ownership and maintenance of the bin.

The Chairman reported that the clerk had shut the slide with tape last week due to repairs identified. The clerk further reported that she had received an email from a member of the public to offer to fix the slide at an appropriate cost of £240.00.

Resolved that given the difficulties in obtaining quotes coupled with the offer which would be considered more cost effective than those the clerk would likely be able to obtain for the repairs, that the offer would be accepted. The clerk would contact the member of the public who was a local business man, and confirm that subject to receipt of a copy of satisfactory public liability insurance he could proceed and complete the repairs.

c) Rilla Mill Play Area:

i) To receive feedback in relation to the replacement wood on the slide – two Councillors confirmed they had visited the slide and were in the process of obtaining the equipment in order to fix / replace the section of wood.

ii) To consider / resolve whether the equipment requires painting and if quotes should be sought – debate took place regarding how cost effective this would be and whether there were any safety issues involved.

Resolved that the aesthetic look of the colour fading on the equipment did not affect the safety of the equipment and the funds could be better spent elsewhere.

9) Public Conveniences:

a) Minions:

i) To receive feedback from one Councillor regarding the windows – one Councillor reported that this was ongoing and feedback would be given at the next meeting.

ii) To note for information the water meter reading on the 26th June 2025 was 785 - This was noted for information.

b) Upton Cross:

No reports of concern. The clerk suggested if it would be appropriate to tile behind the sink for hygiene purposes.

Resolved that the clerk could proceed and tile behind the sink.

10) To note that following Highways data confirming speeding is considered lower than expected in Minions the clerk has emailed for further advice given ongoing complaints from the public. To consider / resolve if any further actions are required:

This was noted for information, no further action was required.

11) To resolve a response to a request by Linkinhorne Parish Hall confirming who is responsible as the trees in Jubilee field are seriously overhanging the car park:

Resolved that the clerk would obtain three quotes for the cutting back of trees running parallel with the car park and on the corner towards the Jubilee Field gate. The clerk would also contact Highways to inform them of the concerns raised by the Community Speed Watch.

12) To consider / resolve next steps in relation to Microsoft stopping any updates for windows 10 in October 2025:

The clerk read out the advised options available.

Resolved that one Councillor confirmed that Microsoft was going to extend it another year, the clerk would not do anything at this time.

13) To consider / resolve whether to print further copies of Linkinhorne Parish Circular Walks as copies have been requested by several members of the public:

One Councillor detailed that this process had been previously started however it had come to light that several of the routes were out of date and needed to be walked and updated first.

Resolved that the matter be listed on the September agenda with a view to potentially placing an advert in the Link to request volunteers to walk the paths and provide updates towards a new booklet.

14) To consider / resolve next steps and any ideas for the future use of the bus stop at Minions:

The points raised by one member of the public at the public participation item 4 were debated.

Resolved that with the agreement of Minions Tea Rooms, the clerk would amend the sign on the gate to advise that a spare key was available at the Tea rooms in an emergency. The clerk would obtain three quotes from local contractors to close the end wall of the bus stop and open the front up.

15) To accept the drawings for the bus stop to be located at Upton Cross planned for October 2025:

This was noted for information. One Councillor requested that due to further complaints, the clerk would again contact Highways to raise concern about herringbone parking outside TMS which forces cars into the highway.

16) To note for information the Administrator of the Methodist Church will be consulting the Circuit Leadership Team and will then respond regarding any space / land available at the Retreat Centre:

This was noted for information.

17) To consider / resolve whether to take over the ownership and maintenance of the bin at Woodland Rise as Cornwall Housing will no longer be emptying the bin:

Previously discussed at item 8.

18) To consider / resolve the request to find an alternative location and fund the costs of moving the defibrillator at Minions which has been used several times over the past eighteen months.

The cost is approximately £300 plus VAT and Minions Tea Rooms have kindly offered to house it:

Resolved that Linkinhorne Parish Council would fund the relocation of the defibrillator to Minions Tea Rooms. The clerk would liaise with Minions Tea Rooms and Duchy Defibs to arrange.

19) To accept the information received from LiveWest following the clerk asking for further information relating to the electric being switched off at Primrose Vale Cottages:

This was noted for information.

20) To consider / resolve whether to contact Cornish Tin Ltd and ask if they wish to hold a public meeting in relation to the potential reopening of Phoenix mine:

It was agreed that the presentation held earlier this evening by Cornwall Resources was well attended by members of the public and a presentation by Cornish Tin would likely also be well attended.

Resolved that the clerk would contact Cornish Tin and invite them to attend a public meeting and give a presentation to Linkinhorne Parish to take place at Linkinhorne Parish Hall if they were in agreement.

21) To note for information statistics received from the Citizens Advice Bureau with 2024-2025 parishioners who have used the service:

This was noted for information.

22) To note for information a donation received from Memory Giving Charity of £275.71 for the continuing maintenance of Minions Defibrillator following the latest deployment:

This was noted for information and would be used towards the relocation of the defibrillator.

23) To consider / resolve a request from one member of the public about a longer-term plan to build 4 rockery corners, around the Jubilee field, each with a different set of info on types of rocks and the metals that may be found in them:

Previously discussed following item 6.

24) Correspondence as listed

04/06/2025*	PCSO Steve Edser	Since 3/5/25 to 4/6/25 there has been no crimes in the Linkinhorne area that are disclosable
04/06/2025*	Councillor Advocate OPCC	Successful 'night bus' scheme funded by Commissioner
12/06/2025*	Minutes	East sub area planning committee
12/06/2025*	Committee update	Strategic Planning Committee
20/06/2025*	Briefing note	Current planning consultations
26/06/2025*	Newsletter	Rural Services Network
28/06/2025*	Grace James	Cornwall research project
04/07/2025*	Cllr Jim Gale	Dupath Spring Solar Farm
04/07/2025*	PCSO Steve Edser	Since 5/6/25 to 2/7/25 there has been the following disclosable crime Assault
04/07/2025*	Newsletter	RSN weekly news

Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA25/03550 - Yonder Netherton, Rilla Mill, PL14 5BD - Prior notification for proposed temporary recreational campsite (60 days) for up to 50 pitches – Not Permitted Development.

PA25/03766 - Phoenix Farm, Minions, Liskeard, PL14 5BL - Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for roofing over agricultural yard on advice of CSF Officer for Countryside Stewardship with ancillary concrete renewal - - Prior approval not req'd(PA/AF/TEL/DEM/).

PA25/01477 – Ferndale, Upton Cross, Liskeard, PL14 5AY - Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Use to confirm commencement of works in relation to Decision Notice PA20/01618 dated 6th April 2021 for the construction of a dwelling - Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only).

PA25/03200 - Barn At Great Lanhargy Farm, Bray Shop, Callington, PL17 8QJ - Prior Approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 6 dwellings – planning permission required.

PA25/02981 - Caradon House, Rilla Mill, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7PB - Retention of the former woodman's cottage as an annexe – approved.

Notifications forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA25/03227 - Parsons Meadow, Rilla Mill, Cornwall - Works to trees within a Conservation Area - removal of 1 Laurel (L1), 5 Alders (A1-5) 2 Sycamores (C1-2), 1 Sycamore (S1) and 1 Goat Willow (W1) - Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps).

PA25/03521 - Knowle Farm, Upton Cross, Liskeard, PL14 5BG - Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for: Agricultural Storage Building.

PA25/03877 - Land To The South Of Sutton, Upton Cross, Liskeard, PL14 5BA - Re-application for the demolition of existing farm building and construction of new dwelling in lieu of Class Q approval for residential conversion of this farm building.

25) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

